

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held May 29, 2018 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Richard Cox and Pat Pinkerton were not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the April 24, 2018 meeting; Seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 3-0,

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Grant County Treasurer \$18,459.80 Loan from GDIF for drains in the red
CF Excavating \$352.00 Powers Ditch; \$10,451.52 in the fund
Byron Cook Excavating \$1,837.50 Pipe Creek; \$124,127.81 in the fund
Byron Cook Excavating \$2,327.50 Pipe Creek; \$124,127.81 in the fund
Byron Cook Excavating \$609.50 Stoney Creek; \$13,314.79 in the fund
Byron Cook Excavating \$2,695.00 Farley Ditch; \$2,507.57 in the fund
Byron Cook Excavating \$3,062.50 Pipe Creek; \$124,127.81 in the fund
Bragg Excavating \$7,999.80 Crane Pond Phase 2; \$8,308.80 in the fund
Bragg Excavating \$2,914.12 Gillespie Tile/Thomas Thompson; \$6,076.51 in the fund
Enyeart Construction \$1,682.70 Weasel Creek; \$54,019.78 in the fund
Enyeart Construction \$3,235.00 Big Black Creek; \$206,932.77 in the fund
Bragg Excavating \$4,179.00 Lugar Creek; \$73,789.96 in the fund
Spitzer & Herriman \$95.00 Little Crane Pond; \$20,018.61 in the fund

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; Seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried 3-0.

*****Gordon Gough to Abstain*****

CF Excavating \$1,200.00 Grassy Fork; \$836.73 in the red

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the above claim as presented; Seconded by Mark Bardsley. Motion carried 2-0, with Gordon Gough abstaining due to having land in the Grassy Fork water shed.

*****Kenny Cates to Abstain*****

CF Excavating \$1,010.00 Matthews Ditch; \$7,315.13 in the fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claim as presented; Seconded by Mark Bardsley. Motion carried 2-0, with Kenny Cates abstaining due to having land in the Matthews Ditch water shed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that this issue is still in the hands of the attorneys.

Little Crane Pond – Re: Deborah Keefe – Drainage – 2621 W. Chapel Pike
Jim Todd informed the Board that he has spoken with Deborah Keefe regarding her drainage problem on Little Crane Pond. Ms. Keefe asked Jim to report to Pat Pinkerton at the meeting that she is willing to spend up to \$6,000.00 to fix her drainage problem; this would be half of the cost. Jim Todd added that the city has fixed the neighbors and she had a letter from Herb Spitzer, attorney, stating that this is the city's discretion adding that she has a drainage easement around two sides of her property. She is going to have an attorney call Jim. He added that the plat does not show a drainage easement.

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that this issue is still in the hands of the attorneys. Mark stated that he believes that the resolution was handed over, but we have not heard anything yet. Mark Bardsley added that Pat Pinkerton

stated that a couple on the utility board is still wrestling with why they should take over this and what benefits do they have in doing so. Mark told Pat that the property is in the city and within the city limits and the Drainage Board would rather stay out of city limits due to the fact that the Board deals mainly with agriculture. Mark added that they need to take it over or the Board may abandon the drain.

NEW BUSINESS:

Richard Smith – 3515 S 400 E – 674-2362

Mark Bardsley stated that Mr. Smith has supplied the Board with packets. Mr. Smith explained in detail, including the direction that his water flows, the map that is included in his packet that was given to the Board. Mr. Smith detailed that his water is flowing south and then west on his property. He added that he feels that he gets 90% of the water that comes from the hill.

Mark Atkinson 3387 S 400 E, Marion

Mr. Atkinson approached the Board stating that the water from his property and Max's property and the people north of them all goes down to Mr. Smith. There is a place right at the north part of the property that looks there is a drain pipe for the water coming north of him to go across the road and into the ravine on the other side. He added that a county employee came there and they took the lid off from this pipe and it does not go anywhere, there is a brick wall down there and a 6" pipe that seems to go back the other way. Mr. Atkinson stated that if they get more than an inch of rain in a day, cars have to go on the other side of the road due to standing water. Kenny Cates asked if there is a county ditch involved or is this private tile, Jim Todd replied that there is a county side ditch and David White has tried to address this problem of water going out into the road. Jim added that Walnut Creek is at the bottom of the hill. Kenny Cates said that this seems to be under the jurisdiction of the County Highway Department and not the Drainage Board. Mr. Smith stated that he would like a recommendation to resolve his problem; Kenny Cates stated that he needs to get with the Highway Department since this is not within the jurisdiction of the Drainage Board. Kenny explained that the Board does not even have the money to help him. Mark Bardsley advised

Mr. Smith that he should attend a commissioners meeting. Mark explained that if the water is coming across the road, that is the responsibility of the Highway Department. Kenny Cates also voiced his concern over the underground cables. Mark Bardsley stated that he would talk to David White about this. He added that he will get back with Mr. Smith after speaking with David White, but in the meantime, Mark added that he should call the Commissioner's office and be put on the agenda for the next meeting and hopefully he will have talked to David White by then and have some answers for him. Mark added that he would try to get out there and look at the problem himself.

Don Wimmer – Sub-division on Thomas Ditch – Trib. of Lugar Creek

Mr. Wimmer is before the Board after handing the Board members a map. He explained the proposed drainage. Mr. Wimmer informed the Board that there would not be much water going into Thomas Ditch, which is a tributary of Lugar Creek, it will then go on into the river. He added that these homes are currently going into the lift station. Kenny Cates asked if the city maintains this lift station; Mr. Wimmer stated that they do not. He added that he has been talking with Pat Pinkerton and he needs to see a few of the design specs. If the city does not want to take over the lift station, land owners would need to put in leach fields. Mark Bardsley asked Mr. Wimmer if they are going to continue to be a 501c3 or will they sell to the general public; Mr. Wimmer stated that they are going to sell to the general public. Gordon Gough asked Mr. Wimmer how the Drainage Board can protect itself for maintaining drain when there is a problem; Mark Bardsley responded by stating they have current sewer lines, private as it is, to the city of Marion and they will be paying Marion Utilities for that. Mr. Wimmer added that he has talked to Pat Pinkerton about this and they are indeed paying, although Pat did not know if it was a metered system. Mr. Wimmer informed the Board that this is a regulated drain, but currently has no assessment. Jim Todd stated that there is no maintenance on this ditch since there is no problem with the water getting away, it moves out quickly. Mr. Wimmer is requesting the Drainage Board's approval so that he may go to the Planning Commission next. Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the preliminary plans presented by Don Wimmer; Seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried 3-0.

Swartz Ditch & Trib to Barren Creek – Econdyne LLC

Jim Todd informed the Board he has talked to Sandra Endlich of Econdyne LLC from Houston, Texas regarding the Swartz Ditch over by Upland that has an exposed gas line pipe along with another exposed pipe on an unnamed tributary, just north of the lift station on State Road 26. Mrs. Endlich would like a response that the Board has looked at this and has no problem with them putting a concrete mat over it. Mark Bardsley asked if this is creating a natural dam; Jim said that their plan is to put a little concrete over the pipe line to protect it, adding that the ditch used to be higher. Jim showed the Board pictures of the exposed pipe lines. Kenny Cates said that they could pull them out move them over and put in lower. Gordon Gough asked if we have to approve the concrete pad, Mark Bardsley answered Gordon saying that the Board prefer that a mat not be poured, but that it is the recommendation of the Drainage Board to lower their pipe, adding that the Board will give them permission to work in the right of way as they lower the gas line, not to pour a mat. Kenny Cates made Mark Bardsley's recommendation a motion, seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Fadley & Owl – Set hearing date

Jim Todd said that he is not ready to set a date for a public hearing as of yet.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 12:36 a.m.; Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried with support 3-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held will be June 12, 2018 at 11:00 am

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

***** ABSENT*****

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

***** ABSENT*****

PAT PINKERTON