

## REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING

06/12/23 Minutes

1. Open Meeting  
Hardin County Chairperson Lance Granzow. Also present were Renee McClellan, Trustee; BJ Hoffman, Trustee; Ann Larson, Drainage Clerk; Lee Gallentine of Clapsaddle Garber Associates; Taylor Roll.
2. Approve Agenda  
Motion by Hoffman to approve the agenda. Second by McClellan. All Ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes -none
4. Approve Claims for Payment  
IDDA County Dues for 2023-2024, Big 4 Main CGA Invoice 49709, DD 1 CGA Invoice 49708, DD 14 CGA Invoice 49376 WO 342, DD 36 CGA Invoice 49706 WO 312, DD 52 CGA Invoice 49712, DD 55 CGA Invoice 49713, DD 72 CGA Invoice 49711, DD 135 CGA Invoice 49710, DO 14 CGA Invoice 49707 WO 342, Project # 8759 CGA Invoice 49705  
Motion by Hoffman to approve the claims for payment. Second by McClellan. All Ayes. Motion carried.
5. Discuss With Possible Action – New Work Order Requests  
DD 34 Galentine stated that Larson informed him about a work order request involving secondary roads. Gallentine stated they had not had a chance to go and look at it, but he thought it was a parallel tile and it was up towards the upper end. Gallentine stated he thinks it is around a junction structure. Gallentine stated they would go out and look at it.
6. Other Business  
Larson stated that she had an invoice from CGA that was just for general questions and was not associated with a specific drainage ditch. Larson stated she was not sure what fund we should pay this invoice out of. Granzow stated that the invoice needs to be paid out of the Rural Service Fund. Granzow stated that Larson needed to keep track of invoices paid out of the Rural Service Fund. Granzow stated when there is money in the Drainage Fund, we would need to refund the amount paid out of Rural Services.  
Hoffman made a motion to assign invoice 49658 to Rural Services for billing. Second by McClellan. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Granzow stated that Larson had presented a \$5.00 per parcel charge on assessments at the previous meeting. Granzow explained that it was a charge that Hancock County charges on their assessments. Granzow stated that he thought this would be a good idea. Larson explained that the fee would only be applied when a district is assessed. Discussed having a thresh hold of a

certain dollar amount that the \$5.00 charge would be applied too. Hoffman suggested starting a \$25,000 dollar threshold and then re-examine it in a couple of years. Granzow stated to have Larson get ahold of Hancock County and find out if they have a written policy and contact Franklin and Hamilton and find out if they have something similar that they charge also.

Granzow stated that Roll and Schneider are working together to develop a process for submitting utility permits online. Granzow questioned if the drainage permits would be sent to Larson or Gallentine. Gallentine stated he thought it should be sent to both. Granzow asked Gallentine if there would be an extra charge to have Gallentine filter through permits he would receive to determine which ones pertained to drainage. Gallentine stated there would not be any extra charge. Granzow stated that the permit would be going through both engineers already. Gallentine agreed that it would be going through Roll, who is a county employee. Gallentine stated he was fine with the permit just being sent to Roll and himself. Hoffman stated that the permits should filter down through to determine if it is a permit for only Secondary Roads or needs to be drainage also, and when the permit is submitted it will automatically forward the permit to the correct place. Gallentine suggested that the permit process should automatically let the applicant know when the parcel is in a drainage district.

DD 55-3 Gallentine stated that he drafted a response letter for Lepper. Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman all approved and signed the letter. Larson will send the signed letter back to Lepper.

Gallentine stated Annette Sweeney and the IDDA had a legislation session with the Railroad. Prior to the 2013 Supreme Court case, which was in Hardin County, it went to the state Supreme Court, at that time Railroads were responsible for tiles, because it had been interpreted that culverts were tiles. The Supreme Court case determined that culverts were not tiles. Gallentine stated they reclassified the code that stated culvert includes drain, tile line or tile. Gallentine stated this will change district projects involving the Railroad crossing moving forward. Gallentine stated this takes effect July 1, 2023.

Gallentine stated that they would be transitioning to work orders they are able to get to that do not involve crops. Gallentine stated they had a couple of work orders last week that may have possible crop damage. Gallentine stated they did take picture of the crop impact area, but Gallentine believes the crops should bounce back. Granzow asked Gallentine if the farmers were aware. Gallentine stated that the farmers were informed before the work was done.

Gallentine stated he would not be available for the June 26, 2023, Drainage Meeting. Granzow stated to have Larson put on next week's agenda to cancel the June 26, 2023, Drainage Meeting.

#### 7. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Hoffman to adjourn the meeting. Second by McClellan. All Ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.