

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held July 26, 2016, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Other members present were Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton and Jim Todd, Grant County Surveyor; absent was Gordon Gough and Richard Cox.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Pat Pinkerton made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2016 meeting as presented; Seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried with support 2-0, Mark Bardsley abstained since he was not in attendance for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd reviewed the claims as follows;

Peerless Printing \$69.60 Envelopes/Labels; \$300.00 in office fund

Enyeart Construction \$40,000 Weasel Creek; \$244,853.43 in the fund

Christopher Burke \$4,402.80 Hummel Creek; -\$77,033.32 in the fund

Keith Sullivan \$1,825.00 Back Creek; \$115,229.23 in the fund

Keith Sullivan \$2,950.00 Back Creek; \$115,229.23 in the fund

Kenny Cates made the motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried, with support 3-0

OLD BUSINESS:

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.

OLD BUSINESS: (continued)

Bennington/Unthank

Candace Gagnon 5544 E 100 N, Marion, IN 46952

Mrs. Gagnon is present before the Board regarding the Bennington Tile head wall. Mrs. Gagnon stated that her brother, Mick Roush, and her own joint property on the Unthank and the Bennington Tile. She stated that both are out letting into a pool of water and they are requesting that the Drainage Board would dip out both of these drains in order to get it flowing properly. She added that they have requested 2 estimates from contractors to put in new head walls on both of the drains. So far, she has gotten back one quote, it is to NRCS specifications, showing the head walls upstream from where they are presently, therefore, being on solid ground. The Unthank would be approximately 20 to 25 feet upstream and the Bennington would be about 75-80 feet upstream. She added that they are requesting some financial help on the Bennington head wall. The estimate for the Bennington head wall is \$9,250.00; which will include the tile hook up, but not the rip rap. Mrs. Gagnon added that the Unthank head wall will be covered largely by the NCRS/USDA; Mark Bardsley asked if it was going to cover this head wall at 100%, Mrs. Gagnon stated that she was not sure of that answer. Jim Todd stated that there is currently \$4,130.00 in the Bennington Tile fund that could be applied to the head wall improvement. Mrs. Gagnon stated that her brother, Mick Roush, had stated that he did not want to completely deplete the fund.

Jim added that there will be another \$2,000.00 coming in the fall. Mrs. Gagnon would also like it dipped out by the headwalls where it is pooling, Jim stated that would come out of Lugar Creek Tributaries, Jim informed her that will not be money for that until after the fall collection. Mark Bardsley stated that if the Board could help, it would be about half of the \$9,200.00; Mrs. Gagnon stated that they would handle the difference privately and handle that themselves. Jim Todd feels that the Board can commit to \$5,130.00 by the end of the year. Mrs. Gagnon stated that they would like to get started on this as soon as possible, even if they have to lose some of the crops in the field. Pat Pinkerton made the motion to commit to helping with the Bennington Tile up to \$5,130.00; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried with support 3-0.

Mark Bardsley asked that Mrs. Gagnon keep the Board informed as to what is done with the Unthank.

Big Deer Creek

Jim Todd informed the Board this is regarding the spoils that needed to be leveled by the edge of the woods. Mr. Don Wright has brought an estimate to the meeting from Bragg Excavating stating it would not exceed \$800.00; this would level off any ruts in the grass area and take care of the little spoil piles that are up against the woods. Mark Bardsley asked Jim if there was enough money to cover this, Jim stated that there was not but it will collect in the fall; it has a large assessment. Jim added that they could get the work done and borrow the money from the General Drain Improvement Fund until the fall collection comes in to repay the GDIF back what it borrows. Pat Pinkerton made the motion to approve Bragg Excavating to level the spoils, not to exceed \$800.00; seconded by Mark Bardsley. Motion carried with support 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lugar Creek

Jim Todd informed the Board that Mary Weesner has the assessment roll completed for Lugar Creek and a public hearing date needs to be set. Pat Pinkerton asked Jim what the proposed rate is; Jim replied that it was \$1.00 per acre with a \$5.00 minimum. The new proposed rate is \$3.00 per acre with a \$10.00 home site/minimum. Mark Bardsley informed the Board that the current collection is about \$18,500.00 with the existing rate, but with the new rate it would bring in about \$64,000.00. Kenny Cates made the motion to hold a public hearing for Lugar Creek on September 27, 2016 with the proposed rate of \$3.00 per acre with a \$10.00 minimum and a \$10.00 home site. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton, motion carried with support 3-0.

Honey Creek

Jim Todd informed the Board that we (Grant County) have requested that Huntington County waive their rights for a public hearing on Honey Creek. Huntington County had a few questions that Jim needs to answer for them

before they will waive their rights. A hearing date cannot be set at this time until we know whether or not it will be a joint board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hummel Creek

Jim Todd told the Board that Mr. Gary Ott and his business partner, Mr. McCoy had stopped in his office today regarding Hummel Creek. Jim said that they had a good visit and that Mr. Ott wants to cooperate with the Drainage Board regarding the removal of the obstruction. Mr. Ott's question to Jim was whether he could do the work with his own excavator; Jim explained that he probably could do it under the guidance of our engineer and under our permit. By unanimous consent, Jim Todd will supervise the work being completed regarding Hummel Creek, along with the advice of Matt Meade, engineer of Christopher Burke Engineering.

Lugar Creek

Robert Embree 5535 E 100 S, Marion, IN 46953

Mr. Embree asked about the fiber optics, how do you locate? He has no idea how deep they are and nothing has been filed with the county. Mark Bardsley recommended Mr. Embree speak with David White of the Grant County Highway Department. Pat Pinkerton stated that they should also be registered with Holey Moley.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 11:39 a.m.; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton, motion carried with support 3-0.

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

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

Minutes approved:

Mark Bardsley

ABSENT

Gordon Gough

ABSENT

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton