

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held September 13, 2016, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton, Richard Cox and Jim Todd, Grant County Surveyor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mark Bardsley stated that on page 5 or 6, the wording for a motion was miss-typed. This is to be corrected and brought to the Board at the September 27, 2016 meeting for signatures.

Kenny Cates made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 30, 2016 pending corrections; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Jim Todd reviewed the claims as follows;

DKW Cates Farms \$101,598.16 Elliott Phase II (Final); \$101,598.16 in the fund

Christopher Burke \$6,054.63 Weasel Creek; \$204,233.72 in the fund

Newhouse Excavating \$32,442.50 Possum Run; \$139,875.72 in the fund

Fratco \$103,484.58 Possum Run; \$139,875.72 in the fund

Enyeart Construction \$83,997.00 Weasel Creek; \$204,233.72 in the fund

Chronicle Tribune \$18.00 New Honey Creek; \$0.00 in the fund

Byron Cook \$2,825.00 Back Creek; \$111,341.95 in the fund

Richard Cox made the motion to accept the above claims as presented.

Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 4-0, with Gordon Gough abstaining due to having land in the Back Creek water shed.

Bragg Excavating \$660.00 Big Deer; -\$4,289.60 in the fund

Jim Todd reviewed the above claim for Bragg Excavating. Pat Pinkerton made the motion to pay this claim as presented. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried with support 4-0; with Gordon Gough abstaining due to having land in the Big Deer water shed.

## 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. He called and left a message, but never received a return call.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### Grassy Fork

Jim Todd opened the quotes for cleaning and dredging Grassy Fork; they are as follows:

<u>Enyeart Construction</u>	<u>\$ 13,068.00</u>
<u>Redman Excavating</u>	<u>\$ 19,404.00</u>
<u>VanHorn Excavating</u>	<u>\$ 24,948.00</u>
<u>Byron Cook Excavating</u>	<u>\$ 26,200.00</u>
<u>Keith Sullivan Excavating</u>	<u>\$ 30,375.00</u>
<u>Newhouse Excavating</u>	<u>\$ 47,282.40</u>
<u>Dave's Excavating</u>	<u>\$ 48,580.00</u>
<u>Bragg Excavating</u>	<u>\$ 64,260.00</u>

Jim stated that he will contact Enyeart regarding their quote to make sure they understood the tree removal. He may not change his quote, but he may withdraw it. The Board will take the quotes under advisement and make a decision.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

### Honey Creek-Public Hearing

The original petition turned in was for \$5.00 per acre, but Mr. Detamore brought in a different petition for \$2.00 per acre because a majority of the land owners felt that \$5.00 per acre was too high. Jim Todd informed the Board that Grant County holds 769.01 benefited acres, while Huntington County has 46.89, for a total of 815.90 benefited acres. Grant County has 7 home sites and Huntington County has 3. The proposed assessment would bring in \$2.00 per benefited acre, \$50.00 per home site and a \$5.00 minimum for an eight year collection. The Grant County total would bring in \$1,833.30, Huntington County \$245.78 for a total of \$2,079.08 per year.

### George Detamore 6702 N 700 E, Van Buren

Mr. Detamore was present before the Board. He stated that the land owners have patched the tile on their own for years and they would like to start a maintenance fund. He has put in a 24" himself. Honey Creek currently needs dredged. He stated that he had turned in a petition for the \$5.00 per acre, but many of the land owners came to him and said they did not want it. They felt it was a lot more than they needed to dredge and patch tile on Honey Creek. Mr. Detamore stated that the land owners were going to turn it down. Mark Bardsley asked if there were any letters of objection, there were not; except the revised petition. Kenny Cates asked if this would be enough and stated it would be for an eight year collection. Mr. Detamore added that they only want a four year collection.

### Frank Voris 6645 N 600 E, Marion

Mr. Voris stood before the Board stating he has lived at his current address for forty years. He added that he is currently paying on Little Black Creek to have it dredged. Now, he is being asked to pay on Honey Creek, which he never knew existed. He said that he has a small house with a lot of trees, adding that trees absorb a lot of water. He does not feel that this will help him one bit because the water does not leave his property. He said he does not want to pick up the cost that someone else does not want to have. Jim Todd explained to Mr. Voris that Honey Creek drains into Little Black Creek, which drains into Big Black Creek. Mr. Voris feels that a \$50.00 home site is

outrageous and that he is on a limited income. Kenny Cates informed Mr. Voris that he has a kitchen with a sink and a bathroom, and then he does have water coming off his property, every time they wash dishes or flush a toilet. He said that they do not use much; it is him and his wife only. Gordon Gough asked Mr. Voris what happens when he flushes his stool, adding that the water has to go somewhere. Gordon added that if someday his stool doesn't flush, he is going to want it fixed. Mr. Voris reminded Gordon that he has a lot of trees. Richard Cox stated that he bets the drain for the septic tank is hooked into Honey Creek, Gordon Gough agreed. Jim Todd stated that the Board will have to address the home rates regarding a tier system. Gordon Gough informed Mr. Voris that the farm grounds only receive water when Mother Nature puts it there, but when home owners are taking baths, doing laundry and flushing the stool, they put water in every day. Jim Todd asked Mr. Voris what he felt would be fair for a home site; Mr. Voris replied he did not know, but \$50.00 is a big jump for him. Gordon stated that it comes to only \$4.00 per month to keep his water flowing and his stool flushing. Mark Bardsley stated that we dropped the advertised rate from \$5.00 to \$2.00 per acre; which is 40% of what the original advertised amount, so if we do the same for the home site, it would make it \$20.00 per home site, using the same formula; Richard Cox agreed. Pat Pinkerton agrees with Jim Todd regarding the multiple ditches with home sites and the tier effect. Pat Pinkerton made the motion to assess New Honey Creek \$2.00 per acre, \$25.00 per home site with a \$5.00 minimum for a four year collection. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried with support 5-0. This will start collecting in 2017.

### Hummel Creek

Kenny Cates stated that this is only six weeks or less of dry ground to remove the obstruction. Jim Todd stated that we are still waiting for IDNR approval for the permitting. Once the permitting comes in, we need to find out if Mr. Ott will do the removal or the Drainage Board's contractor.

### **ADJOURN:**

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

The next scheduled meeting to be held September 27, 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