

REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING

Wednesday April 20, 2022, 9:30 A.M.

This meeting was held electronically and in-person

4/20/2022 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Drainage Chairperson BJ Hoffman opened the meeting. Also present were Trustee Lance Granzow; Trustee Renee McClellan; Lee Gallentine of Clapsaddle Garber Associates; Michael Pearce, Network Specialist; Rob Nazario; and Michelle Kuechenberg, Drainage Clerk.

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Approve Claims For Payment

Motion by Granzow to approve the claims for payment with a pay date of 4/22/2022. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

DD 24 WO 324 Investigate Tile Blow Out	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$ 1,889.90
DD 52 WO316 Repair Sinkhole on Main Tile	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$ 4,407.00
DD 56 Construction Observation for proposed Main	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$14,755.70
DD 121 WO295 Work on As Bults and report Main	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$ 735.90

4. Approve Minutes

Motion by McClellan to approve the minutes of the regular drainage meeting dated 2/23/2022. Second by Granzow. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Discuss W Possible Action - DNR Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators Permit

Hoffman stated I think this adds just another layer of government bureaucracy when we've already had a problem with getting anyone that has a license, gun, truck, or a slingshot that they would like to use to take care of these nuisance animals in our drainage district. Granzow stated in order to do this outside of the trapping season we need to have this. Hoffman stated he would like to propose in coming weeks that if someone does x amount of traps that we will reimburse them for that fee. Hoffman stated we have to incentivize them for that license. Kuechenberg stated the total for everything fur harvester, nuisance wildlife permit, and habitat stamp will be \$59. Kuechenberg stated they would have a one-time payment of \$25 to the DNR to test for the nuisance permit. McClellan stated, so they have to take a test. Kuechenberg stated that is correct, it is roughly 70 pages for the study guide. McClellan said to remove a beaver in our drainage districts. Granzow stated that is blocking up our tiles. Kuechenberg stated she asked Nate Carr if the County could get something and our trappers could operate under us, he said that was not an option. Kuechenberg stated each trapper would have to be fully licensed, so if they would have someone come in and help them that person would be required to carry the same license/permit. Nazario stated explosives would be easier and cheaper, just like they did in the Caddyshack. Granzow stated or the landowners could do it themselves without a permit or license. Hoffman stated that is right, but what would happen when you have Mrs. Smith that is 90 years old that is a landowner and a tenant Jon Doe that is 40 years old. Granzow asked but aren't we the Trustees the owner of the district. Hoffman stated of the facilities we are. Granzow stated if we were the owner, wouldn't that allow us to do that. Granzow stated he would love for Nate and Mike Richards to be in here for this conversation before we move forward with anything. Hoffman stated he would like to have Mike Richards maybe join us for this conversation too. Granzow stated to him, it is their responsibility to take care of this as the Trustees/Owners of this facility. McClellan asked if they thought the landowners are the owners. Granzow stated as Trustees we are the owners of the district facilities. McClellan stated this might be something for Nate and Mike. Hoffman stated he doesn't want to punish Nate and "kill the messenger here", but as Trustees there might be something we can do about this. Granzow stated Nate is doing what he thinks is right, but I do not know if he knows all of the code or our role as Trustees. McClellan stated she doesn't know and asked if Mike was an attorney for any other counties drainage districts. McClellan stated this might be something he has dealt with, she doesn't know. Granzow asked the Trustees if they would like to start with sending this to Mike and get his thoughts on this.

Motion by Granzow to instruct Kuechenberg to reach out to Mike Richards for an opinion on this. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried

6. DD Big 4 Main WO 309 - Discuss W Possible Action - Landowner Update

Kuechenberg stated there has not been any beaver activity on any of the three dams, the landowner is requesting that we send someone out there to remove them. Hoffman stated he suggests that we send this to the lottery to get these cleaned up. Granzow asked if Kuechenberg was doing the lottery or Gallentine. Kuechenberg stated with beaver dams she has been contacting the lottery for beaver dams with the permission of the Trustees because they are not high dollar work orders. Gallentine stated Kuechenberg has been handling those.

Motion by McClellan to send this work order to the lottery. Second by Granzow. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. DD Big 4 Main WO 318 - Discuss W Possible Action -Contractor Update

Kuechenberg stated this is another beaver dam in DD Big 4 Main. Kuechenberg stated she spoke with the landowner a couple of weeks ago about this work order and was informed that there has not been any activity in the area since our trapper was there. Kuechenberg stated South Fork Custom Fencing was the contractor assigned to the this work order, but when they got to the site, one of the dams was washed out and he thought the other would wash out with a good rain. Kuechenberg stated the contractor does not think it would need to be removed with heavy equipment. Granzow stated he would let nature take its course. Hoffman agreed. Kuechenberg stated South Fork Custom Fencing was assigned to this work order because they were next in line for our lottery system, since we're putting this work order on hold for now do the Trustees want Kuechenberg to give the above work order to South Fork. Gallentine stated they are still the only contractors in our lottery without work. Gallentine stated Paul has work orders out there and he thinks Adam may have just wrapped one up but has another to go. Gallentine stated he thinks South Fork is still the next available contractor. The Trustees agreed to give the above work order to South Fork Custom Fencing.

8. Discuss W Possible Action - New Work Order Requests

Gallentine and Kuechenberg stated they did not have any new work order requests.

9. Other Business

DD 52- Kuechenberg stated Mike Richards updated her this morning and informed her the conflict check on Meister's property in DD 52 came back clear and he is ready to start on the project today.

DD 56- Gallentine Stated he just wanted to let to Trustees know that they will have a Change Order coming thorough on DD 56. Gallentine stated they ran into a tile that they essentially paralleled for a ways so it is just a matter of hooking them back up across the trench. Gallentine stated that will be a \$3,500 Change Order.

26 Lat 4 – Granzow asked if there was anything going on in 26 Lat 4. Gallentine stated for 26 Lat 4 he does not officially know but that was the one Adam was playing with, he may have gotten it wrapped up, but Gallentine is not positive. Granzow stated he thinks he is working on it right now; he is just making sure they have it all figured out. Gallentine stated he thinks they did from what he unofficially heard. Gallentine stated it sounds like there was an extra tile in there beyond just the district tile that they had to re-route a little bit or hook back in.

10. Adjourn Meeting

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