

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held July 25, 2017 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Other members present were Kenny Cates, Richard Cox, Pat Pinkerton and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Gordon Gough was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the minutes from the **June 27, 2017** meeting as presented; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 3-0 with Richard Cox abstaining since he was not at the June 27th meeting.

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the **July 11, 2017** minutes as presented; Seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 2-0 with Mark Bardsley and Pat Pinkerton abstaining since they were not at the July 11th meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd reviewed the claims as follows:

Tim Highley \$1,181.00 Potter Creek, Reimbursement; \$22,398.84 in the fund
Enyeart Construction \$52,503.00 Weasel Creek; \$180,618.65 in the fund
Rayl Engineering \$7,470.00 Fadley & Owl; \$205.84 in the fund
Rogers Farm Drainage \$1,323.43 Aaron Newby; \$519.76 in the fund

Re: Tim Highley claim; Jim explained that Mr. Highley has paid the contractor. Jim has talked with the contractor and the work was done. Mr. Highley did not know that he was to talk to the Drainage Board ahead of the work to be done.

Re: Rogers Farm Drainage claim; Jim Todd had read a letter from Scott Rogers regarding his invoice; he did not have prior approval from the Drainage Board and was not aware that he needed to. Mr. Rogers stated that in the future he will seek prior board approval.

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to pay the claims as presented. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried, with support 4-0.

Mary Weesner informed the Board that, per Darren Bates request, has processed two (2) claims regarding General Drain Improvement Fund. There was a claim processed for \$1,322.47, borrowing from the GDIF for ditch funds that were recently put in the red and needed to borrow from the GDIF. There was another claim done for \$53,425.82 paying back the General Drain Improvement Fund for loans previously owed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fadley & Owl

Jim Todd informed the Board that we now have the bid packets from Rayl Engineering & Surveying for the Fadley & Owl. The bid-letting will be held at the August 8, 2017 Drainage Board meeting. After the bid-letting, there will be a public hearing on September 26, 2017. Mark Bardsley added that after the public hearing, the Board will have to go in front of the County Council to get approval for a loan; Kenny Cates asked if the Board will receive bids from banks for the lowest interest rate. Pat Pinkerton noted that the November 28, 2017 awarding of the bid will be past the 90-day period for the bid; Mark Bardsley stated that he thinks there was a caveat in the bid packet for this.

Little Creek

There is nothing new to report.

Little Crane Pond

There is nothing new to report.

Trenching Ordinance

There is nothing new to report.

Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that he has been unsuccessful in reaching Gary Ott, but he will keep trying. He is trying to schedule a meeting with Mr. Ott to occur within the next two weeks.

Big Deer Creek

There is nothing new to report.

Pollywalk

There is nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Matthews Ditch

Jim Todd informed the Board that Kenny Cates had went out and looked at the Matthews Ditch and it is in need of some serious work done on it. This ditch is being set up for a public hearing. Kenny Cates added that the current rate is only \$1.00 per acre with a \$5.00 minimum for a four-year collection.

Crane Pond – Louis Herring

Mr. Herring was not present at the meeting.

***Note...at 1 p.m. Mr. Herring came to the Surveyor's office. He thought the Drainage Board meeting was at 1 p.m., he will be move to the agenda for the August 8, 2017 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hearing dates

Mary Weesner handed out a list of drains that are in need of and ready to move forward with a public hearing, this list also included dates available. The Board reviewed this list. Jim Todd stated that the New Prairie was on maintenance before Barren Creek and Tributaries were put on reconstruction.

Jim added that New Prairie is being double-assessed on the end. Jim feels that New Prairie's debt be paid by Barren Creek's maintenance fund and eliminate the bottom assessment on New Prairie. Mark Bardsley asked Jim if there needed to be a public hearing to remove any assessment from New Prairie; Jim replied that he does not think we need a hearing since the Board is not vacating the drain. Jim Todd is going to call some of the land owners to get their opinion. Mary Weesner stated that Grassy Fork has also requested a hearing, but that will most likely be in the spring. Richard Cox made a motion to approve the suggested dates for public hearings, pending any changes or deleting New Prairie at a later date, and adding the Matthews Ditch on December 12, 2017. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton, motion carried with support 4-0.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 p.m.; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held is August 8, 2017 at 11:00 am

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

MARK BARDSLEY

*****ABSENT*****

GORDON GOUGH

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON