

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held January 26, 2016, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Richard Cox and Jim Todd, Grant County Surveyor; Pat Pinkerton was not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Richard Cox made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2015 meeting as presented; Seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Christopher Burke \$315.00 Weasel Creek; \$175,300 in the fund
Drewry Simmons \$82.50 Hummel Creek; GDIF
Drewry Simmons \$621.39 Hummel Creek; GDIF

Jim Todd presented the claim for Christopher Burke. Gordon Gough made a motion to approve this claim; Seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried with support, 4-0.

Drewry & Simmons claims were presented by Jim Todd. Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the two claims as presented. Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried with support 3-0; Richard Cox abstained due to having land in the Hummel Creek water shed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond

Jim Todd informed the Board that he has called and left a message with Smoke Valley Tree Service regarding Little Crane Pond. Jim is

requesting an estimate to remove the remaining 4 or 5 trees. Jim Todd added that he would like to go out with them as they assess what trees are left that need to come down, adding that for him, it is hard to tell what trees are dead this time of year. Richard Cox stated that we need to get all the trees down that need to come down, now, so we can be done; Kenny Cates agreed, adding that with ground being hard, yards will not be damaged. Jim Todd said that these trees on a church property and that he has already spoken to them about the trees that need to come down, the church is fine with this. Mark Bardsley cited Indiana Drainage Code 36-9-27-20 "*Drains located in municipalities or sanitary districts, relinquishment of jurisdiction by Board. The Board may, by resolution, relinquish its jurisdiction over ditches and drains located in a municipality or sanitary district if that jurisdiction is accepted by the municipality or sanitary district.*" Therefore, the city of Marion must accept jurisdiction over the drain. Any portion outside of the city would not be transferred to Marion. Mark Bardsley added that the next step would be to have Kyle Persinger formulate the letter offering to the city the jurisdiction of that area inside the city limits. Gordon Gough made the motion to offer jurisdiction of Little Crane Pond, inside the city limits, that the Drainage Board would vacate this and give back to the city of Marion, if they will accept. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried with support 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Fadley & Owl

Jim Todd stated that he has talked with Newhouse, and they are done on the Drook property. They have a 2.2 cut below the existing tile. Kenny Cates asked if they had gotten into stone; Jim replied that they did get into stone real bad and the banks are real steep due to

erosion, they need pulled back someday; this would be part of the reconstruction. Kenny Cates asked when the Board plans to have a hearing for the Fadley & Owl; stating that the Board needs to have Brad Rayl of Rayl Surveying & Engineering come to a meeting to inform the Board of the ratio they should pay versus the farmers for the maintenance. Kenny Cates asked about Middlesworth. Jim Todd stated Middlesworth has six parcels and that he spoke to Max Middlesworth about the surface water. Kenny Cates stated that if the school wants to go along with 5-1 ratio, we could exempt them if they started at the Powell property and go north on CR 700. Mark Bardsley stated that we need to have Brad Rayl attend the March 29th meeting to advise the Board of his findings and recommend a ratio for the public hearing, the Board agrees.

Harper Ditch

Jim Todd informed the Board that he spoke with VanHorn; they are about done, but he could not treat the stumps with snow on them.

Hummel Creek

There was a brief discussion about the on-going appeal/litigation.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 11:33 p.m.; Seconded by Gordon Gough, motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held February 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

Minutes approved:

Mark Bardsley

Gordon Gough

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

*****ABSENT*****

Pat Pinkerton