

REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING

10/19/2022 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Chairperson BJ Hoffman opened the meeting. Also present were Trustee Lance Granzow; Trustee Renee McClellan; Lee Gallentine of Clapsaddle Garber Associates; Jessie Berstler of Jet Drain and Excavating; Randy Fahr of Gehrke Inc.; Michael Pearce, Network Specialist; Jacob Handsaker of Hands On Excavation; and Michelle Witt, Drainage Clerk.

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Approve Claims For Payment

Witt stated the crop damages being paid to Merlyn Hegland are a part of the original damages negotiated. Witt stated they were not to be paid out until the final sale of the land went through. Gallentine stated these damages are the pre-negotiated damages that Jeff determined. Gallentine stated this is not his crop damage claim he filed. Granzow stated that is right. Gallentine stated he just wanted to clarify.

Motion by Granzow to approve the claims for payment. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

DD 14 Notice to Bidders Affidavit of Publication	Times Citizen	\$ 107.20
DD 14 Completion plans replacement of lower MT	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$ 3,798.50
DD 56 Payment due for crop damage	Merlyn Hegland	\$20,224.35
DD 56 Project Completion Report	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$ 2,647.90

4. Introductions/Attendance

Introductions were made and attendance was verified.

5. DD 14 - Open Bids

Gallentine stated we have two bids, one from Jet Drain of Ames and one from Gehrke of Eldora. Gallentine stated we have equal representation this morning. Hoffman stated while Gallentine opens up, he will let both contractors know that we will open them and do some math, then we will have Gallentine likely check the math and then come back the next week and make a decision. Gallentine stated this is one we have to talk to landowners about. Hoffman stated we will have to have a landowner meeting. Hoffman stated we will let you know when those meetings are so you can explain the scope of the work and the cost.

Gallentine stated the first bid is from Jet drain. Gallentine stated they have a bid bond that appears to be in order. Gallentine stated the bid is signed, the base bid for concrete pipe is \$50,725.00 and the alternate bid for polypropylene pipe is for \$49,225.00.

Gallentine stated this next bid is from Gehrke Inc. Gallentine stated the bid bond is in order. Gallentine stated the bid is signed, the base bid is \$69,500 and the alternate bid for polypropylene is for \$61,700.

Gallentine stated Jet Drain for either one would be your apparent low bidder. Gallentine stated we would need to check math. Gallentine stated the engineers estimate was \$40,000, the way things have been going, we all know that. Gallentine stated this will be up to the landowners. Hoffman asked Witt if we had a date set for the landowner meeting. Witt stated we did not have a date set for the landowner meeting. Hoffman asked the Trustees if they wanted to take action on that today. Granzow stated he was ok with that. Granzow asked if we wanted a landowner meeting before we took action. Hoffman stated he thinks that is what we decided at the last meeting. Witt stated the landowners wanted to know what the bids were before we moved forward with the project. Granzow asked how long the bids were good for. Gallentine stated he was just going to look at that, he believes it was 60 days, but he will check. Gallentine confirmed we would have to have a decision within 60 days. Gallentine stated he knows we are in the field, but with the way that prices are bouncing around with supply's he's sure they would appreciate it sooner rather than later because that stuff changes quickly. Hoffman stated that's what he was thinking. Hoffman stated he was thinking on the dates for the meeting. Gallentine stated we could do post cards. Witt stated we have done that in the past. Hoffman stated he would like to do it earlier, even like an 8:00 a.m. meeting. Granzow stated we do not have to do it on a Wednesday. Hoffman asked what we were doing on the 9th of November for drainage. Hoffman stated we do not have a regular meeting that day. Witt stated we do not have anything going on the 9th of November. Granzow stated there is a meeting going on at the EOC building that day. Hoffman stated we could aim for the 16th of November. Witt stated that would work. Hoffman stated we could do a landowner meeting at 8:15 a.m. Witt asked if they still wanted her to send post cards out and let them know what the bid prices were with a yes or a no so we could get a feel for what they wanted to do before the meeting. Hoffman stated we will let them know what the bid prices are in the post card, they can call or email with comments, and we will have a quick meeting. Granzow stated he thinks this meeting will take longer. Hoffman stated you really think so. Granzow stated that is where they are split half and half. Witt and Gallentine stated they agree with Granzow. Hoffman stated we will just do it at 9:30 a.m. with regular drainage then.

Motion by Granzow to send Gallentine to review everything and get back to us by November 16th. In additional discussion on the motion, Gallentine asked if the Trustees wanted Witt to send post cards out ahead of time. The Trustees stated they did. Witt stated she would. Gallentine stated as soon as they check the math, he will get that to her. Witt stated that sounded good to her.

Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Possible Action On Bids

7. Discuss W Possible Action - New Work Order Requests

Granzow asked Gallentine if he checked in with Craig Duncan. Gallentine stated he has not, he has that on his calendar to do for the end of October. Gallentine stated that is when he agreed to call him.

8. Other Business

Gallentine stated the only thing Witt, and I were just talking about was Midland with there utility permits. Gallentine stated they have had some more life earlier this year and were going to get after those. Gallentine stated Witt had some good luck talking to Casey Huff about that and spurring that on. Gallentine stated he got one call from their foreman about what was required about a month, maybe a couple of months ago now. Gallentine stated he has not heard anything else since. Gallentine stated we're getting to that point in the season where it is going to be freezing and it looks like we have another season where it looks like nothing is being accomplished by Midland on those utility permits. Gallentine stated he was looking to see what the Trustees would like to do. Handsaker stated he's been contacted by Midland with a list of everything that they wanted looked at. Handsaker stated he has been too busy to get back to them, so that is on him, but he did want to let us know that he has a list

from them. Handsaker stated it will not happen for him this year with his schedule, he would imagine they have reached out to others. Handsaker stated he just wanted to share that he's heard from them. Gallentine stated he is glad to hear that because that is one of the things that he's recommended to them was hiring a tiler. Gallentine stated he's told them that you guys do this every day and have seen stuff that Midland nor CGA has. Gallentine stated he is really happy to hear they are reaching out, maybe there is progress being done and he is just not aware. Granzow stated unless Handsaker is the only one they reached out to. Gallentine stated we don't know. Granzow stated he thinks a call or a reminder to say, hey, we understand that you have reached out to contractors, but he has informed us that he will not get to it this year and ask them if there is anyone else, they have reached out to. Granzow stated he thinks that is the best route. Gallentine asked the Trustees if they would like Witt to do that. Gallentine stated Witt has had really good luck with Casey, he certainly can. Witt stated she can reach out to him for an update. Granzow stated hopefully they are not just sitting there waiting for Handsaker to respond. Gallentine stated he is just happy they are getting pricing, at least that is progress. Witt stated she agrees. Gallentine stated he can live with that. Witt stated she is also happy to hear they are reaching out to contractors. Witt stated she has not heard anything from Casey in a few months. Gallentine thanked Handsaker.

Hoffman asked Handsaker what else he has for us today. Handsaker stated he did not have much. Handsaker stated all of the tile is in the ground for DD 3. Handsaker stated they are just working on dozer work and coming along on that. Handsaker stated they are waiting on crops to come out so they can do the final grading, so they don't have any crop damage.

Hoffman asked how things are for Hands on and their clean water projects if there was anything local, we could take a look at. Handsaker stated they will be doing some work for Royal Duncan south of Alden there. Handsaker stated that was all they have for work left in Hardin. Handsaker stated they had some work in Polk County and when that was wrapped up they will be working in Story County over the winter. Hoffman asked if Royal's project would be a clean water Wednesday thing. Handsaker stated not that they have scheduled yet. Hoffman stated he would like to know if that does happen. Hoffman stated on Wednesday's it is hard to get out. Handsaker stated he would let the Trustees how that is coming along. The Trustees thanked Handsaker.

Hoffman stated he had one item for discussion. Hoffman stated the drainage district meeting is Friday, December 2nd in Fort Dodge. Hoffman stated the registration is open, he was going to kindly ask Witt if she is interested in registering the Trustees for that. Witt stated she would. Granzow confirmed the date was Friday December 2nd. Hoffman stated that was correct. McClellan stated she already had that on the calendar. Witt stated she would get everyone registered. Granzow asked what the cost of registration was this year. Witt stated she can get that information off of their website, she thinks it was \$75 last year for same day registration. McClellan asked if that was per person or per county. Witt stated that was per county. Granzow stated he can't attend the meeting; he has a Heartland meeting that day. Hoffman and McClellan stated they will both be going.

Gallentine stated speaking of clean water, he would like to add that November 17th is the South Fork watershed annual water quality forum and tradeshow. McClellan asked what day that was.

Gallentine stated that was on November 17th.

9. Adjourn Meeting

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