

REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING
Wednesday November 24, 2021, 9:30 A.M.
This meeting was held electronically and in-person

11/24/2021 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Trustee Renee McClellan opened the meeting. Also present were Trustee Lance Granzow; Lee Gallentine of Clapsaddle-Garber Associates (CGA); Mike Pearce, Network Specialist; and Michelle Kuechenberg, Drainage Clerk.

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. DD 52 - Discuss W Possible Action - Drainage Classification Listing Update

Kuechenberg stated that this drainage classification assessment was a little messy. Kuechenberg stated that she would like to address the parcels that were duplicates first. Kuechenberg stated that at the last meeting she had said that DD 52 was not assessed in 2021 and she was wrong on that. Kuechenberg stated she thought it was going to be assessed in 2022, it was assessed in 2021. Kuechenberg stated that the people that owned these parcels were not charged three times the amount. Kuechenberg stated the parcels that had duplicates were Al Meister's and Roger and Sheila Granner. Kuechenberg stated that there was two of them each. Kuechenberg stated that she removed all of the duplicates and she spoke with Tyler, our software company, and our Treasurer before she did so. Kuechenberg stated that the parcels that were duplicated had waivers attached to them and she wanted to make sure when she removed them from the classification listing, she wasn't deleting the original waiver and she didn't want to create any problems for the Treasurer. Kuechenberg stated that the tech support from Tyler could not see the original waiver, so she went to the Treasurer. Kuechenberg stated Machel, our Treasurer, and Denise had a problem with this in the past, Kuechenberg didn't know if it was with this classification listing or another one, but when they spoke with someone at Tyler about it, they were told it was ok to delete those duplicate parcels. Kuechenberg stated that's how she corrected it and it did not create any additional problems. Kuechenberg stated that took \$517.74 off of the grand total. Kuechenberg stated that got us closer to where we needed to be to meet the original assessment which was in 1916. Kuechenberg stated that she also added the Boeke Funeral Home to the classification listing. Kuechenberg stated she went on Beacon and looked at the legal description then pulled the original assessment from 1915 and matched the legal descriptions. Kuechenberg stated the total was \$4.02 that she added to the classification. Kuechenberg stated that the listing is within .08 of the original assessment. Kuechenberg stated that she could not identify where that .08 belongs to. McClellan stated that could be a rounding thing. Kuechenberg stated that when she tried to find the parcel (s) the .08 belongs to she could not figure it out because when she compared the new listing to the original assessment so many parcels have been combined or split. Granzow asked if we still felt a reclassification was needed. Gallentine stated that it sounds like a lot of the clerical errors were fixed by Kuechenberg. Gallentine stated that the only reason you would want or need to reclassify at this point is if you feel that the existing proportion of costs is inequitable. Granzow stated that he doesn't have anyone asking him this. Gallentine stated he knows, and Kuechenberg has got that stuff fixed. Gallentine stated that he doesn't know if we really need to, it is up to the Trustees. McClellan stated that she doesn't feel that we need to. Granzow stated he doesn't think we do. Granzow stated he would like to send a letter out to Lynn Brinkmeyer explaining our process since she is the one who came here. McClellan stated that Kuechenberg could call her. Granzow stated

that a phone call is fine. Granzow stated that Kuechenberg should inform Lynn of the corrections that were made that we're within .08 total of the original classification and at this time the Trustees does not feel that a reclassification is necessary, if Brinkmeyer does, she can contact the Board of Trustees and we can put a landowner meeting together. Kuechenberg stated that there was one more thing she wanted to update the Trustees on now that she has the correct paperwork. Kuechenberg stated that other \$0 assessment from last week, Al Meister's parcel, was split into 6021 and 6022 (Piel Manufacturing). Kuechenberg stated the splits were done correctly and she doesn't understand why the \$0 assessments were still a part of the classification because those parcels are now inactive, when they were split, they were given new parcel numbers. Granzow stated that unless a reclassification is being requested, he does not believe we need to go any further.

Motion by Granzow to have Kuechenberg reach out to Lynn Brinkmeyer to inform her of the corrections made and ask if she would still like to proceed with a reclassification meeting. Second by McClellan.

In additional discussion on the motion, Gallentine stated that Kuechenberg did a great job. Gallentine stated that he's done some of that himself and knows that work can be pretty tedious. Kuechenberg thanked Gallentine.

All ayes. Motion carried.

4. DD 128 WO 323 - Discuss W Possible Action - Contractor Update

Kuechenberg stated that this was Dean Bright's property. Kuechenberg stated that she was asked by the Trustees to contact Adam about getting the willows sprayed. Kuechenberg stated that Adam did get back to her with this and informed Kuechenberg that it wouldn't be worth it to spray the trees now. Kuechenberg stated that the distributor Adam gets his chemicals from informed him that the type of spray he uses, foliage spray, needs to soak into the leaves for the best results. Kuechenberg stated that she did not know if the Trustees wanted Adam to remove the trees another way, or just wait until the spring. Granzow stated that he would like Adam to wait until spring. Kuechenberg stated that DD 128 is not a part of the normal rotation to spray, Kuechenberg believes it is every two to three years. Kuechenberg asked if the Trustees wanted her to add that to his normal rotation for open ditch brush spraying. McClellan stated that she would say yes. Granzow stated that it is not an open ditch. Gallentine stated that is almost like H-F 1 in Iowa Falls where we have Adam on a rotation to spray that tile or above the tile near the outlet just because we got willow problem to prevent plugging. Granzow stated that we can put it on the list to be reviewed every two years. Kuechenberg stated she thinks it is a two-year thing. Granzow stated that at some point he thinks it's going to go away but he thinks it needs to be handled today and he thinks it needs to be handled again in a couple of years. Granzow stated that he doesn't know if he pastures it if we will have an issue again. Gallentine stated hopefully the tile dried it up enough that you can pasture it now. Granzow stated that those willows grew because it was a swamp. McClellan asked what Granzow said, if we should go ahead and spray it next year. Kuechenberg and Granzow replied in the spring of next year. Granzow asked Kuechenberg to add a note on that one that it is not automatic every time, just the next time. Kuechenberg stated she would. Granzow stated we would review it again after that, if it consistently becomes a problem, we will just keep it on the rotation list.

Motion by Granzow to have Adam wait until spring of 2022 to spray the willows. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Granzow to have Kuechenberg add DD 128 to brush spraying rotation to be reviewed after two applications. Second by McClellan.

In additional discussion on the motion, Gallentine stated that he received a pay estimate from Jacob a while back so he will go ahead and get a pay estimate generated for the additional tile Jacob added to the bottom of that waterway.

All ayes. Motion carried.

5. DD 121 WO 295 - Discuss W Possible Action - Contractor Update

Kuechenberg stated that Adam contacted her yesterday and requested a 14-day extension. Kuechenberg stated that this project was originally supposed to be done December 01, 2021. Kuechenberg stated so that puts us mid-December for a new completion date. Kuechenberg stated that Adam told her he did not have all of the materials, he is waiting on the gaskets. Granzow asked if 14 days was long enough. Gallentine stated that it depends on the weather. Gallentine stated that he called Adam too, after he received the email update from Kuechenberg. Gallentine stated that he does have the correct material on site now. Gallentine stated that the supplier misunderstood him. Gallentine stated that we didn't require gaskets with the pipe, so Adam thought he had to wait. Gallentine stated that Adam is actually planning on starting on Monday. Gallentine stated that it was up to the Trustees whether they want to give him 14 or 30 days. Gallentine stated that it would just depend on the weather. Granzow stated that Adam is asking for 14, we can give him the 14. McClellan stated that we can always give him another extension if we need to.

Motion by Granzow to approve a 14-day extension per contractor's request. Second by McClellan.

In additional discussion on the motion, Gallentine stated that we're still going to get the work done before any other contractor could because everyone else that put in a bid said they wouldn't touch it until February or March. McClellan stated that was good to know.

All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Discuss W Possible Action - New Work Order Requests

Kuechenberg stated that Marti from the Engineers Office dropped this claim off. Kuechenberg stated that the landowner called the Engineers Office first, originally reporting the tile blow out on the fence line. Kuechenberg stated that when she talked to Daleske, it didn't sound like it was on the fence line at all. Kuechenberg stated that she mapped out the tile blow out on Beacon. Kuechenberg stated that Daleske reported the blowout on one of the four adjoining parcels in the southwest corner, about 800-1000 feet north of the intersection 310th and C Ave. Kuechenberg stated that it is south of the Wind field roads in that area. Kuechenberg stated if it was the opposite direction, like Daleske had originally reported, it would be in the east quarter of the southwest parcel, and he did not indicate to her that was where the blowout was located. Granzow asked if it was a blowout. Kuechenberg stated that yes, it is a blowout. Kuechenberg stated that Daleske reported the hole to be about 6 to 8 feet wide. Granzow stated that they would send CGA to take a look at it. Gallentine stated that he would reach out to the landowner and see where the blowout was located.

Motion by Granzow to send CGA out to DD 34 to take a look at the condition of tile. Second by McClellan.

In additional discussion on the motion, Granzow stated that Gallentine knows what to do once he's out there, he will be able to tell us if we need to get a contractor in right away. Gallentine stated that he can do that. Gallentine stated that right now Adam is the only contractor doing anything.

All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Other Business

DD 56 - Gallentine stated he had a couple of things. Gallentine stated that he talked to Gehrke on DD 56. Gallentine stated that you know we have those easements in place and you guys were wondering whether we should proceed with construction. Gallentine stated that Gehrke's material supplier increased the price by 10% compared to when we bid this. Gallentine stated that Gehrke said the price of materials has gone up 20% but the supplier is not requesting the full 20%, rather he's requesting 10%. Gallentine stated that Jeremy indicated that his fuel and labor costs will probably be increased. Gallentine stated that he told Jeremy that the Trustees will probably want to put a landowner meeting together, Jeremy and the supplier will probably need to be there to explain the price increase to the people. McClellan agreed. Granzow stated especially when we locked the money in. Gallentine stated that he mentioned that to Jeremy. Gallentine added that the Trustees view this as, "we locked this in", "we got a contract". Gallentine stated that Jeremy said, "the supplier is pushing those costs onto him". Gallentine stated he told Jeremy, "that is why he has to show up to the meeting and explain it", Gallentine added, "I'm not going to explain it to the landowners for you". McClellan stated that we need to have a landowner meeting with the supplier, if they can attend, but Jeremy would need to be there for sure. Gallentine stated that he told Jeremy that the Supplier needs to be there to explain it. Gallentine stated that it is up to the Trustees how they want to do a landowners meeting, but he thinks that would be best to cut out the middlemen. Granzow stated that we need to have a landowners meeting. McClellan stated that she thinks so too. Granzow stated as soon as possible apparently. McClellan stated she thinks most of the crops are out. McClellan asked if December 08, 2021, would be too soon. Granzow stated that he didn't think so. Granzow stated that the Trustees are not doing budgets that week. Granzow stated that the 8th sounds like the day to do it. Kuechenberg stated she would check the calendar to see if there was anything on there for the 8th. Kuechenberg stated that the only meetings on the calendar so far are the 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. meeting, Kuechenberg added, our regular meetings. McClellan asked Gallentine if the 8th of December worked for him. Gallentine stated that it worked for him. Granzow asked who the supplier was. Gallentine stated that the supplier was Forterra, the salesman's name is Jim Sweeney. Gallentine stated that we use them for concrete tile. Gallentine stated that Jeremy said, "the plastic prices are worse, they won't honor or hold a price longer than 7 days, even on small field tile." McClellan asked if we wanted to do the 15th as a backup. Granzow stated that he would rather not have a backup. McClellan asked what time. McClellan asked if 10 a.m. would work. Granzow stated that 10:30 would work better. Granzow asked if we were going to have it here or over at the EOC building. McClellan stated that EOC building would be better. McClellan stated they had a better turnout when it was at the EOC building. McClellan stated she didn't think the Large Conference Room was big enough for everyone. Kuechenberg stated that she would book the EOC building and get the post cards sent out.

Motion by Granzow to have Kuechenberg send notice to landowners in DD 56 to inform them of informational meeting on December 08, 2021, to discuss project cost increase due to inflation.
Second by McClellan.

In additional discussion on the motion, Gallentine stated he would let Jeremy know.

All ayes. Motion carried.

DD 4-53 Gallentine stated that he just wanted to give the Trustees an update on DD 4-53 north of the county line, he knows this applies more to Franklin County, but the Trustees have authorized televising Hardin/Franklin County together. Gallentine stated that Paul got a lot of that done in the spring. Gallentine stated that Paul went back yesterday 11/23 and he is going to try and get it wrapped up either this week or next. Gallentine stated that he knows one of the landowners wasn't

the happiest because there was an open hole out there, he found with his combine sensor. Gallentine stated that he thinks what happened was the landowner knew Paul had been out there televising and he saw a couple of the holes have been filled in, so he assumed they were all filled in until he found the one that wasn't with his combine sensor on the head. Gallentine stated there was no damage.

8. Adjourn Meeting

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