

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held March 13, 2018 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Gordon Gough called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. Other members present were Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton, Richard Cox and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd; Mark Bardsley was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the February 27, 2018 meeting; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd presented the following claim:
Chuck's Sewer & Drain \$132.00 Robb Tile; \$32,379.13 in the red

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond –

This issue is still in the hands of the attorney and there is nothing new to report.

Hummel Creek –

This issue is still in the hands of the attorney and there is nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Aerial Surveying – Doug Gulley of G3 Drone Solutions (G3DS)

Mr. Gulley is before the Board regarding his drone service for waterway monitoring of creeks and rivers. He went on to tell the history of the beginning of this business. He has handed out an informational page (attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office) to the Board members and showed the Board a short video to show the members how this application works. He explained the benefits and the ease of use with this drone application. Mr. Gulley also reviewed the cost for this service.

Peterson Drain -

Jim Todd explained to the Board that he has received quite a few calls from people that are having water problems. Jim added that there was a reconstruction in the year 2001 and then the land owners turned down the maintenance that was going to be \$50.00 per home site. Land owners are now complaining that they have a lot of standing water in their yards. Jim advised them to carry a petition for a public hearing for a maintenance assessment. He added that the main problem there is the tree roots and over the years, nobody has taken down the trees that are over the tile. Jim Todd stated that some of the standing water has sewage in it; Pat Pinkerton stated that some time ago he went down to the creek where it discharges and there was definitely sewage.

Stan Davis, 1124 West 51st Street is present before the Board regarding his issue with the standing water. Mr. Davis stated that in the past year, he has had to pump water out from under his house four times. He added that over the past five years it has gotten very bad. When he gets a lot of water, his septic system will not work. Jim explained to Mr. Davis that the home site rates are anywhere from \$30.00 to \$150.00. Pat Pinkerton asked Jim what kind of tile is in place; Jim replied that it is a concrete tile. Mr. Davis is going to get a petition to hold a public hearing to set a maintenance fund. Jim Todd stated that if they hold a public hearing this year, it will collect next year. Jim will get an assessment roll to Mr. Davis when it is complete and he would need to get signatures supporting a maintenance hearing, he would need 10% of the land

owners in favor to hold a public hearing. Jim Todd said that he would have Mary Weesner write a letter to some of the land owners to let them know that he will be on their property to inspect the problem further. Kenny Cates recommended that he send out a letter to the land owners to raise money to get some of the roots handled until the fund is established.

Farley Ditch -

Jim Todd explained to the Board that there is swamp ground on the north side of the railroad tracks where it is heavy with trees, noting that the water is moving. The railroad grade on the south side goes right down into the ditch. There are two service pipes that are obstructed. Jim wonders if, even though they fall into their easement, which is private property and railroad property. Jim stated that we need to contact the railroad, Kokomo Grain, to work on that side. There is about \$3,000.00 in the Farley fund. An unidentified woman stated that there are a lot of railroad ties thrown along the side within the easement. Jim stated that he fears we will not be able to work along the north side of the railroad tracks because of the debris from the railroad and doesn't see how to even get equipment in there. The water table is too high to work on the north side. Pat Pinkerton stated that we will need to get the railroad to come in, it has blocked the natural drainage. Jim has located both pipes; the inlets to both pipes are blocked. The railroad easement overlaps the open ditch and over the years they have thrown the railroad ties off to the side. Gordon Gough asked where the Drainage Board stands with this issue; Pat Pinkerton stated that this ditch is our responsibility and there is money in the fund, whether we can get the railroad to help out we would have to send a letter to the railroad. Kenny Cates stated that this portion of the railroad is owned by Central Indiana Railroad out of Indianapolis. Jim Todd added that they can clear some of the debris from the south side but the maintenance needs to be raised on this ditch. Kenny added that railroad will not put any money towards this issue, but they may allow us to remove the debris. Pat Pinkerton stated that the first thing to do would be to write to the railroad company.

Crane Pond Tile – 2427 W 14th Street

Jim Todd handed out pictures from a gentleman on 14th Street that has water in his backyard and the front. Jim explained the tiles from the photos to the Board. Jim added that there is a few thousand dollars in the maintenance fund, that would allow us to put in a small drain and then the land owner would be responsible for putting in tile for the low spots. Richard Cox made a motion to have the Surveyor's office come up with prices for the problem at Crane Pond tile on 14th Street; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Doty Ditch

Jim Todd informed the Board that we have received a petition for a public hearing to raise the maintenance for the Doty Ditch from Brain Cates. Mary Weesner will get the assessment updated and return to the Board to set a date for a public hearing.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 12:18 p.m.; Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held will be March 27, 2018 at 11:00 am

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

**** ABSENT****

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON