

REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING

01/29/2024 Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Board Trustees present were Lance Granzow, Renee McClellan, BJ Hoffman. Also present, Ann Larson; Drainage Clerk, Lee Gallentine, Greg Ball; General Manager with Hubbard Cooperative Telephone.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion by McClellan to approve the agenda. Seconded by Hoffman. All Ayes. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes – 01/08/2024

Motion by McClellan to approve the minutes. Seconded by Hoffman. All Ayes. Motion carried.

4. Approve Claims for Payment

DD 26	Postage for Right of Way Notice	\$110.02
DD 42	Postage for Right of Way Notice	\$91.00
DD 43	Postage for Right of Way Notice	\$39.83
DD 6	Postage for Landowners Meeting	\$17.34
DD 6	CGA Attendance of Landowners Meeting	\$711.30

Motion by Hoffman to approve the claims for payment. Seconded by McClellan. All Ayes. Motion carried.

5. Discuss With Possible Action

Discussion about email received from Hubbard Cooperative Telephone regarding Utility Crossings. Greg Ball, General Manager for Hubbard Cooperative Telephone stated in his opinions about the process of applying for a regular Utility Permit and a Drainage Utility Permit. The Board of Trustees and Larson explained that there is a new online process that is now available that makes the process of determining whether a Drainage Permit is required more efficient. Ball stated that they had put down an \$18,000.00 dollar retaining fee for 9 crossings and was billed around \$14,000.00 dollars' worth of labor. Ball stated there was a lack of detail on the invoices submitted by CGA. Gallentine stated that the invoices are basic information of the charges, but the Engineer Reports explains those charges in detail. Gallentine stated that the invoices that were billed for this project were engineering fees. Granzow explained the importance of having an engineer locate the tile before any utility work is started. After more discussion and explanations everyone was on the same page.

Discussion about letter received from Cindy loerger's regarding property located in DD 26. Larson stated that after talking with Gallentine that this should be on the agenda for the Right of Way Hearing on February 12, 2024. Gallentine stated that this was an issue that was already addressed years ago and there was a conflict-of-interest statement signed. Gallentine stated that this restricts anyone related to Miss loerger from even being able to work on any projects involving her land. Gallentine stated that Miss loerger is aware of this signed statement. Hoffman stated that Miss loerger had stopped in and spoke to him about her concerns and issues with having CGA, as the engineer, working on the Right of Way Project in DD 26 involving her land. Hoffman stated that we should offer the option of the district becoming landowner trustees. Gallentine stated that they abide by the conflict-of-interest statement.

DD 148 & DD 165 Drainage Canvass Election. Larson stated that these were the two districts that were sent in after the canvas. Hoffman stated in DD 165 there was 1 vote cast for Kenny Smith. Hoffman stated in DD 148 there was 1 vote cast for James Bartling. Motion by McClellan to approve DD 148 & DD 165 Drainage Canvass 2024. Seconded by Hoffman. All Ayes. Motion carried.

6. New Work Order Requests-None

7. Other Business

Gallentine stated that he would not be at next week's meeting.

Motion by Hoffman to cancel the February 5th drainage meeting. Seconded by McClellan. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Hoffman to adjourn. Seconded by McClellan. All Ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.