

**GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**  
**401 South Adams Street**  
**Marion, Indiana 46953**

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held January 12, 2016, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Richard Cox, Pat Pinkerton and Jim Todd, Grant County Surveyor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Richard Cox made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2015 meeting as presented; Seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried with support 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Grant County Treasurer \$6,429.37 from Stephens Ditch to GDIF  
Smoke Valley Tree Service \$8,800 Little Crane Pond; \$13,193 in fund  
Cates Brothers \$4,800 Big Deer Creek; \$60,097.50 in the fund  
Doug & Dan Carey \$1,500 Haw Run reimbursement; \$1,800 in fund  
Grant Co Highway \$3,000 Carey/Brushy Run reimburse; \$3,447 in fund

Mic Roush \$1.86 Unthank reimburse-Final; \$6,601.69 in fund  
Candace Gagnon \$1.86 Unthank reimburse-Final; \$6,601.69 in fund  
David Bettegnies \$700.00 Brumfield & Minnich reimburse; \$809 in fund

Byron Cook \$700.00 Ten Mile; \$1,231 in the fund  
Jack Farley \$600.00 Point Isabel reimburse; \$609 in the fund

Claims were presented by Jim Todd. Gordon Gough made a motion to approve all claims as presented. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 5-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### Little Crane Pond

Jim Todd informed the Board that Smoke Valley Tree Service has been in Jim's office regarding Little Crane Pond. Jim stated that when they went behind Al Harker's place, where the trees have been cut, that was in the fall; it has been sixteen months. Now, there are about 4 little trees that have since died and one larger one that has died and is leaning over a deck someone has built in our easement. Jim Todd would like for the Board's permission to get a price from Smoke Valley to remove the five dead trees. Jim added that Smoke Valley has done a good job with the clean-up. Bennett Tree Service was supposed to come and get the wood from the trees that they cut down; they took some, but not all of the wood. Jim stated that we will also need to get a price to remove that wood as well. Jim Todd stated that there is still \$5,000.00 in the fund. Pat Pinkerton asked Jim if there are any more ash trees standing; Jim stated that there are three or four little ones and one larger one leaning over a deck. Richard Cox added that we might as well take them out. The Board gives authorization for Jim Todd to get quotes to complete the clearing of the ash and dead trees from Little Crane Pond.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### Deer Creek

Jim Todd passed around a picture of a very large beaver that Brian Cates brought in; Mr. Cates had trapped seven beavers from a specific area along Deer Creek. Mr. Cates and Mr. Turner come to an agreement and the work is completed and everyone is satisfied.

### Harper Ditch

Jim Todd stated that he has spoken with VanHorn's and the work is just about completed.

### Pipe Creek

Jim Todd informed the Board that Mr. Newhouse has contacted him twice today regarding some questions about the trees and making a three foot cut on Pipe Creek that Mr. Newhouse had; Jim told him to call Brad Rayl, the contract deputy with his questions.

### Winslow Ditch

Jim Todd let the Board know that he had talked to the engineer for the State Highway Department regarding the Winslow Ditch. It was agreed that it would have a boxed structure without a bottom and it will be quite a bit bigger.

### Lugar Creek

Butch Embry had contacted Jim Todd regarding Lugar Creek and Jim went out to look at it. Jim stated that he had talked to two land owners; the one at CR 500 has a large tree that has fell across the creek and he wants it for firewood. All he needs is for it to be pulled out and laid in his yard; he will take it from there. Jim added that there is about \$14,000.00 in the maintenance fund. Jim also stated that there is also a large cottonwood tree down on Stone Road, just north of Stonecrest Trailer Court; with the Board's approval, Jim would like to get a cost estimate from Smoke Valley to remove the cottonwood tree. This cottonwood trees is on the property of Kenneth Watkins, Jim has not spoken to this landowner regarding this tree, the root ball has washed out and the tree has fallen close to the bridge and is leaning across the creek. The Board has given permission for Jim Todd to receive a quote for this work on the Lugar Creek.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### Ditch Assessments

Mary Weesner has provided the Board with a list of completed assessments rolls that are ready for public hearings. After review,

the Board has selected dates for the meetings and the schedule of hearings is attached to the copy of minutes. Regarding the Fadley & Owl; the Board will consult with Brad Rayl of Rayl Surveying and Engineering. Jim Todd stated that the rates that will be determined in these public hearings will not be collected until spring of 2017. The Fadley & Owl, Baker and Hummel Creek have been put on hold until a later date. After discussion, the Board agreed to begin with \$10.00 per acre with \$150.00 per home site. Richard Cox made the motion that the publish rate for all ditches will be \$10.00 per acre, \$150.00 per lot and \$150.00 minimum with a eight year collection on all the ditches that have a set hearing date and the dates that have been established . Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 5-0.

#### 2016 Maintenance Billing

Mary Weesner presented to the Board the maintenance billing for the year 2016 for the Board's approval. Gordon Gough made the motion to approve and sign the Grant county and Joint county maintenance billing presented. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 5-0.

#### **ADJOURN:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 11:54 p.m.; Seconded by Gordon Gough, motion carried with support 5-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held January 26, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

*Minutes approved:*

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**Mark Bardsley**

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**Gordon Gough**

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**Richard Cox**

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**Kenny Cates**

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**Pat Pinkerton**