

REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING
Wednesday, February 10, 2021 9:30 AM

This meeting was held electronically and in-person due to Covid-19 concerns.

2/10/2021 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Drainage Chairperson BJ Hoffman opened the meeting. Also present were Trustee Renee McClellan; Trustee Lance Granzow; Lee Gallentine of Clapsaddle-Garber Associates (CGA); Michael Pearce, Network Specialist; and Denise Smith. 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 01/27/2021. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Approve Claims For Payment

Motion by McClellan to approve the claims for payment with pay date of Friday, February 12, 2021. Second by Granzow. All ayes. Motion carried.

DD 146 WO 228 - ENG SVCS 12/26/20 - 1/29/21	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$ 404.30
DD 9 WO 229 - ENG SVCS 12/26/20 - 01/29/21	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$1,528.50
DD 20 WO 302 - ENG SVCS 12/26/20 - 01/29/21	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$ 630.30
DD 25 WO 1 - ENG SVCS 12/26/20 - 01/29/21	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$ 631.65
DD 42 WO 297 - ENG SVCS 12/26/20 - 01/29/21	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$1,059.50
DD 55-3 WO 251 - ENG SVCS 3/27/20 - 1/29/21	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$ 195.00
DD 56 WO 3 - ENG SVCS 09/25/20 - 01/29/21	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$1,771.60
DD 143 WO 261 - ENG SVCS 05/30/20 - 01/29/21	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$ 239.00
DD 143 WO 305 - ENG SVCS 12/26/20 - 01/29/21	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$ 526.40
DD 167 WO 260 - ENG SVCS 12/26/20 - 02/04/21	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$1,229.30

5. DD 128 Lats 1 & 3 WO 2020-12 - Discuss W Possible Action - Tile Condition Update

Gallentine stated this is the result of another utility permit. Gallentine referenced a private tile map provided by Gehrke. This is on the Sandy Trampe farm west of Steamboat Rock, the north Lateral right up there by the T intersection, that is Lateral 3, that was found by Heart of Iowa, and they found it to be not in good condition and there were questions as to whether anything was actually hooked to and whether it should be investigated as far as doing some repairs, there is a decent amount of private tile that is connected to that so that is an active district outlet for that farm. Gallentine stated that is Lateral 3 and once you go south to the next tile that is Lateral 1, Heart of Iowa could not find Lateral 1, and the other utility company didn't even bother looking, there was some doubt as to whether Lateral 1 was ever installed or not, but obviously looking at the map there is private tile connected to it there and it discharges to the east so that one is active too. Gallentine stated it would be our recommendation that Lateral 3 the condition be investigated since it is being used and Lateral 1 be found. Gallentine does not think Heart of Iowa should do it because they were shallow enough, they shouldn't have hit it, Gallentine thought the other permit was with Alliant. Smith stated she thought that was correct. Gallentine stated he believed Alliant should go out and find it or get a contractor to go out and find it and verify they didn't hit it because Alliant's installation was in before they even looked for any tile, maybe the Trustees would like to invite Bernie Oleksa of Alliant back in for a meeting and discuss it with him. Granzow asked if it goes farther south and referenced a tile farther south of Lateral 1. Gallentine stated that is but there is no real district tile in that vicinity and Gallentine is not sure what that discharges to, if there is another private one that crosses the road to the east and then it continues farther east or what is there. Gallentine stated the far south one is a private tile and that goes

down to DD 78 the south and knows that is where that one goes. McClellan asked if this is in the road ditch that Alliant was working. Gallentine stated yes.

Motion by Granzow to instruct the Drainage Clerk to send a letter to Bernie Oleksa of Alliant stating that there are tile that were found to be hooked to Lateral 1 and we need Alliant to locate Lateral 1 and provide verification that it hasn't been disrupted. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Smith will make that communication to Oleksa.

Gallentine stated Lateral 3 was the one that Alliant found and Alliant cleared it by 1/2 a foot, and it was in not good shape when Heart of Iowa found it, not due to Alliant just due to its existing condition, Gallentine stated he believed it was left open or temporarily repaired if he recalled correctly, CGA recommends some investigation to see how bad the condition is. Granzow stated he did not think we need Alliant to pay for anything on that lie, we just need to go out and investigate it. Granzow stated when he spoke with Sandy Trampe that was part of what Granzow talked about, it is in bad shape and you will want to now what you have got, and yes she did hook a lot of tile to that. McClellan asked if we need to have that televised. Gallentine stated he would try televising it especially under the road to see what condition it is in and based off that, we can send it to the lottery system.

Motion by McClellan to have DD 128 Lateral 3 televised and based on those findings to send it to the lottery system for repair. Second by Granzow.

In additional discussion on the motion, Granzow asked when you go to televise, what side will you start from the east side or the west side. Gallentine stated he would start from the west because we know where it is, that should minimize the time digging, where as Gallentine does not know what kind of angle it takes under the road.

All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Discuss W Possible Action - IRUA Drainage Utility Permits

Smith stated she had reached out to the IRUA because we had talked with in the past last September, and they stated then that they would get those utility locates completed and wrapped up by the end of the year and she had not completed them. Smith stated she received an email back from Matt Mahler at the IRUA who said he will circle back with the Districts when the frost is out of the ground in the spring. Smith did bring up the issue of the check we are still holding from the IRUA to CGA that check is now expired again, this will be the second time, and Smith asked Mahler what his thoughts were on that, and Mahler stated either the Drainage District can continue to hold the check until the permit work is accepted and cash it and then remit payment to CGA or IRUA can cancel the check and then simply issue a new check directly to CGA for the amount when the permits are accepted. Smith stated they are comfortable with either scenario, looking back through the minutes it looks like we were hoping to see some completion on those punch list items and locates before that check was transacted whether it be through us to CGA or to CGA directly. Smith's thoughts on that were to sit on it a little bit longer and see if we get any action on getting those locates done. Smith just wanted to let the Trustees know we had an update and we are not letting it lie dormant forever, and we keep after them to make sure they are still communicating their progress.

Gallentine stated with the IRUA per IRUA's email, they are under the assumption that after they go out and locate things and CGA goes out and shoots them, that the district Trustees are paying for CGA to go shoot them, IRUA is not. Smith stated she thinks the assumption was that once this check if it were to be cashed that is an acceptance of what they have done and the IRUA is calling it good at that point. Gallentine stated that check is for services already rendered and does not cover anything additional that needs to be done. Smith stated that was correct. Granzow stated Mahler may want that sent to him, so that they are aware of that and we are clear. Gallentine stated he just needs clarity, once they go out and locate stuff and we go out and shoot it who are we to invoice. Granzow stated that would be the IRUA, that was part of the permit. Gallentine stated it was part of the permit but if you read IRUA's email they are under the assumption the district is paying for that part and they are not. Granzow stated he thinks that needs clarified to the IRUA, that this is still part of the permitting process to finish their work. McClellan

stated they planned on doing it at the time. Granzow stated they had the choice to start with so why should we have to pay for it again, Granzow believes it is their expense, the Trustees concurred on this. Granzow stated why even have them go out, we will just do it. Gallentine stated in the IRUA's email it stated that CGA's fee for this work will then be invoiced to the Drainage Clerk.

Granzow stated he felt we better notify the IRUA of that. Smith stated she had not replied to this email yet, simply because she wanted direction from the Trustees. Gallentine could not remember how we left it with the IRUA, and wanted to make sure before we get into this we don't end up with the same thing we had with them before "that's not what I agreed to"., Granzow stated if we are going to foot the bill to go out and do it, why even involve them at all, we would just submit a claim against them for not doing it. McClellan stated this is something they are supposed to be doing as they do the construction, Granzow stated as they agreed to. McClellan stated if they are not doing it and we have to do it then it will be charged to them. Gallentine stated it is kind of the same story the whole way with those guys, they just do what they want and ignore the agreement. McClellan stated they ignore what we say too as they can't follow instructions. Smith stated she can communicate this to the IRUA and let them know that this will not be a conclusion of fees from CGA and that any future fees incurred from the locates will be billed to the IRUA and paid by the district. Granzow stated as stated in their permits. McClellan asked if part of this was because when they were doing their locates their information was not accurate. Granzow stated they turned in information after the fact that was not accurate, a piece of concrete and a piece of plastic are pretty obvious the difference between the two. McClellan stated they can't give the appropriate information, they are paying CGA to do it for us. Granzow stated as permitted to do the work, Granzow stated it would be appropriate to attach a copy of their signed permit to the communication. Smith stated she can attach that to the email, McClellan stated with permit requirements highlighted, Granzow stated and their signature.

7. Discuss W Possible Action - Drainage Assessment Project

Smith stated she was still working on numbers for the Trustees and had hoped to have them ready today, for a \$5 and a \$10 per parcel assessment or a \$1,500 possible assessment. Smith will have those complete and ready for the Trustees next week. Smith did not know if the Trustees have had a chance to review the draft of the letter to the Private Trustees yet, Smith spoke with the Treasurer and she has not had a chance to look over the letter and drafts of notices yet. Smith stated she will keep this on the agenda for next week and just wanted to give the Trustees a brief update.

8. Other Business

DD 56 - Gallentine stated we will have plans and specifications for DD 56 ready for you next week so we can go ahead and get the bid letting date set next week.

Smith stated she had been trying to keep in contact with Casey Huff of Midland Power on their Drainage Utility Permits as well, they have 10 open permits, and Smith has reached out to Huff for an update, who will reach out to Barry who is Midland's construction supervisor and see what the status of the permit locates are. Smith has not heard anything back so she will touch base with Huff again. Smith is trying to keep on top of the permits, so they don't drift off and we are still working on those.

9. Adjourn Meeting

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