

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held June 28, 2016, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton and Jim Todd, Grant County Surveyor; absent was Richard Cox

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Pat Pinkerton made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2016 meeting as presented; Seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

The Board decided to hear Darren Bates speak regarding the ditch maintenance fund before voting on the claims. Mr. Bates approached the Board. Mark Bardsley wanted Mr. Bates to explain the process of running funds in the red. Gordon Gough also asked, regarding all five of the claims for Little Deer Creek, Mr. Bates replied that there was about \$30,000.00 in the General Drain Improvement Fund and the farmer's, including Gordon, each put in \$8,500.00; totaling \$42,500.00 to get the project completed. Mr. Bates added that as this day, there is nearly \$300,000.00. He added that he had taken the drains that were listed as reconstruction, going back forty years and put the funds into the appropriate maintenance funds. The only drain listed in Reconstruction Fund is Hummel Creek, which is in the red by \$77,000.00. Mr. Bates explained to Gordon Gough that Mary Weesner informed him that Little Deer Creek had a positive value of about \$14,000.00, but, seeing that it owes five people \$8,500.00 it is actually in the red. Mr. Bates advised Mary Weesner to pay all claims, including the reimbursements to get a true balance and get rid of the liabilities. In order to satisfy the negative balances in the maintenance funds, the General Drain Improvement Fund loaned money to

bring those balances to a zero balance. Mary Weesner had discovered that there were transactions to Lugar Tile that should have been placed in Lugar Creek; Mary asked Mr. Bates if this has been fixed. Mr. Bates stated that he had looked at the claims and they were properly completed, the Auditors Office had put them in the wrong accounts and he has them now straightened out. Kenny Cates stated to Mr. Bates that the Board will need to have hearings to bring in more money to the fund whether the public protests these hearings or not. Mr. Bates agreed, stating that the State Board of Accounts shows these maintenance funds in the red and the balances must be fulfilled. Mr. Bates added that the Drainage Board paid bills on it and has obviously worked on it; the money must be paid back. Kenny added that the Board needs to do this before the first of the year so that they can collect starting in 2017; Mr. Bates agreed. He also stated that all interest has been disbursed into the appropriate drains and all loans have been paid, now giving a true balance. There are four drains that have a positive value that are currently not on maintenance, totaling \$8,505.00. There are two options, either write these off and place the positive value in to the GDIF account or the Board can hold public hearing to create a maintenance account. Mark Bardsley feels that the Board needs to take these 4 drains to a public hearing, to be fair.

Jim Todd reviewed the claims as follows;

Dave's Excavating \$4,725.03 So. Prong of Dry Fork; \$3,373 in the fund
Ramseyer Excavating \$4,800.00 Big Black Creek; \$207,850 in the fund
L&W Cates Excavating \$1,940.77 Elliott Tile; \$9,751.61 in the fund-
reimbursement

CF Excavating \$1,126.00 Point Isabel; \$335.15 in the fund- reimbursement

Jack Farley \$1,864.06 Point Isabel; \$335.15 in the fund- reimbursement

Marvin Corey \$4,774.84 Lugar Tile; \$3,289.09 in the fund- reimbursement

Grant Co. Highway Dept. \$3,036 Carey/Brushy Run; -\$3,355.62 in fund-
Reimbursement

David Bettegnies \$760 Brumfield & Minnick; \$2,478.73 in the fund-
reimbursement

Doug & Dan Carey \$1,287.90 Haw Run; \$1,434.42 in the fund- reimbursement

CF Excavating \$1,088 Powers Ditch; \$992.71 in the fund- reimbursement

Kenny Cates made the motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried, with support 4-0

Gordon Gough Abstain

Van Hasty \$8,500 Little Deer Creek; \$14,254.75 in the fund – reimbursement

Hasty Grain \$8,500 Little Deer Creek; \$14,254.75 in the fund – reimbursement

Chastain Farms \$8,500 Little Deer Creek; \$14,254.75 in the fund – reimbursement

Reece Peacock \$8,500 Little Deer Creek; \$14,254.75 in the fund – reimbursement

Gordon Gough \$8,500 Little Deer Creek; \$14,254.75 in the fund – reimbursement

Kenny Cates made the motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried, with support 3-0, with Gordon Gough abstaining due to land in the above water sheds.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond .

Jim Todd informed the Board that all the trees are down but we have not yet received an invoice.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elliott Tile

Wendell Cates 2650 West 50th Street, Marion In.

Mr. Cates approached the Board regarding the next phase of the Elliott Tile.

Mr. Cates stated that the Elliott Drain committee met about a week ago, they have collected almost all of the money needed to put into phase 2; he is going to start phase 2 around August 1, 2016. Mr. Cates stated that they have had a few landowners would like to start phase 3. Mr. Cates has given the Board a map (a copy is attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office) map has different scenarios of phase 3. He would like the Board to give a response to the different scenarios in the near future so that he may get together some bids. Mr. Cates wants permission to possibly move to phase 3. It is very hard

to put bids together yet because he has no idea what the price of pipe will be in the fall of 2017. The Board has given consent to Wendell Cates to prepare bids for phase 3 of the Elliott Tile.

Big Deer Creek

Don Wright 1531 W 650 S, Jonesboro, In.

Mr. Wright approached the Board stating that he had went back through the woods on his property to the Big Deer to mow the right of way. He added that he had found out previously that Brian Cates had dipped out some sand bars through Big Deer, starting at SR 26. But, the spoil was put in piles everywhere. He said it was difficult to mow with the piles of spoils; he would like to have a bulldozer to come in and spread the spoils so that he may mow. Mr. Wright would also like it to be sprayed since there is a lot of thistle back there. He would like to see a spray program to spray the whole length of the Big Deer; Gordon Gough stated that the Board would need to raise the maintenance to do this. Mark Bardsley inquired as to what the maintenance is now on the Big Deer, Gordon informed Mark that it is .50¢ per acre. Jim Todd added that Big Deer is currently \$4,289.00 in the red. Gordon Gough asked that Jim Todd talk to Brian Cates to see if he will go back and level the spoils. Mr. Wright said that there are 3 or 4 different areas that he needs to go back and level out. Gordon stated that he sprays his own ditch banks. Kenny Cates stated that Tordon needs to be applied on the same day that they are cut.

OTHER BUSINESS:

New Prairie

Jim Todd stated that he has talked to the engineer and found out that all the specs ready and Jim feels that the money is there and the Board could re-let that bid this fall for the brushing, about the time the crops come off.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 12:16p.m.; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton, motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held July 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

Minutes approved:

Mark Bardsley

Gordon Gough

ABSENT

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton