

## REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING

06/10/2024 Minutes

1. Open Meeting  
Hardin County Board Trustees present were Lance Granzow and Renee McClellan. Also present, Ann Larson and Machel Eichmeier.
2. Approve Agenda  
Motion by McClellan to approve the agenda. Seconded by Granzow. All Ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes – 06/03/2024  
Motion by McClellan to approve the minutes. Seconded by Granzow. All Ayes. Motion carried.
4. Approve Claims for Payment  
Motion by McClellan to approve the claims for payment. Seconded by Granzow. All Ayes. Motion carried.
5. Discuss With Possible Action  
DD 36/DD 106 Stamped Warrants.  
Motion by McClellan to instruct the Treasurer to redeem the stamped warrants in DD 36 with no interest. Discussion: Larson stated that these were the two stamped warrants that got paid out of DD 106, but the invoices should have been paid out of DD 36 as a payable, since there was money in that that district. Larson stated that the total amount of interest as of 06/05/2024 was \$279.52. Larson stated that she spoke with Eichmeier, and they decided to possibly split the interest in half, due to this being a clerk error. Eichmeier stated that the board has the authority to tell her how much interest should be collected, she would just need a dated to charge the interest through not an amount. Eichmeier stated that if these would have been paid out of DD 36 originally there would have never been stamped warrants issued, because there was money in the district to pay the vendors. After more discussion Granzow stated that he does not feel that we should charge any interest since it was an error made by the clerk. All Ayes. Motion carried.  
2024 Assessments  
Larson stated that she is still working on the other districts that have old, stamped warrants that are out there from 2019 and 2020 and the work has been done for over 2 years. Larson stated that these may need to have some interest adjusted off. Eichmeier stated that some of the districts were not assessed enough money to cover the stamped warrants for the whole project. Larson stated that on DD 31 there were invoices for DD 31 that were paid out of DD 33, so when DD 31 was assessed, there was \$31,144.98 that did not get assessed for back in 2020. Granzow stated the DD 22 had a positive balance when they had the lawsuit. Larson stated that DD 22 did not get assessed for enough money in 2022 so there is still a remaining balance in there for \$34,333.85. Larson stated that she is still looking into the other districts to figure out why the older stamped warrants are still out there. Larson stated that she is concerned because these

districts should have been assessed within two years and she also believes that Iowa code states that you can not assess a district two years in a row. Granzow asked if DD 148 was the trustee district that took the project away and became a trustee district. Larson stated that she believes this is the district over by Ackley. Larson stated that this district was assessed in 2022 and there are still stamped warrants out there from 2019, so she does not believe that it was assessed for enough money. Granzow stated that he thought that DD 55 Div 3 Lat 9 was in a lawsuit. Larson stated that she had not found anything about a lawsuit in the district yet, but she still had some more research to do. Granzow stated that he agrees with Larson in the fact of only being able to charge interest for the two years after the last invoice date. Granzow stated that Larson should contact the IDDA attorney and get his legal opinion on these situations.

#### IDDA County Dues for 2024-2025

Larson stated that she wanted to know what the trustee's opinion was on paying the optional amount of \$1375.00 for the County Mutual Protect. Eichmeier asked where this bill gets paid out of. Granzow stated that it gets paid out of rural services. Larson stated that this year we will be collecting the \$5.00 per parcel for the districts that are assessed this year to pay back the bills that have been paid out of legal. Eichmeier stated that there is an administration fee that is already programmed into our system. Eichmeier stated that we would have to Muldoon build a revenue account code for the fee. Larson stated that she just wanted to know if they wanted to pay the extra \$1375.00 or not. McClellan stated that she thinks we should pay the extra since they are the ones fighting for the drainage districts. Granzow stated that he does not like the formula they use to figure out how much extra each county should have to pay.

Motion made by McClellan to pay the IDDA dues in the amount of \$3300.00 and not to include the optional \$1375.00. Seconded by Granzow. Discussion: Granzow asked what account this would be paid out of. Larson stated that it would be paid out of legal, and she would verify with Muldoon that there was enough money in there. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Set Time and Date for Zoom Meeting with Hamilton County.

Larson stated that Hamilton County wants to set up a time for a zoom meeting with us. Larson stated that Hamilton County would not be available next Monday, and they would like to meet as soon as possible regarding DD 118-232 project. Larson stated that she would send out an email to all the trustees and Lee and see what date and time work for everyone and then contact Hamilton County to see if it will work for them. Larson stated that we need to get this meeting done soon due to assessments needing to be done.

6. New Work Order Requests-None

7. Other Business-None

8. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by McClellan to adjourn. Seconded by Granzow. All Ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.