

**Board of Supervisors Drainage Minutes
Of
August 28, 2023**

Present: Chris Vanness, Gary McVicker, Richard Lukensmeyer, Drainage Lead Colette Bruns, Auditor Katy Flint, Shane Roche, Rich Miller, Kaylee Langrell, Kylie Kretz, Mark Erickson, Tracie Gibler, Tony Vaughn.

DD 30 WO #186 & #187

The Board met to discuss DD 30. Gallentine reported that Contractor Gehrke Inc will hopefully start on the project (open ditch repairs at headwall and upper main tile replacement) within 2-4 weeks. Gallentine would like to know which route would be the best to access the site. There are 3 possible access routes and listed are the advantages/disadvantages on the shown map. Gallentine could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments, but the Board would like to meet with him to discuss the options.

The Board also discussed the drainage utility permit. Discussion was had on heavy versus light construction and how to specify this in the permit. Alliant stated they use a depth of 48" but when contractors clean out ditches it makes the ditches shallow. Secondary Roads allows for work done on the sides of the road. Alliant installs every 5' across to allow for future work. Vanness suggested the lighter construction charge could be \$10,000 per district with a non-refundable amount of \$2500, heavy construction at \$10,000 per tile line with a non-refundable amount of \$2500. Heavy construction considered are windmills, pipelines, etc. those using heavier equipment versus lighter construction such as fiber optics which benefits the county taxpayers. Vanness said that permitted loads are legally allowed on DOT roads so he feels if companies are moving equipment, they should not have to pay per tile but per the district being worked in, once on site where they are working. This change would then use two separate permits, heavy and light, but adding a third permit for an application fee for work done and time involved. Alliant will move the cranes instead of walking to prevent as much damage as possible to private or district tile. The Board will further discuss.

No action taken.

Chris Vanness, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Colette Bruns, Drainage Lead