

REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING

11/30/2022 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

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

2. Approve Agenda

3. Discuss W Possible Action - Consideration Of Changing DD 56 Landowner Meeting Date

Witt stated we have that scheduled for next week, but Jolene thought all meetings were cancelled for next week and Darrell informed Witt that we have a possible meeting with Summit we may have double booked. Witt stated she believes there may have been some miscommunication, she doesn't believe this will be an issue. Witt stated she already has a letter typed up to send to everyone in the district, she just wanted confirmation from the Trustees whether or not we were going to cancel. Witt stated we could push this meeting back to December 14th, we have an open schedule that day. Hoffman stated that would be better that day anyways. Granzow asked who is in that district. Witt stated this is the district we are splitting in half. Witt stated this meeting is to go over the claims for damages that we received at the completion hearing. Granzow stated we should hold off on Drainage District 56 meeting and if we can kick it down the road with Summit that would be for the better. McClellan and Hoffman agreed. Granzow stated he will leave it up to Hoffman and Witt for rescheduling a meeting with Summit. McClellan asked if the landowners from DD 56 know if it has been canceled. Witt stated she has not sent the letter out to anyone. Witt stated the only landowner she has talked to was Merlyn Hegland, he has a claim. Hoffman asked if we could do the meeting later in the morning on December 14th. Witt stated that works for her, they do not have anything on the schedule as of right now. Hoffman stated he has a prior obligation at 10:30. Hoffman asked how noon or 1:00 p.m. sounded. McClellan stated if you do it at noon it will mess with lunch hour so we might want to do the 1:00. Witt stated she will send the notices out.

Motion by McClellan to schedule the landowner meeting for drainage district 56 on December 14, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. Second by Granzow. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. DD 6 WO 336 - Discuss W Possible Action - Landowner Update

Witt stated the landowner requested that we hold off on investigating the work order until crops were out. Witt stated she has heard from the landowner, and we are all good to send someone out to investigate this work order as soon as we can find someone to fill it. Gallentine stated it sounds like everything is ready to go in DD 6 then? Witt stated that is correct. Gallentine stated he has reached out to our in-county contractors and heard back from 3 of them. One is too busy and not interested. Gallentine stated the others may be interested but they will not be able to get to anything until the first of the year. Hoffman stated we could just let him know that we put it into the que and will get to it when we get to it. McClellan asked where this one was? Witt stated she is not certain where DD 6 is. Witt asked Pearce if he could pull up Beacon. Gallentine stated he is not sure either. He does not recall working in DD 6 prior to this. Granzow asked if it was private. Witt stated it was not private. McClellan stated it doesn't really matter where it is as far as the work getting done, she just doesn't matter hearing this district. McClellan asked Granzow if he agreed with Hoffman to just put it in the que. Granzow stated that is the only way it will get done. Hoffman stated he spoke with Seward the other day and he is about 3 weeks out.

Motion by McClellan to instruct CGA to investigate and send someone from our lottery out whenever they're available. Second by Granzow.

In additional discussion on the motion, Witt stated Travis Engelson called this one in. Witt stated it sounds like there might be two blowouts.

All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Discuss W Possible Action - New Work Order Requests

Witt stated work order 339 was on our agenda last week for discussion and we wanted to get more information from the tenant, Brad Smuck, before we proceeded with anything. Witt stated it was called in by the landowner Chase. He thought it was a plugged lateral tile, but we should call his tenant for additional details if we had any questions. Granzow stated he talked to him. Witt stated that is what she thought, he did not call her back. Granzow stated Brad told him he would be available by phone today. Granzow stated he is more than happy if we want to send someone out there. He will take Gallentine to the location. Hoffman asked if Gallentine had Brad's phone number. Gallentine stated it is on the original work order. Granzow stated Brad told him he has dug up certain areas, so it is easily identifiable. Granzow stated there is no sinkholes. Witt stated that is what Chase had told her too. Hoffman stated he thinks we should just have Gallentine connect with Brad and get out there to see what the impression is and then get a contractor out there if it is not a huge thing. Granzow stated if he does not answer the phone, just text him. He will not pick up if he doesn't know the number. Witt stated when Chase called this in, he told her it was flooded throughout the summer. Witt asked Granzow if that was the impression he was getting from Brad as well. Witt stated that was just really weird because it was such a dry summer. They definitely have an issue out there. Granzow stated Brad told him the land was usually not wet. Granzow stated Brad thought it was plugged at an outlet. Granzow stated that was a week ago when he talked to him so the details are a little fuzzy. Gallentine stated they could meet up with him.

Motion by Granzow to instruct CGA to investigate work order 339 and report back. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Other Business

Granzow stated he has a contact for Witt that is interest in being on the beaver contact list. Granzow stated he will get that to Witt after the meeting, his name is Stan. Granzow stated he has heard from a few people that they are interested, but they are more interested in trapping them out of cricks and thinking they will get paid. Granzow stated we are only paying those who are hired and contacted by the drainage and people do not understand that. Granzow stated \$100.00 a beaver tail is a good price though.

7. Adjourn Meeting

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