

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the November 27, 2018 minutes as presented. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Grant County Treasurer \$7,883.03 Loan from GDIF

Grant County Treasurer \$7,253.43 Repayment to GDIF

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

***Gordon Gough to abstain**

CF Excavating \$850.00 Grassy Fork; \$30,023.95 in the fund

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried with support 3-0, with Gordon Gough abstaining due to having land in the Grassy Fork water shed.

***Kenny Cates to abstain**

Wimmer Land Surveys \$250.00 Taylor Creek; \$31,260.34 in the red

Chronicle Tribune \$31.65 Taylor Creek; \$31,260.34 in the red

CF Excavating \$440.00 Pipe Creek; \$105,863.89 in the fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 3-0; Kenny Cates abstained due to having land in the Taylor Creek and Pipe Creek water sheds.

Mark Bardsley added that he has been looking at the fall ditch collections that were given to the Board. Mark asked Mary Weesner if they are still over \$31,000.00 in the red for Taylor Creek even after the fall collection; Mary stated that they are still in the red and it will collect starting the new rate with the spring 2019 collection.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

There is nothing new to report

Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that action has been filed with the Courts by Joseph Leone and we are waiting to hear from the judge.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lugar Creek & Tribs – Anita Smith –998-3058 – Request for maintenance

Jim Todd informed the Board that due to medical reasons, Mrs. Smith is not able to be present at today's meeting. Jim added that Enyeart Construction is coming in on Lugar Creek for the Thompson Ditch doing a quoted job and the ditch that is in question for Mrs. Smith is at the end of that. They had it dredged a few years ago but it silts in bad, so Jim is informing the Board that he is going to add this to the maintenance that they are going to get information and a quote for about 1/3 of a mile. Jim Todd's office will get a letter sent out to contractors for quotes.

Crawford Ditch – Thomas Richards and Kevin Dearduff are present

Jim Todd stated that this is on the Crawford Ditch and there are about 1.263 acres in it. Jim added that he has talked to Clark Drainage. Mr. Richards is not interested in taking water out of the existing county tile to the north and bringing it down through the Crawford Ditch. Jim Todd added that there are

people who think that the Crawford Ditch is already overloaded. Mr. Richards and Mr. Dearduff have handed out pictures of the Crawford Ditch to the Board for review. Mr. Richards stated that Mr. Dearduff, who lives just 75 feet off of the ditch, has taken the pictures and brought them in. The Board reviewed the pictures. Mr. Richards is telling the Board that they do not want Mr. Scott Lasater to change the water shed, bringing in another 120 acres into the Crawford Ditch. Mark Bardsley asked if Mr. Lasater is on the Crawford, Jim Todd told Mark just 22 acres and another 7 acres, adding that they do not want to change that. Jim Todd added that Mr. Scott Lasater wants to go up into the Hardy Ditch and then back down to the Crawford. Pat Pinkerton asked if the Hardy is on maintenance; Jim stated that it is not, but the Crawford it on maintenance. Mr. Richards stated that he does not want the Board to give Mr. Lasater permission to move the water south, adding that the water gets away ok now, but not sure it can handle another 120 acres. Mark Bardsley asked about the fall of the ditch, Mr. Richards explained that there is a fall, but it crosses the road. Jim Todd added that there is about \$14,000.00. Kenny Cates asked about the Crawford Ditch rate for maintenance; Mary Weesner looked up the information. It brings in \$1.00 per acre with a minimum of \$5.00, bringing in about \$1,300.00 per year. Jim Todd explained that the reason there is so much in this fund is due to the interest from the reconstruction fund. Pat Pinkerton questioned the fact that if the Hardy Ditch can handle the water, then why does he want to change this; Jim said he wasn't sure. Jim's opinion is that it is a shorter outlet. Mr. Richards and Mr. Dearduff are going to go to Mr. Lasater and let him know that they are not in favor of this.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ditch Collections

Mark Bardsley is stating for the record regarding the returned public hearing notices for Taylor Creek. Mark stated that Mary Weesner needs to talk to the commissioner's office about the mail due to the fact that Kenny Cates has said that a lot of those people do live at the addresses on the envelopes and the mail service put a return to sender on them. Kenny added that Swayzee has a problem with the post office; they have a new lady that started a week ago.

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 Drainage Board meeting to be held will be January 8, 2019 at 11:00 am

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

*****ABSENT*****

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON