

**GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
401 SOUTH ADAMS STREET  
MARION, INDIANA 46953**

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held June 14, 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, Pat Pinkerton and Jim Todd, Grant County Surveyor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Richard Cox made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2016 meeting as presented; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Christopher Burke \$722.50 Weasel Creek; \$227,998 in the fund  
Enyeart Construction \$48,000 Barren Creek; \$72,176 in the fund  
Dave's Excavating \$2,725 Jocinah & Tribbs; \$16,965 in the fund

Gordon Gough asked if Barren Creek has been completed; Jim Todd stated that it was completed. Gordon then asked Jim when we will start on New Prairie; Jim said that the next phase would be a bid-letting on the brushing along New Prairie.

Gordon Gough made the motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried, with support 5-0

Christopher Burke \$5,686.77 Hummel Creek; -\$71,475.55 in the fund

Jim Todd informed the Board that he has spoken with DNR regarding Hummel Creek. DNR and Army Corps will also be at our on-site meeting. M Kenny Cates asked if anyone had heard from Gary Ott on whether he would allow access from his property to remove the blockage; no one has heard from

him. Jim Todd added that the engineer stated that if we would access from Mr. Ott's property, it would cause a lot less environmental damage. Accessing from the Ott property would also be more cost efficient for Mr. Ott in the removal of the three pipes in Hummel Creek.

Gordon Gough made the motion to approve the Christopher Burke claim as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried, with support 4-0, with Richard Cox abstaining due to land in the Hummel Creek water shed.

Mark Bardsley added that due to the fact that this water shed is in the red, this ditch will have to go to a public hearing and be assessed a maintenance to cover the deficit in the General Drain Improvement fund due to the three pipes that are now to be removed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### Little Crane Pond

Jim Todd informed the Board that he had drove out to the location on Little Crane Pond the other day and the bigger tree, the one that is leaning over the deck, is still there and two small trees are still there as well. Jim has called a couple of times and left messages, receiving no response from Smoke Valley Tree Service. Mark Bardsley informed the Board that the process of turning Little Crane Pond to the city is still on hold and may be at least three months.

### Fadley & Owl

Jim Todd informed the Board that he and Mark Bardsley had a good meeting with Joel Martin, the superintendent of Oak Hill School Corporation. Jim explained that once Brad Rayl and the Drainage Board come up with the amount to bill, they will the take bids to see exactly what it will cost. The Board then could have a public hearing. Richard Cox added that they have to have a public hearing first in order to determine if the landowners are willing to pay for the project; Jim Todd agreed. Kenny Cates voiced concerns regarding the length of time this would take to collect the money before starting, stating it could take up to five years and the farmers would not want to wait that long. Mark Bardsley stated that they discussed, with Mr. Martin, when this would actually go and how much money would be needed. Mark

added that the question would be rather or not Oak Hill would want to front their portion to get this moving along. Pat Pinkerton asked Jim Todd if the State Highway Department would be participating in this; Jim answered that the State Highway Department will be assessed as well. Pat recommended that the Board inform the Highway Department ahead of time. Jim Todd will get together with Brad Rayl and have him move forward with the specs that were previously completed.

### Dollar General

Each Board member has been given a copy of the Hold Harmless agreement from the Town of Fairmount. Mark Bardsley informed the Board that the engineer is working on plans as to how he will run the drainage, whether they use the existing tile or run a new one.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### Haines Tile

Mr. Jim Bishir had requested to be on the agenda.

Mr. Bishir is not in attendance, the Board will move to the next topic.

### Big Deer Creek

Terrill Fetz and Gordon Gough have been to look at the issue on Big Deer Creek. Mr. Fetz also has about 300' that needs rip rap where the banks are soft; he would like to use the maintenance fund for this. Gordon Gough suggested that we start by removing the island and just rip rap the turn where it makes a corner and then see what happens. Jim Todd recommended that he go out with Eric Bragg and look at it to see what they can do. Richard Cox made the motion to allow Bragg Excavating to work in the Big Deer Creek to remove the sand bars and charge by the hour. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton, motion carried with support 4-0, with Gordon Gough abstaining due to having land in the water shed.

### Lugar Creek

Mr. Nathan Titus had requested to be on the agenda.

Mr. Titus is not in attendance, the Board will move to the next topic.

### Back Creek

Jim Todd informed the Board that has been talking to Rita Steele and the Department of Natural Resources regarding Back Creek. Jim showed pictures to the Board. Someone has been putting asphalt and concrete in the creek. Jim has permission to remove the trees without a permit, but not the root balls. Richard Cox pointed out that this is in our easement. The land owner will have to apply for a permit to remove the asphalt and concrete. Jim Todd added that the only way he knows to fix this situation is to put in a retaining wall. Jim has talked to Sullivan's about removing the trees. Per DNR, land owner has 2 weeks to get the permit and remove the asphalt. Richard Cox asked Jim Todd if the Board has been officially notified that there is a problem, Jim replied that we have not been notified.

### Possum Run

Jim Todd informed the Board that he has talked to Brent Newhouse; they want to relay the Possum Run tile with a 24" tile beside the old tile. The land owners would like to gift the money to the maintenance fund and then have Brent Newhouse proceed. Gordon Gough made the motion to allow the land owners to gift the money into the Possum Run and to replace the tile, working in our easement. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried with support 5-0.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

There is no other business.

### **ADJOURN:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 11:52p.m.; Seconded by Gordon Gough, motion carried with support 5-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held June 28, 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