

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held April 25, 2017 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenney Cates, Pat Pinkerton and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Richard Cox was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the April 11, 2017 minutes as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd reviewed the claims as follows:

Byron Cook \$671.75 Stoney Creek; \$13,638.35 in the fund

Byron Cook \$555.00 Fadley & Owl; -\$110.83 in the fund

Mr. KC's Unlimited \$4,200.00 Jocinah Creek; \$13,278.35 in the fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claim as presented; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fadley & Owl

Brad Rayl of Rayl Surveying and Engineering is present before the Board. Mr. Rayl handed out to the Board a proposed reconstruction hearing and bidding time frame (copy attached to the minutes in the Drainage Board office). Mr. Rayl reviewed the advertising of bids and the hearing time line with the Board. Mr.

Rayl stated that this scenario puts the Notice to Proceed for the bid to be October 10, 2017. Mark Bardsley asked Mr. Rayl about holding the bids for 90 days instead of the 60 days that is in the drainage code. After a discussion, Mr. Rayl feels that the Board needs to speak with their attorney regarding this matter. Kenny Cates stated that by the time the money is collected, it will be a year; the Board cannot expect the contractor to hold the bid amount for that time period. Money may have to be borrowed, if money is borrowed, interest will need to be added to the assessments. Mr. Rayl stated that the statute for interest is 10%. Mark Bardsley asked Drainage Board attorney Kyle Persinger, who is in attendance, regarding who starts the loan process, the Drainage Board or the County Council? Mr. Persinger stated it would need to start with the Commissioners. Mr. Persinger added that any loan over three (3) years would need council approval.

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

Jim Todd stated that he has the legal description and the water shed that would be vacated.

Trenching Ordinance

Kyle Persinger is present regarding the trenching ordinance. Mark Bardsley stated that they want anyone cutting into the easement needs to contact each land owner before they cut into their property. Mark stated that it is not the intention of the local land owners to seek permits working on their own property. This is basically for contract vendors working in our easement. Mr. Persinger will modify the current fee schedule. Mark Bardsley added that David White of the Grant County Highway Department will meet with Mr. Persinger later in the week to finalize any changes.

Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley stated that there are no updates to report.

Pollywalk

The Madison County Surveyor is supposed to contact Jim Todd regarding the length of the water shed in that county. Grant County is about 1½ miles in length.

NEW BUSINESS:

Haines Ditch

Jim Todd stated that as he was figuring the watershed, he noticed that in the 1960's it was called the Cleopas, with the Haines out letting in the same location. Dave and Ken Bettegnies are present before the Board regarding maintenance on the Cleopas Ditch. Mr. Bettegnies had done some jetting a cleared out a bunch of root balls and the water began to flow. Mr. Bettegnies is present with a petition to hold a public hearing to have a maintenance assessment on the Cleopas Ditch. Jim Todd will give Mr. Bettegnies an assessment roll to figure what he would like to collect on this ditch. The Board discussed if the Haines and Cleopas are to be individual or joined. Jim Todd feels that they overlap and drain the same area and should be assessed together under the same maintenance. The Board has decided that the name will be as follows; Cleopas-Haines Ditch.

Big Deer Creek

Jim Todd informed the Board that Terril Fetz has talked to him regarding Big Deer Creek. Mr. Fetz is requesting to be next in line for maintenance money to remove a sand bar and add some rip rap. Jim does not feel the whole bank needs the rip rap, just the slope for about a couple of hundred feet.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There is no other business.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m.; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton, motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held is May 9, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

ABSENT

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON