

REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING

6/29/2022 - 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; 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 the regular drainage meeting's dated 5/4/2022, 5/11/2022, 5/18/2022, and 5/25/2022. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Approve Claims For Payment

Motion by McClellan to approve the claims for payment in the amount of \$6,803.50. Second by Granzow. All ayes. Motion carried.

Description	Vendor	Amount
DD 34 WO 324 Invoice 1215	South Fork Custom Fencing, LLC	\$ 1,525.00
DD 9 WO 257	South Fork Custom Fencing, LLC	\$ 3,630.00
DD 17 - WO 308	South Fork Custom Fencing, LLC	\$ 1,648.50

5. DD Big 4 - Discuss W Possible Action - Utility Permit Application

Kuechenberg stated this application was submitted by Alliant Energy. Kuechenberg stated they will not be anywhere near our district facilities. McClellan asked if this application just needs approval. Kuechenberg stated that was all she needed. Kuechenberg stated she just wanted to clarify that there is not a crossing fee with this application because they will not be crossing any district facilities. Kuechenberg stated she wanted the minutes to reflect that because there has been a lot of confusion with our permitting process lately.

Motion by McClellan to approve the Utility Permit Application for Interstate Power and Light. Second by Granzow. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Discuss W Possible Action - Consideration Of Cancelling The 07/13/2022 Regular Drainage Meeting

Kuechenberg stated she will be on vacation over July 13th and will be back on that Thursday. Hoffman stated he thought cancelling the meeting for July 13, 2022 sounds reasonable. Kuechenberg stated that was ok with her, she did not know if the Trustees wanted to cancel the meeting or if she could have someone else fill in for her if she posted the agenda before she left. Gallentine stated it is not like we have a lot of stuff going on at the moment, he does not see a reason we could not cancel the meeting. Hoffman stated the Trustees will have a busy day that day with the real estate deal, so it works out. McClellan stated that sounds good to her.

Motion by McClellan to cancel the Regular Drainage Meeting on July 13, 2022. Second by Granzow. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Discuss W Possible Action - New Work Order Requests

8. Other Business

Granzow asked if Jill Vierkandt got a hold of Kuechenberg to discuss rural water trying to cross our tile. Granzow stated they were telling her it was going to cost her \$2,300 to file for a permit. Kuechenberg stated she has not called her yet, but she does recall having that conversation with Granzow in the last meeting as well. Granzow stated that was correct. Kuechenberg stated the last time she spoke with a representative for rural water she was informed that they would be charging their customers up front for any permitting fees. Granzow stated they are charging whether you cross or not. Kuechenberg stated they were hesitant to start the permitting process and work with the customer in Radcliffe because we would not give them an answer whether they were going to be charged the crossing fee. Kuechenberg stated they wanted that information from us before they produced a permit and map of the location, they were installing the water services. Kuechenberg stated the last permit they filed with us they did not have a crossing fee, so she is not sure why they are telling people it is a \$2,300 fee for them to file our permit. Granzow stated he understood if they told them there may be a \$2,000 crossing fee, but they're not. Granzow stated they're telling the customers that it is a filing fee that they have to pay up front. Kuechenberg stated we do not have any filing fees, that is not even how it reads in our permit. Granzow stated theirs was. McClellan stated they're going to start losing business if that is how they are going to treat their customers. Hoffman asked if she really thought that. McClellan stated maybe we need to put something in the paper that there is not a filing fee. Granzow stated he thinks we just need to show what our permitting fee is, but why they're charging a fee, he does not know. Gallentine stated he is curious, we refund anything that is left over, does rural water or does it stay with them. Granzow stated it did not say on their site. Gallentine stated it was just a question. Granzow stated that is what he had.

DD 56 - Gallentine stated dd 56 was 99% wrapped up, they left the site all we have left are the punch list items. Granzow asked if that is the one, we cut in half. Gallentine stated that is correct, the diversion tile is fully functional and fully severed. Granzow asked how it was working with the rains. Gallentine stated it was working well, both parties were happy. Gallentine stated it was interesting, right before they cut it over the old tile was full and it was backing up in the hole. Gallentine stated they cut it over after a few rains we had, and Randy said after about 15 minutes the hole was empty. Gallentine stated you have to think, you come out of the old tile you drop 2 feet and then you go into a 48-inch tile, hydraulically that would not lower your water level in a hurry. Gallentine stated he is working with Gehrke to get the punch list done so they can get a completion report.

DD 102 - Kuechenberg stated she has something for other business. Kuechenberg stated she was going through all of her files for district 102 we have the reclassification report here but have not been able to do anything with it because we are waiting to hear back from the landowners with the petition of dissolution on part of the main and the laterals. Kuechenberg asked the Trustees if they would like her to reach out to the landowners to see if we can get an update from them. Kuechenberg stated there was four of them that came to our meeting and everyone there agreed to dissolve the laterals. Kuechenberg stated Brent Perry was trying to get signatures for the main. Gallentine stated that was right before Steve got hurt so that might have held things up. Hoffman stated when he went to his office to get his phone, it rang, and it was Brent that he talked to. Hoffman stated that was an interesting turn of coincidence. Hoffman asked Kuechenberg how she preferred to handle it. Kuechenberg stated she can just mail everyone a letter requesting an update. Granzow stated that was good with him. Kuechenberg stated she has Brent's email so she can just email him. Gallentine stated the reclassification report we have does not include the laterals so if they choose not to vacate the laterals we would have to add to that report. Granzow asked Kuechenberg to put that in the letter she is sending to the landowners. Granzow asked Gallentine to help Kuechenberg with that as she is writing it. Gallentine stated the report in hand does not include the laterals. Gallentine stated if they do not vacate the laterals, we will have to generate an additional classification. Granzow asked how long of a report it is. Granzow asked Kuechenberg to give them a pdf number they can look at it on. Gallentine asked Kuechenberg if she had the pdf file. Kuechenberg stated she did not think she had the pdf file she will look back through her emails. Gallentine stated he will get her a pdf if she does not have one. Granzow stated it might make them a little more interested if they have a way to look at it. Gallentine stated it is maybe acknowledged, but unimproved.

Big 4 Lat 3 - Kuechenberg stated she also had a call from a landowner on DD Big 4 lateral 3 complaining about mulberry trees. Kuechenberg stated that is already on our spray list this year, she just wanted to know if the Trustees would like Adam to cut and treat the trees or use his judgement depending on the size. Kuechenberg stated the landowner stated the trees are pretty big. Hoffman stated he thought cut and treat. Granzow stated it does not take much for mulberry trees. Gallentine stated especially if you are on a every 3-4-year cycle. Hoffman and Granzow stated they would have Adam cut and treat. Gallentine stated it is best to get rid of them as soon as he can. Kuechenberg stated she will let Adam know. Kuechenberg asked if the Trustees would like her to have that on next week's agenda so they can make an official motion. Granzow stated we probably will have to. Hoffman stated it is under the dollar amount though. Granzow stated he has the motion to go spray already, but if you want him to cut and treat, he needs to be authorized to do that. Hoffman stated that was fine we can do the motion next week but tell him to put that on his radar. Kuechenberg stated she would do that.

DD 52 - Granzow asked if we heard anything back from Hubbard yet. Kuechenberg stated she has not heard anything back from Al Meister yet. Kuechenberg stated he requested a map of the area trees were removed and the Consent to Remove Trees that Sean Piel signed. Kuechenberg stated she sent those items, and she has not heard back from him. McClellan stated maybe he was satisfied with everything then.

9. Adjourn Meeting

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