

REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING

1/30/2023 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Chairperson Lance Granzow. Also present were Trustee Renee McClellan; Trustee BJ Hoffman; Darrell Meyer, County Attorney; Lee Gallentine of Clapsaddle Garber Associates; Michael Pearce, Network Specialist; and Michelle Witt, Drainage Clerk.

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Approve Minutes

Motion by McClellan to approve the minutes of the regular drainage meeting's dated 1/9/2023 and 1/23/2023 Election Canvass. Second by Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Discuss W Possible Action - Drainage Interest Rates

Witt stated Treasurer Eichmeier is unable to be at this week's meeting. Witt stated she will visit with Eichmeier when she gets back and work out a good time to have her join us in a drainage meeting to discuss this item.

5. Discuss W Possible Action - Meeting W Summit Carbon Solutions

Granzow stated we are going to meet with Summit Carbon Solutions, they are not here with us. Witt stated this was an item on our agenda last week that we decided to table so the Trustees could think of some potential dates. Witt stated Summit Carbon Solutions would like to have an initial meeting with us so they can begin to identify affected districts, tiles, any open ditches; permits applications, and any county expectations for construction and pre-construction. Witt stated as far as GIS information goes I would assume we would put them in contact with Micah Cutler. McClellan asked if Micah still did all of our drainage maps and stuff. McClellan stated she didn't think she was with CGA anymore. Witt stated she is with Schneider Corps now. Granzow stated they could get all of that information from her; it does not need to be with us. Hoffman stated he did not know if a public meeting is necessary. Hoffman stated he does not control the flow of data. Hoffman stated they should put requests into our Drainage Clerk and GIS Specialist. Hoffman stated the Trustees are there for policy and not operations and logistics. Hoffman stated we should save everyone their time. Meyer stated and CGA is the inspector. Hoffman stated that is right. Meyer stated and they have to pay for CGA's time. Hoffman stated they are our Drainage Engineer as well. Hoffman asked Gallentine to unmute himself. Hoffman asked Gallentine if it would make more sense to have Summit contact our Drainage Clerk and Engineer/pipeline inspector and work through them. Gallentine stated he is willing to follow any format. Gallentine stated if everyone wants to meet we can have a big meeting, but if everyone wants to work with them he is fine doing that as well. Gallentine stated it made no difference to him. Granzow stated the only advantage would be if the other Trustees came in for the meeting as well. Hoffman stated but what would they ask them. Hoffman stated according to the email it seems that all they want is data. McClellan stated she also sees how having them here or having them involved in a meeting is beneficial. McClellan stated that way we know everyone is on the same page. Granzow stated it would really benefit the private trustees. Granzow stated it does not benefit us at all. McClellan stated she thought they needed to be on the same page as them. Hoffman stated he would rather have Witt send Micah Cutler's information for GIS to them. Hoffman stated the only thing at this point he would ask is if they request something from Micah, would she directly bill them? Granzow and McClellan stated they would have her bill the Summit/Navigator. Hoffman stated if they wanted to have a sit down with Lee as the Drainage Engineer then Lee would bill them directly. Hoffman stated he does not know what the three of them as Trustees could offer Summit at this point. Granzow asked Gallentine how Summit was asking for information in other counties. Granzow asked if they were asking the other counties to do all of the work for them? Gallentine stated the only county he has been involved with is Franklin and there has been an exchange of information and it really has not been determined what work they are going to do or not do just yet. Gallentine stated once the information was exchanged they determined which district facilities they would cross and now they are telling Franklin County they would like them to come up with an agreement of how they want them crossed and a contract type thing. Gallentine stated he believes Franklin Counties drainage attorney is doing that. Gallentine stated so far Franklin County has had 3-4 meetings that have not been that long, he has not billed anyone for that time. Granzow stated from his standpoint we have a drainage map they can look at. Granzow stated they can buy one for \$25. Hoffman stated you can also get it on Beacon. Witt stated we do not have the bigger ones on hand. Witt stated we have the smaller drainage atlases on hand for \$20, but she did not know if that would be much help. Hoffman stated most likely they can have their own people print it in house. McClellan stated how will they know. Hoffman stated their technology and capabilities is much better than ours. Granzow stated they would still have to dig and expose. Hoffman stated they do not have a finalized route. Granzow stated it sounds like a large expense to the county if they wanted us to pay for the expense of televising. Hoffman stated that will not happen. Pearce stated the big map printer is not functional right now anyways and he is not sure if we will make them functional. Pearce stated it is a huge cost to make them functional for the limited amount we print. Hoffman stated we should just tell them here is there information, anything additional they should contact our drainage engineer/designated county inspector. Hoffman stated in terms of GIS, give them Micah Cutler's information. Granzow asked if it would hurt to have Witt send our County Policy to all other private Trustees. Witt stated most of the private Trustees were waiting for us to update our Utility Permit Application with the pipeline section. Witt stated she believes most have already adopted it, but she can send it out just in case any were missed or have not adopted it yet. Granzow stated just let them know that this is the County policy and if they want to adopt it they may. Hoffman stated they would want to get on that relatively quick.

Meyer asked Lee if Franklin County had a Utility Permit as robust as ours. Gallentine stated he did not think they update their as much as we have with ours. Gallentine stated he thinks they used ours as a template when we first came up with it, but they will draft individual agreements with each drainage districts. Gallentine stated that is how they did it with the wind towers. McClellan stated that was interesting. McClellan stated that sounded like a lot of work. Granzow stated everyone might have a different answer. Granzow stated that might depend on if it is new tile or old tile in the ground. McClellan stated maybe ditch vs tile or private vs county. Gallentine stated he will say that in Franklin County they are not crossing the entire county like they are in Hardin. Gallentine stated he thinks it is limited to less, between 6-10 drainage districts are being crossed.

6. Discuss W Possible Action - New Work Order Requests

7. Other Business

Hoffman asked Darrell if there was any timeline on hazardous liquid pipeline. Meyer stated they are just waiting for the IUB to rule for the December 13th hearing for the preemption. Hoffman asked if there was any timeline on that. Meyer stated they have not given any. Hoffman asked if there was anything by code saying that they had to rule within 90-120 days. Meyer stated he is not sure on that.

8. Adjourn Meeting

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