

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held June 12, 2018 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton, Richard Cox and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the May 29, 2018 meeting; Seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 3-0, Richard Cox and Pat Pinkerton abstained since they were not in attendance at the May 29th meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd presented the claims as follows:

Grant County Treasurer \$17,251.73; 1158 to 2700 for loans

Grant County Treasurer \$19,629.50; 2700 to 1158 for repayment of loans

CF Excavating \$440.00 South Prong of Dry Fork; \$2,119.04 in the fund

Byron Cook \$345.00 Herbst Ditch; \$2,635.61 in the fund

Byron Cook \$604.00 Clark Tile; \$8,358.40 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 5-0.

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

Don Hill \$360.00 Little Creek; \$8,650.64 in the fund

Bragg Excavating \$6,532.98 Big Deer Creek; \$16,483.21 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 4-0, Gordon Gough abstained due to owning land in the Little Creek and Big Deer Creek water sheds.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

Mark Bardsley asked Pat Pinkerton if he had anything to inform the Board on regarding the vacation of a portion of Little Crane Pond. Pat Pinkerton stated that of few of the Marion Utilities Board members did meet and there are still a few questions for the Drainage Board. Pat feels that this may require a meeting between the Utilities Board and the Drainage Board.

Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley stated that the Board will need to go back to the attorneys and request him to file for a judge's order to get access to the obstruction so that we do not have to build a road. Since we have received no response from Gary Ott, Mark will contact the attorney to start the next process.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Honey Creek

Jim Todd informed that Board that they have increased the New Honey Creek maintenance recently. He went on to show the Board a map of George Detamore's. Jim Todd added that Mr. Detamore has smooth core 18" tile, adding that there is old concrete tile in a water hole that has settled bad (pointing out on the map to the Board). At Mr. Detamore's expense, he wants to embed in stone and put a new 18" smooth core for 300' into this wet hole. Mr. Detamore would just like to let the Drainage Board be aware of what he is getting ready to do. Jim Todd stated that he has no objections, adding that they are saving the maintenance money to work on the open ditch; therefore Mr. Detamore is spending his own money to solve this problem. Jim stated that the concrete has settled and has gaps in it. Richard Cox made a motion to allow Mr. Detamore permission to work in the right of way on New

Honey Creek tile at his own expense. Seconded by Gordon Gough, motion carried with support 5-0.

Steelman Tile

Jim Todd informed the Board that we have received a request to put the Steelman Tile on maintenance. Jim added that this is for the tile only, not the open ditch. Jim said that he has pulled the record on this tile and he will have Raymond Bair from his office do a water shed map in order to produce the correct assessment roll. This tile was put in 1893 and Jim has found the original book that has the original assessment roll. After his office has completed the water shed and he has a proper map, he will return to a meeting to set a hearing date and a rate on the Steelman Tile. Dave Bettegnies is present as he has requested the maintenance be assessed; Jim Todd asked Mr. Bettegnies if he had a rate in mind that he would like to see this tile collect. Mr. Bettegnies stated that he would like \$10.00 per acre; he feels that would be a great place to start. He has taken pictures of the headwall and stated that there really needs to be some work done there. Jim Todd stated that he has been at the headwall, while it has been a few years ago and agrees with Mr. Bettegnies. Gordon Gough asked how many acres are involved; Mr. Bettegnies informed him that it is 353 acres, unless the water shed has changed over the years.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Doty Tile – Public Hearing

Jim Todd informed the public that the current maintenance is \$3.00 per acre with a minimum of \$5.00. Due to the increasing cost to maintain drains, the Board has been petitioned to raise the maintenance to \$12.00 per acre with a minimum of \$36.00 for an eight year collection. There are 474.5 acres on the Doty Tile. The current rate brings in about \$1,428.00 per year, while the new proposed rate would bring in about \$5,761.00 per year; there is currently \$1,800.00 in the fund at this time. Jim added that there were no objections received regarding this maintenance increase. Jim Todd said that they had spent some money on the Doty Tile a few years ago. Jim asked Brian Cates what shape the tile was in when he dug it up; Mr. Cates stated that it was not in

good shape, adding that he thinks it worse on down towards the neighbors. Mark Bardsley opened the floor for any public who wished to speak for or against the rate increase; nobody approached the Board. Gordon Gough stated that if there is no one objecting, it sounds like a done deal. Gordon Gough made a motion to set the rate at \$12.00 per acre with a \$36.00 year minimum for an eight (8) year collection on the Doty Tile. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton, motion carried with support 5-0.

Cart Creek

Dave Bettegnies approached the Board stating that he has spent 3 or 4 days cleaning trees out that had fallen in, asking if there is money available for this. Jim Todd told Mr. Bettegnies that Cart Creek is on maintenance for just a short ways and then the maintenance stops. Jim explained that the northern end has never been on maintenance. Mr. Bettegnies then asked about a petition for Cart Creek for a hearing to collect maintenance on to the northern end; Jim Todd replied that indeed he would need a petition to hold a hearing. Jim said that it would take a joint board, with Wabash County, to hold a hearing, with Grant County holding the majority land benefited. The other option could be to put it on maintenance to the county line if the other county does not want to do anything with it. Jim Todd told Mr. Bettegnies that he will see the Wabash County surveyor this week at a surveyor class; he will ask her opinion about how they may want to proceed.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 11:27 a.m.; Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held will be June 26, 2018 at 11:00 am

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON