

REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING

9/14/2022 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Drainage Chairperson BJ Hoffman opened the meeting. Also present were Trustee Lance Granzow; Lee Gallentine of Clapsaddle Garber Associates; Alison Campbell; Michael Pearce, Network Specialist; and Michelle Kuechenberg, Drainage Clerk.

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. DD 56 WO 03 - Discuss W Possible Action - Completion Report

Gallentine stated we have the completion report for drainage district 56 done and submitted so now all we have to do is set the date for the hearing on that. Gallentine stated he knows Gehrke is anxious, just like everyone else, he wants his retainer and Gallentine can understand that. Hoffman asked Granzow if he had any suggestions. Granzow stated he would suggest we hold off the meeting until after harvest. Hoffman stated he agrees. Granzow asked how far out he has to be to set the hearing? Kuechenberg stated there is not a timeline on this one. Gallentine stated he was going to say he has seen completion hearings done as quick as 2 weeks. Granzow stated he would probably try pushing it quick. Granzow asked what we have on our calendar. Kuechenberg stated we do not have anything coming up. Hoffman asked if we wanted to do it on October 5th. Hoffman stated we could do the hearing first and have regular drainage following. Hoffman stated how about October 5th at 9:30 a.m. Kuechenberg stated that works great, she will add that to our calendar and get notices sent out to the landowners in the district. Hoffman asked if that worked for Gallentine? Gallentine stated that would work perfect for him.

Motion by Granzow to set the drainage district 56 Public Hearing on Completion on October 05, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at the EOC building. Second by Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. DD Big 4 Lat 1 - Discuss W Possible Action - Tree Removal

Kuechenberg stated she received another call from a landowner concerned about the growth of mulberry trees in DD Big 4 Lat 1. Kuechenberg stated the landowner told her the mulberry trees were quite large, the trunks were about 6-8 inches across. Kuechenberg stated this is NE of where the other 2 calls were located. Kuechenberg stated she knows we gave Adam permission to cut and treat everything above 4 feet in the other areas. Kuechenberg stated she added this to the agenda to get the Trustees permission to move forward to cut and treat in this section as well. Hoffman asked Granzow if we just want him to continue on. Granzow stated we might as well just have him keep going. Hoffman asked Gallentine if he needed to go out and observe anything or just have Adam meet with the individual landowners to take care of whatever has been reported? Gallentine stated he does not think he will need to go out and investigate. Gallentine stated if the landowner sees and notices it, Adam is experienced. Gallentine stated it is your call if you want us out there though. Hoffman stated he is fine with that as long as the landowner meets with the contractor so they can show Adam what trees they are talking about. Kuechenberg stated she saved all of their numbers; she will forward them on to Adam.

Motion by Granzow to continue on Big 4 Lat 1 as suggested by the landowner. Second by Hoffman.

In additional discussion on the motion, Hoffman stated if Adam gets out there and there is more when he gets out there, he would have him look at the area over broader to make sure we are not sending out a team repeatedly.

All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Discuss W Possible Action - Consideration Of Canceling The 09/21/2022 Regular Drainage Meeting

Kuechenberg stated she will be out of the office the rest of this week until next week Wednesday. Kuechenberg stated she did not know if the Trustees wanted to cancel the meeting or if they would prefer to have the meeting and she would create an agenda while someone else takes her place at the meeting. Hoffman asked if we had anything pressing in drainage? Granzow asked Gallentine if he had anything? Gallentine stated he did not have anything pressing. Granzow stated at this point he would probably favor not having the drainage meeting unless something was to pop up.

Motion by Hoffman to cancel the September 21, 2022, Regular Drainage Meeting. Second by Granzow. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Discuss W Possible Action - New Work Order Requests

Kuechenberg stated tenant Travis Engelson reported 2 tile blowouts on the main tile in drainage district 6. Kuechenberg stated Engelson prefers that we wait until crops are out to repair anything. Hoffman stated he suggests we have Gallentine go out and do a drive-by and report back to us. Granzow asked if it was visible with the crops in. Kuechenberg stated she discussed that with the tenant, and he agreed to have them investigate the blowouts while crops were in. Hoffman asked if Engelson will let us know when the crops are out. Kuechenberg stated she gave Engelson her card and he told her he would call once they are out. Hoffman stated he would rather wait until the crops are out to do anything. Granzow stated he does not need them to walk through Engelson's field searching for the tile blowouts. Hoffman stated we do not need Zeb caught in the hole. Granzow stated he would rather just have the landowner contact us when the crops are out, and we will send CGA out to investigate.

7. Other Business

Hoffman stated he knows that John from IDDA wanted to present, he asked Kuechenberg if she wanted to coordinate with Jolene. Hoffman stated he believes he may have planned on coming to the drainage meeting next Wednesday. Kuechenberg stated she thought it was the 28th of September, but she can check with Jolene. Hoffman stated just make sure it is not the 21st, if it happens to be the 21st, lets see if he can accommodate on the 28th. Kuechenberg stated she was ok with that.

DD 14- Gallentine stated CGA has the plans wrapped up with the 300 feet of tile replacement on DD 14. Gallentine stated he just wants to know what day we want to receive bids so we can figure out whether that is a go or not. Gallentine stated he was thinking like the 12th or 19th of October. Granzow asked if that was the one they wanted to see the dollar amount first before they go forward with a plan. Kuechenberg stated that was correct. Gallentine stated all we are doing is receiving bids, once we get them, the landowners can decide whether they would like to move forward or not. Granzow stated he thinks anytime would be fine for a bid. Gallentine asked if we could shoot for October 19th then if that is ok. Kuechenberg stated she is ok with that.

Hoffman asked Gallentine if he had any updates, questions, comments, or concerns on any of the pipeline meetings he has attended. Gallentine stated they had a meeting in Iowa Falls because they are extending the line up to the ethanol plant in Iowa Falls there. Gallentine stated it was similar to the other meetings he's gone to. Gallentine stated not much has changed with their thought process or anything. Gallentine stated he will say there is definitely a more organized movement against the pipeline at this point in time, but that is a whole separate issue. Hoffman asked if there were any engineering issues or anything like that, that Gallentine is seeing or hearing about. Gallentine stated he has not seen or heard anything. Gallentine stated if they do reach out to him, he asks that they run things through Darrell because he is the point of contact for this county. Hoffman stated he appreciates that. Hoffman stated he is going to attend the next meeting on the 21st, the Trustees had ISAC the week that they were in Iowa Falls.

8. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Granzow to adjourn the meeting. Second by Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.