

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held March 8, 2016, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Vice-Chairman Gordon Gough called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Other members present were, Pat Pinkerton, Richard Cox and Jim Todd, Grant County Surveyor; Mark Bardsley and Kenny Cates were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Richard Cox made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2016 meeting as presented; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 3-0

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Cates Brothers \$400 Big Deer Creek; \$56,236 fund

Jim Todd presented the Cates Brothers claim; Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the claim as presented; Seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried with support, 2-0, with Gordon Gough abstaining due to having land in the Big Deer Creek watershed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond

Jim Todd informed the Board that he has not heard anymore from Smoke Valley Tree Service. Jim stated that he knows that they will be on the church property and they want the ground to be dry. Jim Todd added that Rick Wilkes has been working on the legal description; Rick even found the original open ditch legal description dated 1909. Richard Cox asked what would happen if the city of Marion said no; Gordon Gough asked if the Drainage Board could

abandon/vacate the drain. Jim stated that you can have a hearing to vacate this, but you cannot vacate something if it is detrimental to the people in the watershed.

Hummel Creek

Jim Todd told the Board that Mary Weesner has had correspondence with the Drainage Board attorney, Joseph Leone. Mr. Leone informed Mary that he has not been able to reach Mr. Hunt, but he will continue his effort to speak to Mr. Hunt regarding Hummel Creek. Jim Todd stated that he would like if Mark Bardsley and himself could meet with Mr. Ott regarding remediation of the pipes and use of the right of way. Pat Pinkerton asked Jim how many acres are there in the drainage area, adding that it is a large watershed. Jim replied he thinks about 6,000 acres. Richard Cox corrected Jim Todd stating that he has an assessment roll in front of him and the acreage is about 4,000, Mary Weesner added that the assessment roll is not completed and the total benefited acreage is yet to be determined. Pat asked the Board if the DNR needs to be involved in the removal of the obstruction; adding that is something that needs to be check on before we start digging. Jim Todd stated that he would contact Christopher Burke Engineering regarding the DNR and possible need for a permit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grassy Fork

Jim Todd said that he is taking quotes for the Grassy Fork clean out on behalf of a group of land owners who wish to finance the clean out.

Big Deer Creek

Jim Todd stated that the last 2,180 feet of Big Deer Creek needs to be freed up, it needs a 3' cut.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Burr Worl

Mr. Worl was present before the Board stating that he was approached and was told that if he went to Purdue and received his license, that there may be an opportunity to spray ditch banks sometime in the future. Mr. Worl added that he has passed both of his tests and he has his Category 6 exam completed. He does not have an aquatics license. He has not yet received his license yet, in order to get his license the chemist wants a proof of insurance. Mr. Worl asked the Board what they felt about where he needs to start and he would later return to another meeting to discuss numbers. Gordon Gough explained to Mr. Worl that the Drainage Board is having a bunch of hearings this spring to raise the maintenance so that we may maintain spraying. Mr. Worl explained that he is starting from scratch and will need to buy equipment. Mr. Worl added that he is present to get information from the Board as to what they recommend for him to start. He asked if the Board wants to spray just the brushed ditches, are they going to be spraying brush and are they going to be spraying trees. Richard Cox stated now that we have some of the ditches cleaned off, we need to start with them and keep them cleaned off. Gordon Gough added that the Board would like to begin a spray program and he would like for Mr. Worl to return before the Board. Jim Todd asked Mr. Worl if he does cattails, Mr. Worl stated that he would be able to get his aquatics license if needed; he would then be able to do wetlands.

ADJOURN:

Richard Cox made a motion to adjourn at 11:17 p.m.; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton, motion carried with support 3-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held March 29, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

Minutes approved:

*****ABSENT*****

Mark Bardsley

Gordon Gough

Richard Cox

*****ABSENT*****

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton