

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held September 26, 2017 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Richard Cox, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2017 meeting as presented; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support, 4-0, with Gordon Gough abstaining.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Chronicle Tribune \$27.60 Cassius Smith; \$1,744.56 in the fund
Chronicle Tribune \$28.14 Winger; \$1,322.47 in the red
Chronicle Tribune \$28.14 Wigger; \$568.96 in the red
Chronicle Tribune \$28.68 Carey Tile; \$8,269.38 in the red
Chronicle Tribune \$28.14 Poe Drain; \$1,233.88 in the red
Precision Farm Drainage \$2,750.83 Possum Run; \$4,334.27 in the fund

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to pay the claims as presented. Seconded by Kenny Cates; motion carried, with support 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fadley & Owl

Kenny Cates informed the Board that he has reviewed the assessment roll given to him by Mary Weesner. After reviewing the assessment roll, Kenny has a few questions; according to the assessment roll, the annual collection is

\$319,723.43, his question is whether this is a 4 year, 5 year or 8 year collection. Jim Todd explained that his is a reconstruction with a 5 year payback with 10% interest after the first year. Jim added that the Board will need to get a bank loan to fund this project. Jim Todd stated that there was an additional cost to Oak Hill Schools that is not included in the \$319,723.43 for the hard surface run-off. There is an additional \$179,000.00 for the resizing difference. Kenny Cates would like for Mary Weesner to email the corrected notice to Oak Hill Schools soon. Kenny Cates added that he and Jim Todd went over there and they are wanting to put in a 7 acre solar farm and run their cables down through our tile; Kenny informed them that they would have to have it super deep below the tile or up over head. Kenny stated that this solar farm is supposed to be done by the end of October. Jim Todd added that when they discovered they would be going through our tile, they agreed to move it back 100 feet; which is the 75 foot easement with an additional 25 feet per Kenny Cate's request. Mark Bardsley confirmed that the public hearing for the Fadley & Owl is set for October 31st.

Trenching Ordinance

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that the trenching ordinance was adopted by the Board of Commissioners last week.

Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that he has met with Mr. Gary Ott and Drainage Board engineer Matt Meade regarding the obstruction of Hummel Creek. Mark added that he and Matt are coordinating a conference with environmental management due to stipulations. Mark stated, for the record, Mr. Ott acknowledges that there is a court order and that the court order does not require him to allow us to use his right of way and Mr. Ott wants help in getting his crossing. Mr. Ott is continuing to rely on his previous engineer's assessment even though he does not work for Mr. Ott any more. Mark Bardsley added that we can build a temporary road, bring our equipment in and remove the obstruction and then restore it; Mr. Ott stated that they cannot do that and Matt Meade insisted that we can and it will cost more money. Mr. Ott then agreed to meet with environmental management and work it out. Mr. Ott would like to use his own contractor. Richard Cox stated

that if we go in to remove the obstruction, the Board gets what is taken out, including the dirt. Kenny Cates asked when this meeting will take place; Mark Bardsley replied that Matt Meade is working on getting the Indianapolis meeting within the next two weeks. Gordon Gough asked Mark about what would happen if this is assessed to Mr. Ott and he does not pay it, how long does it sit until the county sells it in a tax sale; Kenny Cates responded that if you are delinquent 3 payments it would go on the tax sale. Mark Bardsley stated that after 2 full years, it may be put on a tax sale.

Little Creek

There is nothing new to report.

Little Crane Pond

Mark Bardsley stated that he has talked to the Drainage Board attorney prior to the meeting and it is indicated that he has all the information together, adding that Mark and Jim Todd will have to have another meeting with Marion Utilities to lay out the next steps. Attorney Kyle Persinger will set up the meeting date.

Big Deer Creek

There is nothing new to report.

Pollywalk

There is nothing new to report; this is to be removed from the agenda until the Board has heard from Madison County regarding a public hearing.

Little Black Creek

Mark Bardsley stated that they have spoken to Drainage Board attorney Kyle Persinger. Mr. Persinger has interviewed the Surveyor Jim Todd, Drainage Board Secretary Mary Weesner and Darren Bates. Mr. Persinger should have a recommendation for the Board at the October 10th meeting. Jim Todd informed the Board that Jack Green had contacted him regarding coming to this meeting for answers. Jim feels that he should inform George Detamore, Jack Green and Myron Brankle to attend the October 10th meeting so that they may hear the information provided by the attorney.

Keaton Ditch

David Devore is present with 3 quotes as follows:

Rogers Farm Drainage \$48,468.58

Kirkpatrick Farms \$54,707.40

L&W Cates Excavating \$56,382.34

Jim Todd explained that the Board had recently had a hearing and raised the rate on this ditch. Jim added that the Board has already approved for this work to be done and to be paid out of the General Drain Improvement Fund, to be paid back as the Keaton Ditch collects. Parts of the Ratliff and the Knotes will also pay into this claim. Mark Bardsley asked Jim who he felt they should use for this work; Jim replied that they should use Rogers Farm Drainage. Kenny Cates stated that they are going to run a camera through the old tile to find where it goes across the road. David Devore stated that they are running the cameras tomorrow (September 27). Richard Cox made a motion to award this contract to Rogers Farm Drainage for the specified amount; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 4-0 with Kenny Cates abstaining (due to land in the Keaton water shed).

NEW BUSINESS:

Dale Ditch

Todd Petro is present before the Board to discuss a culvert crossing. Jim Todd informed the Board that Mr. Petro wants to put in a culvert for crossing. Jim added that on the county GIS site this is actually the Middlefork. Jim had went to the property to measure and this is; there is approximately 3,469 acres that come into this, there is a lot bigger bridge down-stream but it hits another open ditch. The one right before this is 8.3 feet high and 14 1/2 feet wide. When you get into the 2.75" rain per hour in the Midwest, we are about a half of a foot shy of meeting the needs. If you jump up another foot, you can take 3,710 acres in level country. He has a 10 wide pipe right now; Jim stated he can add an additional 2 or 3 feet a little bit higher for an overflow. Gordon Gough does not feel that this will work; Richard Cox agreed. It was stated that this would collect debris. Mark Bardsley did not feel that a box culvert would work either. Mr. Petro already has the pipe. He brought pictures to show the Board. Pat Pinkerton stated that this is a squash pipe and Gordon Gough stated he needs to make sure it is big enough to handle it. Jim Todd stated

that they could not get the rod through the sand and gravel. Pat stated that in the book there is a 14.1 by 8.9 so this is in the ball park. Gordon Gough stated that he would like to go out and look at it to see what kind of shape the ditch is in. Mark Bardsley recommended putting this issue under advisement until Gordon can go out to look at it. Gordon agrees to table this for now.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Don Wimmer is present before the Board today regarding the IMI ditch. Mr. Wimmer stated that he has the new elevations. Jim Todd does not feel that approval is necessary since he has looked at it and it looks good, adding that the Board just needs to accept his information. Jim informed Mr. Wimmer that a description is the main thing, also, he could put a few elevations on the map so that they know where the original bottom is before it gets silted in.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 11:56 p.m.; Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried with support 5-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held is October 10, 2017 at 11:00 am

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON