

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held December 13, 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:

Kenny Cates made the motion to approve the November 29, 2016 minutes as presented. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried with support 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd reviewed the claims as follows;

Chronicle Tribune \$15.91 Dillon Winslow Tuttle; \$4,413.26 in the fund
Rayl Engineering \$2,720.00 Fadley & Owl; \$4,158.92 in the fund
Byron Cook Excavating \$1,500.00 Lugar Creek; \$37,728.80 in the fund

Christopher Burke \$3,393.75 Weasel Creek; \$113,283.14 in the fund
Peerless Printing \$190.40 Office supplies; \$230.40 in the fund

Pat Pinkerton made the motion to pay the claims as presented. Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried with support 5-0.

*****Gordon to abstain*****

Redman Excavating \$19,404.00 Grassy Fork; \$15,685.49 in the fund
The General Drain Improvement Fund will loan Grassy Fork \$3,714.51 to be repaid when funds are collected.

Richard Cox made the motion to pay the above claim as presented. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 4-0, Gordon Gough abstained due to land in the Grassy Fork water shed.

Mark Bardsley asked that Mary Weesner give the Board a quarterly report informing the Board what ditches in a negative balance. Mary stated that would not be a problem. She will give the Board a report with all ditch balances.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley stated that he has spoken to Mr. Ott. Mark added that Mr. Ott understands that the State Environmental Protection and DNR want the work to remove the obstruction to be a separate project from the construction of a crossing. Jim Todd added that Mr. Ott would have to bring in the plans for a crossing to be approved by the Drainage Board before construction; Mr. Ott will also have other agencies to contact. Mark Bardsley added that in January he would like to meet with Mr. Ott, Matt Mead (Engineer) and Jim Todd to get the obstruction removal finalized. Jim Todd added that Mr. Ott insists on crossing at the curve, Jim would like to see it moved down just a little, about 150' or so.

Big Deer Creek

Mr. Gary Turner asked to be on the agenda, he did not show for the meeting, the Board will move on.

Solms Ditch

Jim Todd stated that Roger Beck is present today. Jim has been to Mr. Beck's to look at the problem that Mr. Beck stated he had. Jim added that there is \$13,990.73 in the Solms fund. Mr. Beck has given Jim Todd an estimate from Bragg Excavating for the work he would like to be done. Mr. Beck has some erosion on the pipes that back on his farm. Since the reconstruction in 1984 or 1985 it has not been dredged and also needs larger rip rap. The estimate is to dredge and level the spoils and install 30 ton of rip rap; \$2,960.00, purchase of rip rap is \$853.00 and repair erosion at 2 separate crossing using rip rap \$751.00. Jim Todd stated that he informed Mr. Beck that the Board is not responsible for private crossings. Jim showed the Board a map for the area of the Solms. Jim Todd recommends that the Board approve Eric Bragg to do the dredging and rip rap. Gordon

Gough stressed that they will not pay for work on a private crossing; Richard Cox agreed. Mark Bardsley added that it is state law. Gordon Gough made the motion to approve the estimate minus the crossing, which would be \$3,813.00 to spend of the Solms Ditch. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried with support 5-0.

Fadley & Owl

Jim Todd informed the Board that Max Middlesworth is in attendance today. Jim stated that Mr. Middlesworth has done extensive work on the upper end of the Fadley & Owl. Jim reviewed a map of the work that was done by Mr. Middlesworth. This work has removed most of his drainage from the Fadley & Owl; although there is a little of his surface water going in. He did not mind continuing to pay the maintenance assessment because it was only 25¢ per acre, but he knows the rate will increase largely due to Oak Hill; the property will need a large tile due to hard surface run-off. Mr. Middlesworth stated that he has a lot of acres in the water shed. He feels that Oak Hill should pay all the cost all the way to their property line. He would like the Board to set perimeters to this ditch, especially since he is paying an assessment for a ditch that he does not even use. Another idea that Mr. Middlesworth had was possibly a buy-out fee to get off of a ditch; they also could pro-rate the remaining water run-off ratio. He used to have over 300 acres benefiting the Fadley & Owl, but since he has rerouted a lot of the ditch, only about 40 of his acres benefit; soon, none will benefit the Fadley & Owl when he is finished. Jim Todd recommended that when Brad Rayl of Rayl Engineering returns with the figures that he invite Mr. Middlesworth to return, the Board agrees. Richard Cox asked if there is anything in state law that concerns changing the direction of the water flow or if there is a formula to figure out how to do this. Jim Todd did not feel that there is. Mark Bardsley will check with Brad Rayl, Engineer and Kyle Persinger, Attorney for Drainage Board to see if there any laws that would govern this situation. The Board will take this issue under advisement.

Grassy Fork

Doug Carey is present before the Board. Mr. Carey wanted to address the Board to give an update about what is completed on the Grassy Fork. Upon completion, he will bring in a map to show the Board. Mr. Carey stated that the job is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way done. Van Horn Construction is doing the work and Mr. Carey is very happy with their work; he is very pleased. Mr. Carey would like to see all of the Grassy Fork Ditch on maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is no new business

OTHER BUSINESS:

There is no other business

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 12:32 p.m.; Seconded by Gordon Gough, motion carried with support 5 -0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held December 27, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON