

**REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING**  
**Wednesday October 27, 2021 9:30 A.M.**  
**This meeting was held electronically and in-person.**

10/27/2021 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

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

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Approve Minutes

Motion by Granzow to approve the minutes of Regular Drainage Meeting dated 9/01/21 and Landowner Meeting Minutes dated 9/01/21. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Approve Claims For Payment

Motion by McClellan to approve the claims for payment of \$7,709.96 with pay date of Friday, October 29, 2021. Second by Granzow.

| Description                             | Vendor              | Amount     |
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| DD HH 104-222 2021 Drainage Assessments | Hamilton Co Auditor | \$ 421.96  |
| DD HH 118-232 - 2021 Drg Assessments    | Hamilton Co Auditor | \$7,288.00 |
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In additional discussion on the motion, Kuechenberg stated that the bottom item in the amount of \$7,288 was supposed to be a memo credit. Kuechenberg stated that the software we use for accounting is just not showing that as a memo credit in the reports. Kuechenberg stated that the credit is reflected on the Treasurer's reports but is shown as a total on all other reports.

All ayes. Motion carried.

5. DD 52 - DD 55 Div 1. - Discuss W Possible Action - Landowner Concerns/Reclassification

Kuechenberg stated that we have Lynn Brinkmeyer with us today. Kuechenberg stated that we

discussed a letter she wrote to the board at another meeting October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Kuechenberg stated that she spoke with her on the phone briefly when she called to confirm she'd be at the meeting. Brinkmeyer would like to hear about the classification for DD 52 and discuss the possibility of reclassification. Hoffman stated this is a hard thing for him to discuss because he does not want it to come across as him talking down to anyone. Hoffman added that he just wants to educate people. Hoffman asked if she understood the drainage district premise, a lot of people don't understand that it is separate from private tiles. Hoffman asked Brinkmeyer to look behind her at the map. Hoffman stated that anything on the map that has color is a Drainage District in Hardin County. Hoffman stated that there is over 200, the Board of Supervisors manage about 90% of those. Hoffman stated that a lot of these, you buy property and sometimes somebody is nice enough to let you know you that the property is in a Drainage District, but it is not required on a deed or warranty. Hoffman noted that a lot of people will buy an acreage and find out that they're in a Drainage District, and it's a learning experience, sometimes an unfortunate one. Hoffman added that is usually where our interaction begins. Hoffman stated that 49% of Hardin County is in a Drainage District. Hoffman stated that the Drainage laws of Iowa have their own code section. Hoffman stated that it is very robust, but very old code. Hoffman stated that at last years legislative session they changed the dollar amount threshold of what can be done and what can't be done without having an Engineer's Report and numerous hearings. Granzow stated that he doesn't project that they're going to change a lot. Hoffman stated that Drainage Districts most notorious or newsworthy item was when the Drainage Districts in northwest Iowa were sued by Des Moines Water Works. Hoffman stated that the public doesn't hear much about Drainage Districts, for the three Trustees, they take off their Board of Supervisors hat and they get to put on the hat that says Drainage Trustee. The Drainage Districts can be managed by the Trustees, or the landowners can petition to take the Drainage District back and manage it themselves. Hoffman added that it doesn't mean that they don't have to follow all these rules or have to utilize a Drainage Engineer like Lee Galentine, that just means that they're making those decisions. Hoffman stated that one of the biggest things that people think that if they take back a Drainage District and manage it themselves is that they can look the other way on things. Hoffman stated in Drainage code, there is a lot of shalls. Hoffman added not if we feel like it or we can afford it, but the drainage is set up so it is supposed to benefit everybody and be equitable, not fair, but equitable. Hoffman stated that the biggest part of the Drainage code is that you shall maintain the facility, it shall work and drain the way it was engineered. Hoffman stated that unfortunately what you see on the map behind you was dug in with spades and shovels over 100 years ago, maps and GPS's have changed dramatically. Hoffman stated that they still serve a purpose and there is still some really good clay tile in service that will outlive probably some of our plastic tile that we have right now. Hoffman stated that the premise of looking the other way on it just doesn't work. Hoffman stated that in some districts you'll never know you're in a Drainage District and you might get a very small assessment once in generation. Hoffman stated other districts have continual needs depending on soil types, hydrology, and the lay of the land. Hoffman asked Brinkmeyer if she had any questions about how drainage assessments are determined or how they work. Brinkmeyer stated she knows that she will be charged and that's what has to happen. Brinkmeyer stated she doesn't care how they decide because it will be the same for everybody, their decision, not the amount. Brinkmeyer stated she wants to know how the percentage of benefit is determined. Brinkmeyer wanted to know why properties right next to each other have a such a drastic difference in assessment. Granzow asked when DD 52 was classified last. Kuechenberg stated that it was the original classification, created in 1916. Kuechenberg stated it has been assessed 8 times for repairs, so not that many. Kuechenberg stated the original classification was for \$3,200.19.

Gallentine stated that essentially the classification or the reclassification process hasn't been altered significantly in code since the original code was drafted which is what it would've been classified under. Gallentine stated that an engineer and two landowners within the county who are disinterested, so they don't own/rent ground within the district, are appointed to a reclassification committee. Gallentine stated that committee is assigned to determine which parcel in that district is the most benefited, they would be called 100% benefit parcel. Gallentine stated the committee will rank every parcel in relation to that 100% benefitted parcel. Gallentine stated that 100 years ago they used skill and judgement to determine classification. Gallentine stated that today we use GIS mapping and soil maps. Gallentine stated that for a rural district that doesn't have anything residential, based off of the soil maps, you can tell which soils need it more than others, they're ranked higher. Gallentine stated people who are closer to the Drainage District facility are typically ranked higher because you have less private tile to access. Gallentine stated based off that, we feed all of that into equations and come up with the 100% benefitted parcel and compare everybody relative to that. Gallentine stated in town, it gets to be a little bit different because you might be comparing some ag parcels that are farmed to some residential parcels. Gallentine added that is pretty much the same process that is followed. Gallentine stated once in a while, depending on the commissioners, we have some pervious verses impervious type of equations. Gallentine added so the thought being, if you don't have pervious ground in town such as paving, driveways, buildings, you should pay more because that water has to run off and go somewhere. Gallentine stated originally, it's hard to say how they did that process. Gallentine stated that if we were to redo it today, that is how we would do it. Gallentine stated that the other thing is, once the three members are done with the re-classification, a report is generated, all of the landowners within the district are notified and there is a hearing where they can present objections to it. Gallentine stated that it is up to the Trustees of the District to approve the classification. Gallentine stated that if the landowners are still not satisfied after the hearing, they have the ability to appeal it at the district court within so many days, then the district court can rule on it. Granzow asked Gallentine for a rough cost. Gallentine stated that was a good question. Gallentine stated that in DD 52, the work they were doing was in lateral 3. Gallentine stated he should bring this up too, originally there was probably one classification for this District whether the work was done on the Main tile or Lateral tile. Gallentine added any work anywhere in the district everybody in that classification paid. Gallentine stated that code is really favoring now that we do separate classifications for the laterals versus the main, that way you only pay for where your watershed is. Gallentine added so if you're not in the lateral 3 watershed, you will not pay for that repair. Gallentine stated that this has got at least three maybe four laterals, to re-classify and separate out the laterals, and do the main, classification could cost you \$10,000-\$20,000. Granzow stated that if any improvement was ever to be made, the laterals would be separated. Gallentine stated that code does require that laterals have to be separated if improvements are made. Gallentine added by improvements, they mean increasing the compacity of the Drainage System, not necessarily repairing the old tile. Kuechenberg stated that cost would be split between 633 unique landowners in the district. Granzow stated that it would be divided according to the classification. Granzow stated that if you're looking at \$20,000 to reclassify that is a large number to swallow for everybody. Granzow stated that since it has been over a hundred years since the original classification, it could be out of classification. Granzow stated that most of the one's they find that go through town are not well classified. Granzow stated that usually it favors the people in town. Granzow stated that if a request is being made for reclassification, you just fill one out in writing and we'll decide whether we want to or not. Hoffman asked Brinkmeyer if she's lived in Hubbard a while. Brinkmeyer stated that she has. Hoffman stated that he thinks, if the cost wasn't where it was, he would say a reclassification would be a good thing. Hoffman stated that he bets that in this district there is a lot of new homes that were not there in 1916. Hoffman stated probably next to none of them. Hoffman stated that his thought is that they were probably classified on ag ground, and you start putting cement on the ground and start doing other things that will change the landscape and hydrology, the soils going to be different. Hoffman stated that he's not here to persuade Brinkmeyer, he's just telling her the factors. Hoffman stated that they had something similar in New Providence and they opted away from it because of the cost. Hoffman stated that the landowners are entitled, he wants Brinkmeyer to understand that she has the right to ask for this. Hoffman stated that in New Providence a couple people thought that their classifications were very high because of some repairs but when they started poking the bear, at the end of the day that sum has to equal 100%. Hoffman stated so someone will pay more than someone else, it will not be equal. Hoffman stated that a couple people contacted him and said it is likely to tear there town apart, maybe we should settle down and sleep on it a while and see what happens. Hoffman stated

that these are just things he thinks that he would want someone to tell him. Hoffman stated that the last thing he would tell Brinkmeyer, that the Board has been trying to do, is doing something in Iowa code that protects the people that buy properties, that Drainage Districts are recorded. Hoffman stated it would be no different that if they would have to disclose if there is asbestos, lead pipes, lead paint, underground storage tanks. Hoffman stated that this is something the Board of Supervisors believes needs to be taken very seriously and implemented in Iowa code. Hoffman stated that lets say you're in one of these rural Drainage Districts and you find out there is going to be a 2-million-dollar Drainage project going on, which isn't really a small number anymore, all of the sudden you call Kuechenberg and say, "hey what is potentially my cost", she tells you it will be \$600,000 because you own \$640's. Hoffman stated that with the land prices someone might think, "hey, I don't want to be burdened with that kind of money, I'm just going to sell my property." Hoffman stated then you sell it to somebody you're actually selling that debt with it, and they have no idea. Hoffman added that in Iowa no one forces you to disclose Drainage Districts. Hoffman stated that's one of the hiccups we often run into. Granzow stated that he thinks it should be disclosed on the abstract whether there is a project going on or not, you should know you bought ground in a Drainage District. Granzow stated what Hoffman was talking about, we might have already given correspondence, but it takes two years for the bill to come. Granzow added that you have two years to sell your property before the bill comes. Granzow stated that the person who bought the house has no clue. Granzow stated that they've done this where someone sold off 80 acres or 160 and we were opening up the ditch, they bought tile ground and we opened it back up on them and separated their field. Granzow stated it was already approved they never disclosed any of that. Hoffman stated that he appreciates Brinkmeyer weighing in and he appreciates her being here. Hoffman stated that hearing this stuff no one shows up, until after the problem. Hoffman stated that having a dialogue like we're having today where, he wishes we didn't have to, but he thinks it's good for everyone and wishes there were more everybody's here. Hoffman stated that if you look at the map down in the far bottom right corner, there is a little orange district, that's where my farm is. Hoffman stated that until several years ago he never had an assessment. Hoffman stated he had no clue he was in a Drainage District. Hoffman stated that it wasn't a huge bill, but he wishes he would've known. Hoffman stated educating the public on something like this is a tough thing to do unless you offer them a free meal and some raffle prizes, you will not get them to attend. Granzow stated that the other thing is, we cannot go backwards, we can only go forwards. Gallentine stated that he believes it's important to point out that Brinkmeyer's land is in 2 Drainage Districts. Gallentine stated that it is in DD 52 where the Supervisors are the Trustees of, that is a subdistrict of DD 55 div. 1 which are landowner Trustees. Gallentine added that this board would only have the authority to reclassify DD 52. Gallentine stated that the landowner Trustees, if you wanted DD 55 div. 1 reclassified, would have to do that. Kuechenberg stated that she has their information and names as well. Kuechenberg stated that the landowner Trustees for DD 55 div. 1 are Jeff Roberts, Richard Winter, and Dean Schnormeir. Gallentine stated that he guesses what he's getting at is, when Brinkmeyer gets assessments, she might be getting assessments for one or the other, possibly both at the same time. Brinkmeyer stated she was sent a classification list of everyone, Al lives next door to her. Brinkmeyer stated she sees he has the strip of farm ground where the work was done and she notices he's got property, his home is right there, there was multiple charges for him. Granzow stated that he was another one that bought that ground without knowing. Granzow stated that the trees were cleaned out of that property about 10 years ago. Brinkmeyer stated that she watched everything. Granzow stated that we cleaned that easement, and they still made the roots back in there. Granzow stated that we went back in and went outside of our easement to go further back to protect the drainage tile this time.

Brinkmeyer stated that in the letter she wrote, they didn't have any trouble until after they did the corrections. Brinkmeyer stated she had 100,000 gallons pumped out at one time and that was pristine. Brinkmeyer stated the next three times or so was mud coming back in. Hoffman stated that was something he wanted to talk about as well. Hoffman asked when the last time was that she had that issue. Hoffman stated that when you say you have that much water, that's troubling. Hoffman is trying to figure out how that water got into her basement from a Drainage District tile. Gallentine stated that most are hooked into sanitary sewer, that's why. Brinkmeyer stated it was the house that she owned previously, located right next door. Brinkmeyer stated she believes that they had a tile connected. Hoffman stated, "Lee correct me, they probably shouldn't have that." Brinkmeyer stated that the house was built in the early 60s. Gallentine stated that it might have been standard back in the early 60s. Gallentine stated that typically you do not have floor drains in your house connected to tile anymore, back then, yeah. Brinkmeyer stated that she remembers the plumbers coming in and destroying the tile at some point. Brinkmeyer stated that it was really devastating coming into the house and destroying much of it. Brinkmeyer stated that there was a leak coming from the city water line, which she put in a sump pump for that. Brinkmeyer stated that it wasn't coming from there it was coming up the drain. McClellan asked if Brinkmeyer's was hooked to the city sewer line then. Brinkmeyer stated that house was not. Brinkmeyer stated it was at the time, but there was still connected to the tile line in the field. Hoffman stated that there were probably multiple variables. McClellan stated that the line was plugged with tree roots. Brinkmeyer stated the problem did not occur until after the new line was put in. Gallentine asked if the tile was disconnected from the basement now. Brinkmeyer stated she does not think there has been anything done with it since then. Brinkmeyer stated that after these three or four backups there hasn't been any problems since then. Hoffman stated his initial thought was, he did not want to incur any additional costs, but inquiring minds want to know what that looks like. Hoffman stated that typically if you remove the tree roots, you don't have as much head pressure or back pressure. Hoffman stated that if he had a request to look at it he would say lets take a peak. Gallentine stated without knowing where those floor drains are, it's hard to tell. Granzow stated he would be weary to spend Drainage District money. Granzow stated that our tile is where we stop, you're curious about the hookup at a property. Gallentine stated the other thing he would also throw out there, just looking at the GIS, Brinkmeyer's house is also several 300 feet or so from the district tile, south of what we did the repairs on. Gallentine stated he has no idea what that connection looks like condition wise, it looks like some trees in the backyard he doesn't know if they're impacting anything or not. Granzow stated he doesn't think we should spend district money. Brinkmeyer stated there hasn't been a problem since they worked on it last. Granzow stated he's curious if when we put the new tile in there was an outlet that multiple people had that never got connected back to the drain, so someone else in town was pumping theirs toward Brinkmeyer if she's in a low spot. Hoffman stated that if Brinkmeyer wants the peace of mind, she should have it televised to see what it is connected to whether it is clay tile or a piece of polly. Brinkmeyer stated that's what she thinks the people were doing when she remembers them digging in the backyard. Brinkmeyer stated she just remembers seeing them do it and filling it back in, she never asked about it. Brinkmeyer stated she's just a neighbor now. Brinkmeyer stated she checks on the house from time to time because the homeowners do not live there full time. Hoffman stated it kind of defies basic science. McClellan stated it might be worth televising it. Granzow stated the property is not hers to televise. Brinkmeyer stated that they might want to know.

Brinkmeyer stated her real concern is the classification. Brinkmeyer stated that she has two parcels, (1) where her house sits is \$81, (2) the lot that she has next to her house is \$81. Brinkmeyer stated that her neighbor next door was \$36. Brinkmeyer stated that the distance is the same from her house to the work that was done on the tile in the field but her portion to pay was much higher. Brinkmeyer wants to know why. Brinkmeyer stated she doesn't understand the big jump. Brinkmeyer stated that the house beyond that, there was no charge, no assessment. Brinkmeyer stated it was the funeral home. Granzow stated that maybe whoever originally reclassified it did it intentionally that way. McClellan stated that it sounds to her that's what it needs is a re-classification. Granzow stated that they found one in Buckeye that was they put 90% of the assessment on one landowner because they wanted to add to the tile because they made them pay for it, it stayed that way for decades. Hoffman stated it was rigged. Granzow stated that same thing in Radcliffe where the southern part of the tier paid 90% because they added onto the tile. Granzow stated that this could be a case where it needs to be reclassified. Hoffman stated that if he was to go down that road, he would send out a notice to the landowners. Gallentine asked where the funeral home was at that didn't get any billing. Brinkmeyer stated it's 501 Maple. Brinkmeyer stated it's 3 houses away from her. Gallentine stated that the other thing he is just throwing out there is once the classification is in effect, if there is property that is sold or split, if there isn't a re-classification that occurs at that time it's up to typically the Auditor's office, Drainage Clerk, or the Real Estate folks to split that classification. It's possible that in the past where that funeral home was a bigger parcel that got split and the classification just carried through to one of the properties and not the other one. Brinkmeyer stated that on that lot that was \$36 dollars, that's a double lot, it was two 50-foot lots. Granzow stated that at one time it might have been one field and they just kept pushing it back. Brinkmeyer stated that it could have been but that was two 50 foot lots by 150 feet deep. Brinkmeyer stated that her lot is 85 feet wide, which were more than the 100-foot lot that was \$36. McClellan asked Brinkmeyer what her house number was on east Maple. Brinkmeyer stated that it was 601. Hoffman stated that it was a double lot. Brinkmeyer stated that the double lot would be 511. Hoffman stated that 511 is the double (2 50's). McClellan asked if the funeral home was to the west. Brinkmeyer stated that the funeral home was 501. Brinkmeyer stated that there is no assessment for that at all. Gallentine stated he would imagine is that's what happened, looking at those, it was all one parcel at one time, when it got split up, the assessment didn't get split between them. Brinkmeyer stated that there was a house there at the 511, the west 50, those people bought the other 50 to make it 100. Brinkmeyer stated that if she's confusing anyone to keep asking questions. Granzow asked if we could just do a classification on just 52. Gallentine stated that's all we can do a classification on is 52. Granzow stated that looking at that, to have a \$0 assessment, he doesn't even think a request needs to be put in for that. Gallentine stated that if we could bring up the assessment real quick, we could see if there is a \$0 assessment in there. Kuechenberg stated that there is a \$0 classification in there. Granzow asked if there were a lot of \$0's in there. Kuechenberg stated that she found one. Gallentine stated that the owner of the funeral home is Mark and Kathryn Boeke. Gallentine stated the legal description should be lot three lot 5. Kuechenberg stated that she didn't see a \$0 for them but there was a \$0 for someone else. Kuechenberg stated that Mike Bendison had a \$0. Kuechenberg stated the description of the property was Hoovers second block lot 4. Granzow asked if that was the one split in half between the two districts. Gallentine stated he did not know where that was at. Brinkmeyer stated that on the sheet that was sent to her Mark Boeke is not listed on there. Gallentine asked if that was block 2 Hoovers. Gallentine stated the reason why that is a \$0 is because that is not within DD 52. Gallentine stated he was not sure why it was shown there in that classification. McClellan asked where the funeral home was. Brinkmeyer stated that her classification is different. Kuechenberg asked when that was sent to her. Brinkmeyer stated that the classification was sent to her after she sent the letter. Kuechenberg stated it's fairly new then. Kuechenberg stated she had been having problems with the software. Pearce stated that he found a few more \$0's. Brinkmeyer stated she was sent a classification listing and a map of the area. Brinkmeyer stated that Mark Boeke is not listed on her copy of the classification report. McClellan asked if we could pull up Boeke's property by the legal description. Granzow asked if it was under a different name. Hoffman stated maybe a Trust. Kuechenberg stated maybe an LLC. Granzow stated that he would speculate that the funeral home has been there longer than the district. Brinkmeyer stated that she sees Al Meister has a \$0. Granzow asked which ground it went to. Granzow stated Al had a few properties. Brinkmeyer stated she did not know. Pearce stated he found Mark Boeke's name. McClellan stated the \$0's still show up. Granzow stated he thinks we should investigate some of this and put a landowner meeting together to decide what we want to do if we haven't figured out the issue. Hoffman stated that he agreed.

Granzow stated that if there are parcels in there at \$0 and some that are not that is kind of messed up and needs to get addressed. Brinkmeyer stated she just knows it has a different description than some of the other ones that are listed. McClellan stated the worst thing we could do is do a reclassification on this, but it will not affect this assessment. Hoffman stated going forward it needs to be remedied. Brinkmeyer stated that now that Al owns that property, he'll be much more careful and not put up trees. Brinkmeyer stated that he did have some bushes that are growing up there now. Brinkmeyer stated that hopefully they do not have the roots like those. Granzow stated that he's cleaned the place up quite a bit. Brinkmeyer stated he has, she hasn't seen the cars out there at midnight anymore. Brinkmeyer stated sometimes she thought it was kind of scary. Granzow stated that he's put doors on it, and really cleaned it up. Brinkmeyer stated that she's watched that too. McClellan asked if we needed a motion. Hoffman stated he thinks we need to direct Kuechenberg to go through and figure out what the \$0's are. Granzow stated he would like Kuechenberg to have a printout for all of the Trustees so they can look at it and see the \$0's. Granzow stated we're just looking at the DD 52 portion. Hoffman stated he thinks with technology now, if Kuechenberg could get that same packet scan and upload it to the website to where we could do a mailing and let people know we're going to have a meeting. Hoffman stated that in the meantime, we can tell them where to find the classification and information on the website so they can look at it without having to send out so many pages. Hoffman stated we can have the printouts available at a landowner meeting but it's not feasible to send that many through the mail. Hoffman stated that his other suggestion would be to have the landowners meeting in Hubbard, an evening meeting would probably be the best. Hoffman stated that we can work to find a location with the internet so we can record it. Brinkmeyer stated the library would be good. Granzow stated that the golf course might be a good one. Hoffman stated that we would figure something out. Hoffman stated that this is just as educational for us, every one of those districts you see behind you is complex in its own strange ways. Gallentine asked if the Trustees wanted CGA to look at anything with regards to equity or are you just searching out \$0's. Hoffman stated that he did not know if it was worth CGA's time, Hoffman stated he would rather save his time and billed time. Hoffman stated he would like to take a landowner vote if they want a reclassification to get the best equity moving forward. Hoffman stated he would rather save the districts money on having CGA and his reclassification team do the work. Granzow stated that if we find multiple \$0's with no explanation behind it, it probably needs to be done regardless. Gallentine stated that the other thing that is a dead give away is if you have parcels within the district that don't show up within the classification. Hoffman stated that if you want to make a motion to direct Kuechenberg to do that, I'm fine with that.

Motion by Granzow to direct Kuechenberg to printout a copy of the DD 52 classification for the Trustees to identify the \$0's, scan and upload a copy to the website, and send out a postcard to let landowners know we will have a meeting in Hubbard to discuss the reclassification for DD 52. Second by McClellan.

In additional discussion, Hoffman stated that if Kuechenberg had any questions to ask the Trustees. Hoffman stated that he knows it's not something Kuechenberg is going to have done tomorrow or within the next week. Granzow stated that it will be after the election for sure. Granzow stated maybe in December. Hoffman stated that if Kuechenberg can have data to the Trustees within two or three weeks and then we can set up something. Hoffman stated he understands the holidays do not always work well for some people, but this is something that people will engage in. Hoffman stated that with all the communities that we work with, he believes this is something that will rise to the top of the priority list. Gallentine stated Kuechenberg can reach out to him if she needs to. Gallentine stated he won't charge if it's just simple questions.

All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Discuss W Possible Action - New Work Order Requests

Kuechenberg stated she had nothing. Kuechenberg stated it had been very quiet. Hoffman stated that we just had some rain and once we get more crops out people will start finding holes. Granzow stated that they're just not turning them in yet.

7. Other Business

DD 121 - Gallentine stated he wanted to report back on Dean Bright's place in DD 121. Gallentine stated that Handsacker was in there with a six-inch tile installed in the bottom of the waterway, due to availability and speed, they ended up putting in six-inch single wall in the bottom of the water way. Gallentine stated that once they got to the upper end of the water way, they did not hook it up to the upstream tiles. Gallentine stated the reason being, and this makes sense, Jacob brought this up, he said, "this is now the lowest tile, if you hook it up to the stuff upstream, it's going to take that water and push it into the tile and then it will come back out onto the ground since it is the lowest elevation and easiest escape route." Gallentine stated when he got to the upper end, they ended up putting in a T and they ran a header with two lines perpendicular to the bottom of the ditch to try and dewater anything that may be coming underground. Gallentine stated that he thinks it is the better solution. Granzow asked if we have been out at Craig Duncan's yet. Gallentine stated Craig was supposed to call when his crops were out so we could be out there in days and CGA has not heard from him. Granzow asked Gallentine to check with Duncan. Granzow stated he bets his crops are out by now. Gallentine stated he can call Craig if he want's him to. Gallentine stated he was just doing what Craig had said he wanted. Granzow stated he thinks we should just call. Granzow stated he thinks Duncan probably forgot he was supposed to call us. Gallentine stated he would give him a jingle.

Kuechenberg stated she had something for other business. Kuechenberg stated that Denise forwarded her an email chain from John Torbert with Iowa Drainage District Association (IDDA).

Kuechenberg stated that IDDA is working on the 2022 meeting for December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kuechenberg stated IDDA would like to know if the Trustees had anything they would like to have IDDA consider for their upcoming meeting to be voted on. Granzow stated he would like Kuechenberg to push for Drainage Districts to be disclosed on abstracts, property tax assessments, or deeds. Kuechenberg stated she would reach out to John and see if he would be able to add that to his discussion. Kuechenberg asked the Trustees would like to have her email John and invite him to a Drainage meeting. Gallentine asked Kuechenberg when the meeting was. Kuechenberg stated the meeting was December 3<sup>rd</sup> in Fort Dodge.

#### 8. Adjourn Meeting

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