

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held February 13, 2018 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Pat Pinkerton, Richard Cox and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Kenny Cates was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the January 30, 2018 meeting; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

There were no claims for approval.

Jim Todd informed the Board that there was one claim turned in on Grassy Fork. Jim added that David Duncan has turned in a bill that he has paid and is wanting reimbursed for. In November he had two beaver dams removed on Grassy Fork for the cost of \$2,400.00. Josh Carey is present and stated that he is the one hired to remove the beaver dams. Gordon Gough stated that he is tired of bills being brought in for payment that did not have prior approval. Gordon understands that beaver dams need to come out, but the land owner needs to get prior approval for work. Gordon stated that he had a beaver issue; he had the beaver trapped and then had the beaver dam removed, he did not submit a bill because he knew that Grassy Fork does not have the money. Jim Todd confirmed that there is no money in Grassy Fork at the time; the current balance is in the red by over \$800.00. Mary Weesner stated that she is not sure how to even process the claim if this was approved since the State Board of

Account stated that reimbursements are not allowed by the Drainage Board. If she did a claim to repay Mr. Duncan, she would have to input a Federal Tax ID number for the Auditor office to send taxing information. Gordon Gough feels that the Board needs to make some kind of policy stating that reimbursements are not permitted by the Drainage Board per the State Board of Accounts. Richard Cox stated that somehow we need to get the word out that the Board cannot reimburse; Mark Bardsley agreed. Mark asked what the Board thought about making a public notice to be printed in the paper stating the Board cannot reimburse land owners and prior approval is necessary for payment on any claims. Mark Bardsley will confer with Kyle Persinger regarding this notice.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hummel Creek –

Mark Bardsley stated that Hummel Creek is currently in the hands of the attorney and there will be no action on this today.

Little Crane Pond –

Mark Bardsley stated that Little Crane Pond is currently in the hands of the attorney and there will be no action on this today.

Big Deer Creek – Terril Fetz = Request maintenance

Gordon Gough said that he has already gone out there and looked at the situation and doesn't feel that there is a major problem, just a couple of sand bars and the water still gets away. Gordon added that he and Jim Todd will go out there together.

NEW BUSINESS:

Farley Open Ditch – Josh Carey – proposal

Jim Todd informed the Board that he has a request from Josh Carey and the land owner for a clean out on the Farley Ditch. Jim informed the Board that there is just over \$10,000.00 in the Farley fund. The proposal is for clearing out 3,350 feet with the average cut being three feet. Mr. Carey approached the

Board pointing out the area on an aerial map. Jim Todd added that this proposal is for \$7,537.00 and the land owner, Stephen Richey is requesting the work be done by Josh Carey. Jim recommends that the Board approve this request. Richard Cox made a motion to allow Josh Carey and the Richey's to work on the Farley Open Ditch. Seconded by Gordon Gough, motion carried with support 4-0.

Pipe Creek – Josh Carey – proposal

Jim Todd stated that he has received a proposal from Josh Carey in the amount of \$2,467.50 to dredge and level the spoil south of the stone quarry, roughly 1,050 feet. There would be about 3 to 4 feet of spoil removed, which is needed to gain depth for the field tile. Jim added that there is about \$100,000.00 in the Pipe Creek fund. Dave Morgan also has a request to go south of there where VanHorn left off; Gordon Gough stated that the Board will not discuss Mr. Morgan's request unless he is present. Richard Cox asked Jim Todd if they did this dredging at the requested location, will it cause problems elsewhere, Jim stated that it would not and that this creek can handle it. Jim added that this would free up the head wall. Mr. Carey approached the Board and explained exactly what his plan was and where he would start and stop. Gordon Gough made a motion to allow Josh Carey to work on Pipe Creek per his quote of \$2,467.50. Seconded by Richard Cox, motion carried with support 4-0.

Little Pipe Creek & Sim Franklin Ditch – Dave Morgan

Mr. Morgan was not present before the Board

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ditch Billing – Approval for Grant County billing

Jim Todd explained that Darren Bates has changed the way the billing is to be completed and this is not done yet but will be complete by our next meeting.

Fadley & Owl

Gordon Gough stated that the Board needs to schedule a hearing for the Fadley & Owl; this fund is in the red by almost \$8,000.00. Jim Todd stated

that he has talked to Brian Cates and Mr. Cates will get signatures on the petition with a suggested rate. Mark Bardsley reminded the Board that they are mandated to hold a hearing and raise the rate per State Board of Accounts. Mark Bardsley asked the question about Mr. Drook; he has laid the ground work, in good faith, for work that was to be done on the Fadley & Owl; Mark would like to talk to the attorney to see if when a new rate is set, can the money he has spent be "banked" towards his taxes.

ADJOURN:

Gordon Gough made a motion to adjourn at 11:32 a.m.; Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held is February 27, 2018 at 11:00 am

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

RICHARD COX

ABSENT

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON