

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held March 28, 2017 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Richard Cox, Kenney Cates, Pat Pinkerton and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the March 14, 2017 minutes as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

There were no claims.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Creek

Jim Todd stated that there is nothing new to report and that we will do the work needed when the funds become available.

Little Crane Pond

This item is in the hands of the attorneys.

Trenching Ordinance

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that the Trenching Ordinance is being reviewed. Mark stated that next week Kyle Persinger (Drainage Board attorney), David White (Grant County Highway Department), and he will meet regarding this matter; Mark Bardsley will bring it back at the next Drainage Board meeting.

Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley stated that he has not scheduled a meeting as of yet with Mr. Ott and the engineer regarding the blockage of Hummel Creek.

Fadley & Owl

Jim Todd stated that Brad Rayl of Rayl Surveying and Engineering is the designated Contract Deputy Surveyor regarding the Fadley & Owl.

NEW BUSINESS:

CREP Program

Keith Hurst from Indiana Department of Agriculture is present to discuss the CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) with the Board. Mr. Hurst handed the board members an information pamphlet regarding CREP and briefly explained the program and the benefits of filter strips and the incentives that are available to the land owners, also answering any questions that were presented. (This pamphlet is attached to the minutes in the Drainage Board secretary's office).

OTHER BUSINESS:

Burge Tile

Jim Todd informed the Board that the Burge Tile is currently in the red by \$2,718.00. There was a reconstruction years ago that the public turned down. This tile is in bad shape and it is just a matter of time before this tile begins to collapse. Jim added that Mary Weesner is working on different rates that could be assessed. Mark Bardsley feels that Jim Todd and he need to attend the next Town Board meeting in Sweetser to inform the Sweetser Town Board of this situation before scheduling a public hearing.

Galatia Open Ditch of New Prairie

Jim Todd stated that he had received a request by a land owner to dig the ditch out. Jim added that the next phase on the New Prairie is to dredge it out; it has already been brushed. Since the Galatia Ditch runs into the New Prairie, Jim feels that he needs to check with Brad Rayl, engineer for this project, adding that this is

the only short branch drain on the north side; there are three on the south side. Jim Todd worries that if the sediment is left in, it will run down and clog up the New Prairie. Jim added that there are trees that will need to be cut down to get to the Galatia Ditch. Gordon Gough stated that he would like it to be inspected; it may not need brushed, just dredged. Jim Todd will look at this and then confer with Brad Rayl.

Grassy Fork

Gordon Gough informed the Board that he has beavers on Grassy Fork. He has contacted two different people; since it is out-of-season, a special permit is required to eliminate the beavers. One of the men that he talked to is too busy right now; the other man is out of Greentown. Gordon added that it does not do any good to remove the dams if the beavers have not been removed as they will just rebuild if not eliminated. The man from Greentown has a license to trap the beavers. The cost is \$140.00 to set-up and \$100.00 per beaver removed. Gordon stated that he is willing to pay this since there is not enough money in the fund because it is affecting his drainage.

Stoney Creek

Clifford & Mary Silverthorn are present before the Board requesting a variance of the easement of forty feet; the current easement is seventy-five feet. They presented the Board with plans of their intent to put in leach fields in. Richard Cox made the motion to reduce the easement to forty feet for the minimum distance that is required to install a leach field (septic finger system). This distance is to be determined at a later time. Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried with support 5-0. Their surveyor will give the Drainage Board secretary the drawings upon completion.

Shields Ditch

Phillip Morton of Randal Miller and Associates is present before the Board regarding the Shields Ditch. Steve Wicks, President of Agricor is also in attendance. Mr. Morton stated that Agricor is looking to add a 600 square foot building and some drives for deliveries onto

their property. The existing building and drives are built up, so to accommodate this, they will be installing a borrow pit on this site; this will be used for a retention basin, although retention is not required since they are reducing water run-off. They are here today requesting the ability to outlet their borrow pit through 18 inch pipes to the Shields Ditch under a concentrated flow. Mr. Morton has given each board member a set of the plans; there is also a set attached to the minutes in the office of the Drainage Board secretary. Mr. Morton stated that the borrow pit would be in a north-south configuration just west of the existing swale and there would be about 120 feet of pipe installed to outlet into the ditch. They will also be adding grass in certain areas which will help reduce the run-off rate. Mr. Morton explained that there will be two 18 inch pipes with a check valve on the end, modeling it as if the ditch was full. There is enough storage in the borrow pits that they could store a 25 year rain event. Jim Todd informed Mr. Morton to be sure that they do not use too much rip-rap; it only needs to be on the top of the slope, not below the flow line or blocking any of the channels. This borrow pit will not hold the water for any extended period of time.

Pat Pinkerton explained that he is concerned with the Shields Ditch's narrow steep banks and how they plan to tie into it. Pat stated that one would not want the pipes sticking out in the ditch. Pat is also concerned with erosion on the other side of the banks. Gordon Gough added that he feels the two 18 inch pipes will push a lot of water at one time. Pat Pinkerton stated that they create a channel and open it up with the pipes farther back, about 10-20 feet back. Mr. Morton stated that he will alter his plans to show this change. He is asking for a conditional approval, with Jim Todd giving the final approval with the amended plans. Gordon Gough asked about the maintenance fund; Mary Weesner informed Gordon that the Shields are a regulated drain with no drainage maintenance fund. Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve Agrigor connection into the Shields Ditch with the condition they give the modified final corrections to Jim Todd. Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried with support 5-0.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 11:48 a.m.; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton, motion carried with support 5-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held is April 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON