

# REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING

9/27/2019 - Minutes

## 1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Drainage District Board of Trustee Chairperson, Renee McClellan, opened the meeting. Also present was Trustee, BJ Hoffman; Landowners, Kevin Torgeson, Brent Torgeson, Alvin Clark, David Fincham, Larry Otta, Jason Martin, Pam Skartvedt, Denny Friest, Denny Beckman, Robert Lee, Dennis Neubauer, Richard Hebron, Kevin Nessa; Contractor Steve McDowell with McDowell and Sons; Lee Gallentine with Clapsaddle-Garber Associates (CGA); Drainage Clerk, Becca Junker. Trustee Lance Granzow was present via phone.

## 2. Approve Agenda

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

## 3. Introductions/Attendance

Introductions were made and attendance verified.

## 4. Explanation Of Project

The meeting was turned over to Gallentine who explained that while investigating and doing construction, two tile lines were found. He had presented the week before to the Trustees these findings and they decided it was necessary to share these findings with landowners to get their opinions on how to move forward. He explained that one is shallower and is private, the other is deeper and is district. He further explained that the district tile has a large cavity/void missing above the tile and there are a couple small sink holes developing. It is 1-1/2 full of mud and flowing water. There is still a reason to fix the district tile, however to repair the tile they will need to offset the new district tile so that it does not destroy the private tile. The downside of doing that is some of the private tile that is connected to the district tile might not be reconnected because they will not know about it.

In the previous meeting when Gallentine had presented this information Granzow proposed putting a larger tile in instead of having a private tile and a district tile. At that time Gallentine had explained that if they put a bigger tile in under the railroad, they would need to update the railroad permit that had already taken a long time to get approved. With that being said, there is a chance that this project might not get done this year.

The three options that were proposed to the landowners were:

1. Proceed per the original plans and offset the drainage district tile from the private tile.
2. Proceed per the original plans and offset the drainage district tile from the private tile but install an 18" tile under the railroad.
3. Remove the private tile and in return place 18" tile throughout the whole route of the two 10" tiles.

## 5. Comments/Discussion

Kevin Nessa pointed out that in previous meetings it had been decided to not make improvements on tile going further, so why not get it done and fix what there is and move on. He asked how much it would cost for Engineering Fees, Gallentine responded that it would depend on how much conversation was going to have to be done with the railroad. He explained that it would not cost any extra for Engineering to change from 10" to 18" tile, it will just cost more for the tile itself.

After much conversation it was decided that the landowners did not want to replace the whole length with 18" tile and that they would like a cost estimate before they make a decision.

## 6. Possible Action

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to instruct CGA work in conjunction with McDowell and Son's to get a cost estimate on an 18" crossing and boring and report back to the landowners during a Landowners Meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 8:30 AM in the Large Conference Room of the Courthouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Other Business

Gallentine asked the landowners if they want McDowell and Sons to investigate the private tile to see where it goes beyond what has already been found, it was decided that was not necessary.

8. Adjourn Meeting

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.