

REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING
Wednesday, September 22, 2021 9:30 AM

This meeting was held electronically and in-person.

9/22/2021 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Drainage Chairperson BJ Hoffman opened the meeting. Also present were Trustee Renee McClellan; Trustee Lance Granzow; Lee Gallentine & James Sweeney of Clapsaddle-Garber Associates (CGA); Jamie Geissler, Accounts Payable; Michael Pearce, Network Specialist; and Denise Smith, Clerk.

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Approve Minutes

Motion by McClellan to approve the minutes of Drainage Meeting dated 09-15-2021. Second by Granzow. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. DD 121 WO 295 - Discuss W Possible Action - Landowner Feedback

Smith stated the Trustees had directed her to send out a letter to DD 121 landowners with a breakdown on the estimate of costs by parcel, and Smith stated she got some feedback from Everett Sather, and he owns one parcel in DD 121 for Sather Kaplan Farms, LLC. Smith stated Sather called her and stated everything looks good, it sounds like a good idea, and he would like the project to move forward and he is all for it, so that is the only landowner feedback Smith has received so far but it was nice to hear that so Smith stated she thought she would share that with the Trustees today. McClellan stated that is nice, you don't hear that that often. Hoffman asked how many were sent out, Smith stated we sent out to all the landowners in DD 121, there were 24 letters that went out in the mail. Hoffman stated one out of 24, Smith stated our participation rate is not great. Granzow stated 4%. Hoffman asked if Smith would keep us updated on that. Smith stated yes.

5. Other Business

Hoffman asked Sweeney if he had any other business. Sweeney stated he was curious on the quit claim deed that was on the agenda for the Supervisor's Meeting, Sweeney did not get on quick enough, and asked did that get done on there. Hoffman stated correct, we removed that today and asked McClellan to explain. McClellan stated in doing a little research, McClellan discovered that the property is actually owned by Hardin County Conservation Board, so it is going to have to go through them for approval. Granzow stated and they met last night, and asked if it was on their agenda. Hoffman stated he did not think it was. McClellan stated no, because she just figured this out, the Assessor helped McClellan with it yesterday and we figured it out yesterday afternoon. Granzow stated so you bought it through Conservation, they have to sell it to you. McClellan stated yes, Weise will have to be notified of this, so McClellan will make sure that happens today. Sweeney stated he was just curious, and asked if he would have to wait for the next meeting there for that to go through. Hoffman stated he is guessing the Conservation Board, McClellan stated unless they want to hold a special meeting, Granzow stated unless they authorized Weise to sign when they sold the deed. McClellan stated she does not know. Sweeney stated he guessed they approved the bid for it and he didn't know if it needed to past that. Granzow stated yes they would have to do a quit

claim deed. McClellan stated the quit claim deed is here, it just needs to be changed from Hardin County. Hoffman stated to Hardin County Conservation Board, so that is how it is listed, McClellan will make sure Attorney Meyer gets that quit claim deed changed and gets that to Weise and McClellan can also get a hold of Weise to let him know they will have to take care of that. Granzow asked if Sweeney was waiting to do some work down there. Sweeney stated waiting to hopefully get it off the Iowa DNR hunting atlas so we don't have people out there for deer season basically, because that is about the time it would get used by other people. Sweeney thanked the Trustees.

Smith stated she got a phone call this morning from Tom Wynia who is an attorney for one of the easement holders in DD 56 and Wynia wanted to know when that district would be assessed. Smith stated she explained to him that these easements were just the beginning of this project's process and once those easements were obtained, then the work can be bid. Smith stated just so he had information for his landowner, Smith made that clear that it would not be assessed in 2021, possibly not in 2022, we could be looking at 2023, Smith stated she thinks she answered all of the questions he had for me as Clerk satisfactorily. Gallentine asked who that was. Smith stated Tom Wynia, he was an attorney from Story City for Radland Farms. Hoffman stated okay.

Hoffman asked if there was any other business. Smith stated she had none. Hoffman asked Granzow if he had any other business, Granzow stated he had none.

Smith stated we have a new employee starting with us for Drainage on October 4th, so we will get to know her, and get her trained up and Smith is available for any help or questions she may have. Hoffman stated he has no other business, and we will just wait for more information on the Drainage Utility Permits regarding the pipeline and anything that may need to be updated or changed. Smith asked if the Trustees would like this on the next agenda. Gallentine stated he has visited with Heather Thomas and he just needs to get those notes updated and get them back to you. Hoffman stated if you will let Smith know when you would like that on the agenda. Gallentine stated he will. Granzow asked if there were other counties Gallentine worked with that have similar ordinances for drainage districts or are you talking about private tile. Granzow stated drainage districts, Hoffman stated Franklin. Gallentine stated Franklin runs similar but they don't have a standard permit, they deal with them one at a time, a lot of stuff, if it is inside a road right of way, they let the County Engineer handle it up there, but other than that, Wright County has an as you go type of thing, they don't have a set process per say. Granzow stated okay.

6. Adjourn Meeting

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