

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held August 28, 2018 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Other members present were Kenny Cates, Richard Cox, Gordon Gough, Pat Pinkerton and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Due to a lack of a voting quorum at the August 14th meeting, the minutes from the July 31st meeting were tabled until this meeting.

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 31, 2018 meeting as presented. Seconded by Kenny Cates; motion carried 3-0 with Pat Pinkerton and Gordon Gough abstaining since they were not present at the July 31st meeting.

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the August 14, 2018 minutes as presented. Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried 4-0 with Kenny Cates abstaining since he was not present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd presented the claims as follows:

Enyeart Construction \$8,012.00 Taylor Creek; \$10,767.10 in the red
Enyeart Construction \$12,465.00 Taylor Creek; \$10,767.10 in the red

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 4-0 with Kenny Cates abstaining as he has land in the Taylor Creek water shed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

There is nothing new to report

Hummel Creek

There is nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Lugar Creek – Nate Titus – requesting work

Jim Todd stated that the work will be under \$3,000.00, about \$2,000.00 for the dead trees that have fallen into the creek. Mr. Titus will do this work since he has his own equipment, excavator and bull dozer. Jim has been out there and looked it over. Jim added that there is \$107,000.00 in the fund. Mark Bardsley inquired as to what part of Lugar Creek is this concerning; Jim informed Mark it is right at the outlet of the river, there is an island and the trees come down the creek and pile up at the mouth. Jim showed him on the map the location. By consent, the Board agrees to allow Mr. Titus to do this work, not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Warren Sub-Division – Don Wimmer

Mr. Wimmer is present before the Board. He has handed out to the Board a map and a set of drainage plans for the Warren Sub-Division. Jim Todd informed the Board that this is right next to Pipe Creek and has easy access to the creek. Jim added that he has been on the property before. Mr. Wimmer stated that Lots 1 & 2 drain into the Tipton pond, then the pond flows to Pipe Creek; a majority of Lot 3 will drain south to Pipe Creek and some will drain to the pond. There were no issues with the drainage. Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the plans for the Warren Sub-Division; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

South Marion Peterson Tile – Public Hearing

Jim Todd informed the public that the South Marion Peterson Tile does not currently pay a ditch tax. The proposed plan is for \$10.00 per acre with a \$150.00 home site and a \$100.00 minimum for an eight year collection. Jim added that we have currently been out and worked on the tile. Eric Bragg is waiting for the water to go down in order to come out and cut some more roots out and eventually run a camera. The Drainage Board had previously agreed to spend \$6,000.00 out of the General Drain Improvement Fund to make current repairs. Jim Todd added that there are 118 homes, 5 of which had objected to the proposed rate, while none of the 20 acres objected. Jim feels that there are a few trees that will need to come down, including a large maple tree that is just south of 51st Street. Jim stated that after they had run a root cutter, all the water went down. Eric Bragg wants to run a bigger, better root cutter through the tile because there is still a hold up. Mark Bardsley reiterated that this drain has no assessment and being a public drain that needs work. State law states that because the drain is in the red we need to raise some type of fund. Jim Todd informed the Board that the last several days his office has received several phone calls from land owners stating that they are in favor of the proposed assessment.

Stan Davis – 1124 West 51st Street, Marion

Mr. Davis approached the Board stating that several homes in the NW corner of the addition that have had severe flooding. He added that in the spring his house had water under it three times, once just 3" below the floor joists. Mr. Davis has pictures that he is showing the Board from last week's rain of 1 1/2" showing standing water in his yard and stated that his septic system quit working due to all the water in his yard. Mr. David added that whenever we get a couple inches of rain, he and his neighbors have issues with their septic systems working. He has lived there for 31 years and noted that the water problem has gotten a lot worse over the last several years and needs help. He feels that everyone needs to pitch in. This drainage system was put in in the 1950's and a fund needs to be raised to make repairs when needed.

Kim Diskey (Marin) – 804 West 54th Street, Marion

Ms. Diskey stated that she lives on the corner of 54th Street and Harmon Street. She informed the Board that her mother lived there previously and started the deal in the 1990's because every single time it rained; she remembers her family room got flooded. Ms. Diskey added that she has a lot of erosion in her yard from the water. She is hoping that with this fund, they can do something with the erosion; she is worried that someone could get hurt since it is really deep around the grate.

John Hines – 1109 West Plainview Drive, Marion

Mr. Hines informed the Board that he has seen a lot of ground hog activity in the area. Mr. Hines asked when the collection would start, if passed; Jim Todd informed him that it will start collecting in 2019 and the assessment will be on their property tax information with a spring tax of \$75.00 and a fall tax of \$75.00. Mr. Hines said that he is on a fixed income and exempt from property taxes; Mark Bardsley explained that no one is exempt from drainage taxes, even churches pay them. Mark added that one of the objection letters were not necessarily objecting to a ditch tax, they objected the amount that was proposed.

There were no other public present to speak regarding the proposed assessment. Mark Bardsley asked the Board their thoughts. Kenny Cates made a motion to assess the South Marion Peterson Tile at the advertised rate of \$10.00 per acre with a \$150.00 home site and a \$100.00 minimum for an eight year collection; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried with support 5-0.

Steelman Tile – Public Hearing

Jim Todd informed the Board that there is 303 acres and 3 home sites in the Steelman water shed. The proposed plan is for \$10.00 per acre with a \$150.00 home site and a \$10.00 minimum for an eight year collection. There is no assessment being collected on the Steelman at this time. This rate would generate \$3,481.00 a year for necessary repairs. Richard Cox questioned the \$10.00 minimum rate, Jim explained that the reason for the \$10.00 is that is what the land owner that requested the hearing asked for; he has a lot of the acreage in this water shed. The Steelman Tile drains into the Steelman Open Ditch. We are not assessing the open ditch, just the tile part of the

Steelman. The open ditch has natural drainage and has no issues. There were no letters of objection.

James Smith – 3209 North Troy Avenue, Marion

Mr. Smith is present before the Board. Mr. Smith stated that he had received a letter that he had a home site that was draining into the Steelman Tile. He added that he had gone to the Drainage Board office a couple of weeks ago and informed them his home drains in a different direction. Mary Weesner informed Mr. Smith that she had already taken him off from the home site charge and showed him his current assessment. Jim Todd explained that he had run his water to the west years ago and that this has been straightened out on the assessment roll. Mr. Smith agrees that the outlet to the Steelman Tile needs a lot of maintenance. Richard Cox made a motion to approve the Steelman Tile at the advertised rate of \$10.00 per acre with a \$150.00 home site and a \$10.00 minimum for an eight year collection; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 5-0.

Echelbarger & Zirkle

Jim Todd informed the Board that Kenny Cates has made a request to put the Echelbarger & Zirkle on maintenance for \$10.00 per acre with a \$50.00 home site charge and a \$50.00 minimum for an eight year collection. This drain is a branch of Taylor Creek. Kenny asked Jim is everyone on this drain is also going to be assessed on Taylor Creek; Jim stated yes, and that there are about ten drains that go into Taylor Creek and that there are people paying multiple ditch taxes. Jim reminded the Board that awhile back they discussed that you cannot keep taxing people for home sites. If people are paying a home site on the small drain, they will not pay on a home site charge on the major drain that they go into. Mary Weesner said that she can be ready to have the public hearing on November 13, 2018. Kenny Cates made a motion to have the public hearing for Echelbarger & Zirkle on November 13, 2018 at the proposed rate of \$10.00 per acre with a \$50.00 home site charge and a \$50.00 minimum for an eight year collection; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 5-0.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 12:19 p.m.; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 5-0.

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

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON