

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held August 30, 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, Pat Pinkerton, Richard Cox and Jim Todd, Grant County Surveyor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2016 meeting as presented; Seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd reviewed the claims as follows;

- Fratco - \$5,024.92 Elliott Phase II
- Fratco - \$3,148.68 Elliott Phase II
- Fratco - \$2,974.16 Elliott Phase II
- Fratco - \$5,984.26 Elliott Phase II
- Fratco - \$9,405.52 Elliott Phase II
- Fratco - \$7,488.81 Elliott Phase II
- Fratco - \$6,099.66 Elliott Phase II
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- Fratco - \$5,865.05 Elliott Phase II

Fratco - \$ 292.80 Elliott Phase II
Fratco - \$2,787.12 Elliott Phase II
Fratco - \$2,224.78 Elliott Phase II
Fratco - \$4,550.68 Elliott Phase II
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Fratco - \$ 864.89 Elliott Phase II
Fratco - \$ 634.61 Elliott Phase II
Fratco - \$ 726.79 Elliott Phase II
Fratco - \$6,148.33 Elliott Phase II; beginning balance \$257,577.37
Fratco - \$6,137.82-CREDIT MEMO Elliott Phase II
IMI - 4,593.84 Elliott Phase II
IMI - 9,349.19 Elliott Phase II
IMI - 2,403.09 Elliott Phase II
IMI - 1,021.55 Elliott Phase II
Seward Excavating \$2,108.00 Elliott Tile; \$7,810.82 in the fund
Seward Excavating \$1,725.00 Elliott Tile; \$7,810.82 in the fund
Seward Excavating \$3,601.50 Aaron Newby; \$3,053.68 in the fund
Seward Excavating \$1,000.00 Tappen Ditch; \$11,628.45 in the fund
Seward Excavating \$3,615.00 Carey Tile/Brushy; \$6,391.62 in the fund
Seward Excavating \$1,368.00 Relfe Tile; \$3,307.25 in the fund
Seward Excavating \$1,764.00 Whybrew; \$1,742.25 in the fund
Seward Excavating \$1,223.50 Spurgeon; \$5,140.61 in the fund
Seward Excavating \$2,575.00 Simmons Tile; \$9,371.61 in the fund
Seward Excavating \$1,080.00 Simmons Tile; \$9,371.61 in the fund
Seward Excavating \$3,359.00 Simmons Tile; \$9,371.61 in the fund

Jim explained the Elliott Tile Phase II is money that has been put in account by land owners for tile replacement. Gordon Gough made the motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried, with support 5-0.

Richard Abstain

Christopher Burke \$1,824.75 Hummel Creek; -\$81,565.12 in the fund

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Hummel Creek

Jim Todd informed the Board that he had a meeting with Gary Ott and Christopher Burke engineers Matt Meade and Lenny Noens. Jim added that Mr. Ott wanted his concrete pad put into the permitting, but Matt Meade contacted Jim and stated that IDEM denied a concrete pad because they do not want anyone driving across the creek with equipment. IDEM has approved our plans as to taking out the obstruction. Kenny Cates asked Jim if IDEM would allow Mr. Ott to put in rip-rap; Jim replied that it was not brought up because IDEM stated they do not want anyone crossing the creek with equipment, they want a bridge. Kenny Cates would like the obstruction removed by the end of the year.

Little Crane Pond

Jim Todd informed the Board that there is nothing new to report; all the trees are down but we have not yet received an invoice.

Gordon Gough stated that they have discussed getting an ordinance for when they put the fiber optics in to chain them in; Gordon would like to know if that has been done. Mark Bardsley stated that it is a work in process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steelman Ditch – (Forest Ridge)

Joe Certain of Kiley Harker and Certain Attorney at Law and Rudy Vugteven of Randall Miller & Associates are present before the Board.

Joe Certain approached the Board stating that he is representing the owners of the property at 1455 Forest Lane. Mr. Certain stated that some years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Cordell installed a geo-thermal HVAC system, the system is basically underground. The geo-thermal systems discharges water; when this was installed years ago, Forest Ridge had its own sanitary system where it drained to. Mr. Certain added that since that time, the sanitary system has been sold to a private owner. The new owner of the sanitary system has come to the Cornell's and informed them that they cannot discharge this water into their sanitary system, wanting them to disconnect. They looked into attaching to a storm sewer, but there is no storm sewer that runs along Forest Lane. There is a storm sewer in Forest Ridge that does collect storm water and discharges into the Steelman Ditch. This property is located about a couple hundred feet from the Steelman Ditch. Mr. & Mrs. Cornell wish to run a line to discharge this water, which is pure and not contaminated, across the easements into the Steelman Ditch. There are easements that run across the properties with adequate room to install this drainage line to the Steelman Ditch. Rudy Vugteven of Randall Miller & Associates has been to the sight and he is also present before the Board today. Mr. Certain stated that Mr. Vugteven has verified the easement location and the Steelman Ditch. Jim Todd added that this is a utility easement and not a drainage easement. Jim added that the person's lot that the Cordell's would have to cross is opposed to this. Mr. Certain stated that they would not have to necessarily cross his property because there is an easement to the south. Mr. Certain showed the Board that plat for the project in question. Richard Cox made the motion to allow the Cordell's to drain their water into the Steelman Ditch as long as they can get it there without causing damage to the neighbors. The Board will not be responsible for getting the water to the ditch; the Board will accept the water. Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried with support 5-0.

Solms Ditch

Jim Todd informed the Board that about a year ago there was a problem on Mr. Welch's property; the neighbor across the lane has permission to clear cut his back. John Buck Landscaping has done some work there in the past; he has looked at this area. The landowner used to clear it himself, but he has had back surgeries and can no longer do this himself. There is \$16,921 in the Solms

Ditch fund; to clear this area out, it would be \$2,995.00, including spraying with herbicide. We would pile up debris and burn when it dries out. Richard Cox made the motion to allow them to do the work on the Solms Ditch per John Buck's quote. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hummel Creek

Jeremy Black, 2558 E 450 N, Marion, IN

Mr. Black, with Independent Maintenance, is present before the Board. There is an upstream landowner (Gary Miller) that is about 3,000 feet north of Boccock that would like to put in a rip-rap crossing since they are going to be purchasing property to the north side of Hummel Creek. Mr. Black stated that it would not restrict water flow; there is also a log jam that would be removed. The Board explained that the final decision would need to come from DNR and IDEM. Pat Pinkerton made the motion to work in the easement pending approval of DRN and IDEM. Since this is a private crossing, any maintenance is the land owner's responsibility. Letters of approval need to be submitted to the Drainage Board before the job begins. Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried with support 4-0 with Richard Cox abstaining due to land in the Hummel Creek water shed.

Back Creek

Barry Howard of Grains & Grill in Fairmount was present before the Board. Mr. Howard stated that he needs to expand the parking lot. His plans will encroach on Back Creek. He has handed out to the Board a copy of his plans. Mr. Howard is asking for a release of liability from the Drainage Board if and when there is dredging done on the creek from any damages to his parking lot. Jim Todd asked if there would be at least forty feet to get the equipment through, Mr. Howard stated that there would be plenty of room to get equipment through. Gordon Gough stated that he did not have a problem with this; as long as Mr. Howard realized that if we have to get in and it takes more to get through there, and the parking lot is damaged, then the Drainage Board would not be held responsible. Jim Todd feels that this should not be an issue. Mary Weesner will mail a copy of the approved minutes. Mark

Bardsley clarified that Mr. Howard wants to put asphalt in our easement. Richard Cox made the motion to allow Mr. Howard to put asphalt to part of our easement to extend his parking lot, at his expense and at his responsibility to maintain. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton, motion carried with support 4-0 with Gordon Gough abstaining due to land in the Back Creek water shed.

Fadley & Owl

Jim Todd informed the Board that he has talked to Brad Rayl of Rayl Engineering and Surveying about the land assessment. Mr. Rayl informed Jim that he would like to wait until the beans come off. Jim informed Mr. Rayl that the Drainage Board would like to have the hearing before the end of the year; Mr. Rayl thinks this will not be a problem. Mr. Rayl asked to be notified when the beans come off so that he may do his construction survey; he does not want to damage the bean crops.

Lugar Creek

George Boller, 7287 E N 00 S, Marion, Indiana

Mr. Boller is present before the Board complaining about a drainage dispute from many years ago, most likely in the 1970's.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made the motion to adjourn at 12:17 p.m.; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton, motion carried with support 5-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held September 13, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

Minutes approved:

Mark Bardsley

Gordon Gough

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton