

DD 72 LANDOWNER'S MEETING
December 4, 2019 1:00 PM

12/4/2019 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Drainage District Board of Trustee Chairperson, Renee McClellan, opened the meeting. Also present were Trustee Lance Granzow, Trustee BJ Hoffman; Landowners Lisle Cook and Jean Granger; Contractor Matt DeSchamp; Lee Gallentine with Clapsaddle-Garber Associates; and Drainage Clerk, Denise Smith.

2. Approve Agenda

McClellan motioned. Hoffman seconded to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Introductions/Attendance

Introductions were made and attendance verified.

4. DD 72 - Review Of Tile Function Under Warranty

McClellan stated the Trustees were here to review the DD 72 tile project under warranty by contractor Matt DeSchamp, in which there had been found to be some rock/debris in the tile line, the Trustees are looking for landowner input as to how that tile is functioning/flowing/working now.

5. Comments/Discussion

Smith stated she had spoken on the phone this week with landowner Les Clampitt, and he was unable to attend today, Clampitt owns the parcel in which the tile outlet lies. Clampitt reported to Smith that everything seems to be working well, and with a 1/2" of rain the tile had a strong, steady flow and he was surprised at how much water was flowing out of the tile for as little rain as we had. Clampitt reports he is pleased with the outcome of the project, and we could call him in on the meeting if the Trustees wished to speak with him or had any questions.

Granzow stated that we are trying to determine if the debris has flushed through. Gallentine explained that the section of tile had been installed, debris was noted during installation, and the reasoning at the time would be to wait until warranty is almost expired before deciding to dig it up and televise it to see if debris is still there, in the hopes it would flush itself out. DeSchamp stated it could be televised again, and the landowners would pay for televising and DeSchamp would pay for diggings, if the debris was still there, then a new manhole could be added to the tile line, because we can't reach it with the jet line now. Lisle Cook asked, if we dig it up for review, isn't it possible we could add more debris to the tile in the process of opening it up again. Gallentine stated that was a distinct possibility.

McClellan asked how much water we were seeing the original televised images. Gallentine stated we were looking at 2" to 4" of water in the line, for under 50' of tile line. DeSchamp asked what we would like to do, whether to open it up or not. Lisle Cook expressed concerns about adding more debris to the tile line when opening it up for inspection. DeSchamp stated the pipe would need to be breached and a concrete riser added to create another access point. Jean Granger asked for clarification on what the debris was composed of. Gallentine showed photos to the landowners showing small 1" or less diameter bedding rock in the tile line. Cook asked for Gallentine's recommendations on what to do with the pipe, Gallentine stated if we have good tile function now and now complaints for the last year and a half, he said he would let it go. Gallentine stated it is smooth walled pipe, debris is small enough to flush, and we know it will flush, it is just a matter of how long it takes to flush. Gallentine noted they did pass a mandrel through it, and if the debris were hard they would not have been able to pass the mandrel through. DeSchamp stated if it were corrugated pipe that would trap the debris, this would be much more concerning.

Gallentine said the landowner's do have the right to say let's open it up and take out the debris if they

choose to, but he thinks it will flush. Gallentine noted that this has been a very wet year, and there has been no reports of restricted drainage from any landowners in the last year and a half. Granzow stated we communicated with the landowners via a postcard, and if they had concerns, he would have expected a larger turnout at today's meeting. Gallentine noted previous meetings for this district had good attendance with many of the landowners present, and if the landowners felt there were issues they would have attended today to share their thoughts.

DeSchamp noted he will still be available in the future if we need to look at this job again. Jean Granger stated that her brother, who could not attend, had no concerns with the drainage project at this time. Lisle Cook stated he had no concerns at this time. The Trustees thanked the landowners for attending and providing their feedback. Hoffman noted he was thankful that the contractor, engineer and landowners have been able to come together to work through this issue, and that the effective lines of communication remain open among all here today. DeSchamp stated he knew there had been a lot of issues just before he came on this job, but that he did a 100% job, and apologized for any miscommunication there may have been, and was glad things have worked out well.

DeSchamp noted that the tile supplier was extremely difficult to work with on this project and he will not be using this supplier again. Gallentine stated that the supplier caused many issues along the way on this project, Granzow stated he was glad that the supplier will not be utilized again in the future, and that the pipe supplier abandoned the contractor and the county, and Hardin County will not use them again in the future either.

6. Possible Action

Granzow moved to acknowledge that a review of function under warranty has been completed today, and that no further action under warranty is necessary at this time. Hoffman seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Other Business

8. Adjourn Meeting