

DRAINAGE DISTRICT 22 LANDOWNER MEETING

4/11/2018 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Board of Supervisors Chairman, BJ Hoffman, opened the meeting. Also present were Hardin County Supervisors, Lance Granzow and Renee McClellan; Landowners, Robert and Helen Peterson, Marvin Kramer, Donald Peterson, Dennis and Betty Harris, Lavonne Hoversten by Duane Hoversten, Randy Madden, Randy Silvest, John Liittschwager, Brad Fjelland, Dave and Annette Sweeney, Royle and Jo Duncan; Heather Thomas and Lee Gallentine with Clapsaddle-Garber Associates (CGA); Drainage Clerk, Tina Schlemme.

2. Approve Agenda

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Attendance/Introductions

Introductions were made and attendance verified.

4. Explanation Of Project Update

Thomas explained all 6 options as explained in the notice that was mailed to each landowner. After the explanation of Option 1, Silvest asked why there was no televising north of him and that this area could not be replaced as it is a wetland. Thomas stated they would need to reroute the tile. Silvest also stated that he has spoken with an attorney and the next lawsuit may be against the Trustees. He further explained that he has a mess in his field from people going out to televise. There were no comments after Options 2 and 3 were explained. When Option 4 was discussed, Silvest stated that he has an electric underground line so an open ditch could not be installed. Thomas responded that they would need to take that into consideration if an open ditch option was selected. Thomas stated that with Option 5, all laterals would be extended to the open ditch for Silvest. The area to the north would be positively affected by the ditch because of larger capacity. Silvest questioned how to gain access to the land with an open ditch in which Thomas stated field entrances would need to be relocated. Madden stated he liked Option 6 the best but Dave Sweeney said he would like it to extend it more north for larger drainage.

5. Comments/Discussion

Landowners further discussed all options presented. Regarding the long term cost and maintenance, it was stated that a parallel line would add capacity, but then you are left with two tile to maintain which would negatively affect the next generation. Don Peterson asked why not include a 7th option of just spot repairs. Some landowners agreed to just spot repair the entire project. Madden stated there were basically two issues, the old system and the newer 30" tile and that spot repairs won't really fix the problems as Andersons tile continues to fail. It was discussed by the Trustees that they have already approved the 30" tile replacement but needed to know how the landowners wanted to address the older tile repair on the Silvest property. Sweeney stated that the open ditch is not the best option for them but they would be open to it as they understand it may be the best long term solution for the whole district. After considering the comments, it was agreed by all that the options left on the table were 1, 4 and 5. The Trustees handed out paper ballots for landowners to vote the option they prefer with Option 1 receiving 11 votes, Option 4 with 1 vote and Option 5 with 2 votes. It was agreed the best action moving forward would be Option 1 to continue with the originally proposed plan of replacing the 30" tile and doing spot repairs on the old main. Thomas stated they will continue as planned with bidding polypropylene with a concrete alternate. The Trustees agreed they would let the landowners vote at the bid letting for what materials would be used. Madden asked why rock bedding is necessary on concrete in which Thomas stated she was not comfortable without the rock due to the depth requirement. She would be open to bid that option but they would need the district to sign off that CGA is not responsible for any failures in that case. It was asked if crop damages would be paid on the Anderson farm, in which the Trustees stated it would be determined later.

6. Possible Action

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to add spot repairs onto the original main project as stated in Option 1. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Adjourn Meeting

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.