

REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 9:30 AM

This meeting was held electronically and in-person due to Covid-19 concerns.

4/7/2021 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Drainage Chairperson BJ Hoffman opened the meeting. Also present were Trustee Renee McClellan; Trustee Lance Granzow; Michael Pearce, Network Specialist; and Denise Smith, Drainage Clerk.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion by McClellan to approve the agenda. Second by Granzow. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Approve Minutes

Motion by McClellan to approve the minutes of the DD 56 Bid Letting Meeting dated 03-10-2021. Second by Granzow. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Approve Claims For Payment

Motion by Granzow to approve Drainage Claims for payment with pay date of Friday, April 9, 2021. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

DD 26 Lat 4 WO 306 Eng Svcs 2-3-21 to 3-27-21	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$ 539.70
DD 9 WO 229 ENG SVC - 2-27-21 - 3-26-21	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$ 868.40
DD 14 WO 290 - ENG SVCS 01-01-21 - 03-26-21	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$ 455.30
DD 25 Lat 3 WO 1 - ENG SVCS 01-29-21 to 3-26-21	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$ 637.55
DD 56 WO 3 - ENG SVCS 2-27-21 - 3-26-21 BidLetting	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$1,753.29
DD 102 WO 265 - ENG SVCS 10-30-20 - 3-26-21 RECLASS	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$1,349.80
DD 120 WO 298 - ENG SVCS 2-27-21 - 3-26-21	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$1,988.40
DD 56 WO 3 - ENG SVCS 2-27-21 - 3-26-21 ROW Acq.	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$2,983.15

5. Discuss W Possible Action - Drainage Utility Permits -IRUA Update

Smith stated she would give the Trustees a brief update, Smith heard from Raymond Spangenburg, the Construction Supervisor from IRUA yesterday, and Spangenburg was questioning if the IRUA would be responsible for any additional costs or fees for locates above what has already been billed, Smith stated she let him know that yes they would, and Smith communicated with him that was the same thing she had shared with Matt Mahler of the IRUA back in February, Smith stated they have been updated and Smith got a nice thank you from Spangenburg this morning, he said he would share that with his Board and he would let Smith know if he had any further questions.

Granzow asked if we questioned why it was not done right in the first place, Smith stated she thought it best to remain brief in her reply, and copied the Trustees, Lee Gallentine of CGA and attorney Mike Richards in on her reply as well.

6. Discuss W Possible Action - 2021 Joint Drainage District Assessments

Smith stated she has the joint county Drainage District assessments in which we are the control County ready to go, and Smith asked if the Trustees would be willing to approve these early rather than in the third week of April that we usually do, as one of the other Clerks had asked Smith that she had some leave planned and she would not be available to do that on our timeline, Smith thought if the trustees would like to review these today for possible approval today that would be great and then we could get those assessments off to the other counties.

Smith stated basically we are looking at assessing Joint DD Big 4 Main, we will levy \$87,000 on this District, the Hamilton County portion on that would be \$26,535.00, Franklin County would be \$3,219.00, Wright County would be \$3,915.00 and the Hardin County portion with our \$5 minimums included would be \$53,331.00. It will leave us with a sinking fund balance remaining of \$2,846.00.

Smith stated we would also assess a joint district with Hamilton County only, DD Big 4 Lat 4, and on that district we will levy a total of \$4,000, Hamilton County's portion would be \$2,280.00, Hardin County's portion with \$5 minimums added in would be \$1,746.93, leaving us a sinking fund balance of \$2,288.93.

Smith stated if the Trustees are interested in approving that, she has copies ready for the Trustees to sign for all three counties.

Motion by Granzow to approve the 2021 Joint Drainage District Levies as previously stated. Second by McClellan.

In additional discussion on the motion, Hoffman stated he appreciated all of the homework and due diligence Smith has done, finding not fairness, but the equity for everyone involved.

All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Other Business

Stamped Warrant Interest Rate - Smith stated back in February when we talked about the Drainage Assessment process, we talked briefly about the Stamped Warrant interest rate, and Smith stated maybe now before we approve the remaining Hardin County Drainage Assessments the third week in April, now might be a nice time to invite the Treasurer in for that conversation on the Stamped Warrant Interest Rate, Smith can check with the Treasurer on her availability next week. Smith stated from her understanding that interest rate has not changed since 2012, so this may also apply to your Drainage Waivers as well, in 2012, we went from 6.5% down to 5%. Smith stated if the Trustees would like, she could agenda this for next week. Hoffman stated that sounds like a good plan.

8. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Granzow to adjourn. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.