

**Grant County Drainage Board  
401 South Adams Street  
Marion, IN 46953**

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting for September 27, 2016 was called to order at 11:04 am by Chairman Mark Bardsley. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates and Surveyor Jim Todd. Board members Pat Pinkerton and Richard Cox were absent.

No minutes were approved.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Jim Todd reviewed claims:

John Buck, \$2995.00 for Solms Ditch  
Chronicle Tribune, \$16.43 for advertising  
Lugar Creek, tree removal in the amount of \$2570.00  
Hummel Creek, permit work in the amount of \$201.50

Kenny Cates made the motion to approve the claims, second by Gordon Gough; motion carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nathan Titus submitted two estimates for work on Lugar Creek, an estimate to remove trees for \$2830.00, not to exceed \$3000.00. Also remove trees on Stone Rd. to the river (Lugar Creek) for \$1650.00, not to exceed \$1850.00. Gordon Gough moved to proceed with the work, citing the not to exceed amounts. Second from Kenny Cates; motion carried 3-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Jim Todd stated that the clean-out on Grassy Fork Ditch needs to be completed. Redman Construction submitted an estimate in the amount of \$19,404.00. Kenny Cates moved to approve Redman Construction to complete the work. Second from Mark Bardsley; motion carried 2-1. Gordon Gough abstained.

**LUGAR CREEK ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING**

County Surveyor Jim Todd explained the reason for holding the public hearing, to raise the assessment. Chairman Mark Bardsley then invited the public to speak.

Belford Foudray, 4930 E Montpelier Pike spoke against raising the assessment. He stated his property is 2 miles away from Lugar Creek and the City charges him for water run-off. He feels the extra assessment is money spent for nothing that would help him.

Darryl Jackson, 10024 E N00 S is also against raising the assessment. He stated that he feels he pays too many taxes already. His property floods and has sink holes.

Lorena Watkins, 2312 E Monroe Pike stated that any work done on Lugar Creek will not help her flooding situation on her property.

Robert Embree, 5535 E 100 S spoke in favor of the proposed work stating that a clean -out needs to be done.

Mary Jo Gosser, 8886 E 200 S spoke against the assessment, stating that her property floods and has sink holes. She owns 10 acres.

Agnes Gagon, 5544 E 100 N spoke against the assessment. She owns 10 acres and 330 acres. She feels this will not help her.

Willie Clariett, 978 S372 E owns 1.5 acres and feels this will not be of any benefit to him. His property floods and there is an old broken down tile on his property.

Louise Horn, 2401 S 600 E, is against the assessment. She stated that her property holds water and she thinks it is because the side ditch needs cleaned out.

Dale (last name not audible) 6320 E 200 N, feels there would be no benefit to him. He owns 1.85 acres.

Mr. Foudray spoke again, stating that his property (pond) receives chemicals from farmers' fields and is unfair to have others pay for having ditches cleaned when farmers could afford it more than most people.

Roseann Walters, 6195 E 200 S, owns 5 acres. She spoke against the assessment. Her property has sewage from water that runs through.

James Bishir, 9065 E, asked where will this water go. He feels this has not been made clear for the money that will be raised from the assessment. He stated that he needs an outlet on his property.

Hubert Gehlhausen, 2503 E Monroe Pike, stated that there are 5 acres that run toward the river and he is being billed for them. Jim Todd said that he will investigate and correct if found to be the case.

Cheryl Kuhl, 7356 E 200 S, stated that her land holds water and does not understand how paying the assessment will benefit her.

At this time Chairman Mark Bardsley closed the Public Hearing for the Board to have discussion and take action. After discussion, Kenny Cates moved to assess Lugar Creek at \$3.00 per acre and \$10.00 for home sites for an eight year collection. Second by Gordon Gough; motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Minutes recorded by TC Hull

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