

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held August 14, 2018 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. Other members present were, Richard Cox, Gordon Gough, Pat Pinkerton and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Kenny Cates was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Due to a lack of a voting quorum, the minutes have been tabled until the August 28, 2018 meeting when Kenny Cates is present to vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd presented the claims as follows:

Grant County Treasurer \$10,972.42 - Loan from GDIF to maintenance fund
Mark Glessner \$3,000.00 Echelbarger & Zirkle; \$2,693.77 in the fund
Rogers Farm Drainage \$48,468.58 Keaton Tile; \$9,836.31 in the fund

Mark Bardsley asked if Mary Weesner has a list of the drains that the loan is for, Mary informed Mark that she does not have that information available, but the Auditor's office does. Mark Bardsley asked that Mary request that we receive a copy of the drains that are paying back loans or borrowing from the General Drain Improvement Fund.

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

There is nothing new to report

Hummel Creek

There is nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Big Deer Creek

Gary Turner is present before the Board regarding requested work for Big Deer Creek. Mr. Turner has photos that he has taken and presented them to the Board (photos are attached to the minutes in the Drainage Board office). Jim Todd stated that he has been out there two times and looked at Big Deer Creek. Mr. Turner is requesting that the channel be restored and rip rap be placed on the erosion area on the curve. Jim said that he has a cost estimate from Eric Bragg (attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office), adding that Eric Bragg has done the other rip-rap work out there. On the estimate it is quoted as "Not to exceed" \$5,980.00 to excavate the banks to allow one foot of rip rap 155 feet long and 12" wide. Also on Bragg's estimate is to pull banks back on the west side of ditch just north of bridge on 600 S for \$1,580.00. Jim reviewed the map showing the Board the location of the request. Mr. Turner told the Board that he resides at 600 S and 842 W and showed the Board the bridge, explaining the sand and silt come around there with the water flow. He would like some of the designated banks pulled back. Jim Todd added that Mr. Turner stated that he is willing to do all the leveling and grass seeding himself at his own expense. So far he has had four loads of top soil delivered and leveled out and he will seed this. Jim Todd stated that there is about \$10,000.00 in the maintenance fund and it brings in around \$12,000.00 per year. Gordon Gough stated the he cannot vote on this issue since he has land on the Big Deer Creek. Pat Pinkerton made a motion to allow Bragg Excavating to do both of the projects as quoted; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried with support 3-0 with Gordon Gough abstaining.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ditch Maintenance Funds – set dates for drains that will remain in the red after the fall collection:

*Echelbarger & Zirkle \$306.23 and *Farley Ditch \$186.33

Jim Todd informed the Board that Kenny Cates would like the Echelbarger & Zirkle scheduled for a maintenance hearing since the fund is in the red. Jim explained that this is a branch of Taylor Creek and if the Board wants to put a home site rate on Taylor, it wouldn't be right to put it on the Echelbarger & Zirkle as well, some people would be paying multiple home sites. The Board agreed that it would not be right to have land owners to pay multiple home sites for the same parcel to different ditches. Jim Todd added that the Farley Ditch is a branch of Pipe Creek. Jim explained that these two ditches are in the red and will still be in the red after the fall collections. Jim informed the Board that Mary Weesner has come up with several figures and she is ready to set hearing dates on these two ditches. Jim Todd said that he and Mary will take a better look into these two ditches and wants this to be tabled until the next Drainage Board meeting on August 28th.

*Taylor Creek \$10,767.10 in the red

Jim Todd stated that the Surveyors office and Mary Weesner have been working on the water shed for quite some time now. Jim added that there were a lot of mistakes made when the data was put back into the LOW system. Jim presented to the Board the rates proposed by Don Wimmer to be the Contract Deputy for Taylor Creek since Jim Todd cannot due to owning land in the water shed. Jim is asking that the Board sign the contract (a copy of this contract is with these minutes and the Taylor Creek public hearing file in the Drainage Board office). Jim added the rate for the public hear will be \$5.00 per acre, \$50.00 per home site, \$50.00 commercial structure and a \$25.00 minimum for an eight year collection, this will bring in around \$61,000.00 yearly. Richard Cox made a motion to approve the contract from Don Wimmer, Surveyor as Contract Deputy; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 4-0.

The Board discussed when to hold the hearing for Taylor Creek. Mary Weesner stated she could be ready for a hearing date of October 9th. Richard Cox stated that October 9th is not a good date due to the farmers and harvesting. Richard recommended late November; Mark Bardsley agreed. Gordon Gough made a motion to hold the public hearing for Taylor Creek on November 27, 2018 with the proposed rate of \$5.00 per acre, \$50.00 per home site, \$50.00 commercial structure and a \$25.00 minimum for an eight year collection. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 4-0.

Carey Tile of Brushy Run Ditch

Jim Todd told the Board that he went with Frank Hix to a property he bought next to Mr. Purtee where they had the water problem in Hanfield. He had put berm dirt in there and now there is maple trees growing up in it. Jim added that there are also trees in the yard that is in the drainage easement. Mr. Hix has been cleaning out the fence row between himself and Mr. Purtee. Jim stated that Mr. Hix would like the Drainage Board to make Mr. Purtee cut down a large black oak tree and Jim does agree that the roots are most likely in the tile. This ditch is still in the red and we have raised the maintenance. Richard Cox stated that the tile is in the red and we cannot make him remove the tree at his expense; Jim Todd added that this would probably lead to legal issue. Jim said that he will contact Mr. Purtee and just mention the tree situation and see what he says.

Little Black Creek

Jim Todd informed the Board that there is about \$9,000.00 in the maintenance fund for Little Black Creek and Jack Green is requesting to cut trees down on somebody's property.

ADJOURN:

Richard Cox made a motion to adjourn at 11:58 a.m.; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held will be August 28, 2018 at 11:00 am

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

RICHARD COX

*****ABSENT*****

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON