

# GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street  
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held March 28, 2023 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton, Richard Cox, and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd, and Drainage Board Secretary, Mary Weesner.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the March 14, 2023 minutes as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 4-0, Richard Cox abstained since he was not present at the March 14, 2023 meeting.

## APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Chuck's Sewer & Drain \$600.00 Stoebe Ditch; There is no maintenance fund

Bragg Excavating \$450.00 Robb Tile; \$72,671.86 in the fund

Kenny Cates would like to have a hearing on the Stoebe Ditch. Jim Todd added that we need to also have a hearing on the Clymer Comer. Gordon Gough wonders how much money we have spent on the Stoebe that we will never recoup; Jim said that he did not have the total, but he can have Mary Weesner work on getting that information. Mark Bardsley stated that we have spent a lot more on the Robb Tile. Pat Pinkerton referred to the Robb Tile stating that the fund is about maxed out, adding that we need to start to replace the Robb Tile because what is on Home Avenue is going to break down and what is behind the homes is going to continue to break down over the next few years. Pat added that now since we have the money, he doesn't know how far we can get, but we really need to start looking into this, rather than letting the fund shut off. This would not need to be a sealed/advertised bid since it is not over \$75,000.00. Richard Cox made a motion to pay the two claims mentioned above; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried, with support, 5-0.

### \*\*\* Kenny Cates to Abstain\*\*\*

Cook Excavating \$1,950.00 Pipe Creek; \$159,390.08 in the fund

Cook Excavating \$2,405.00 Pipe Creek; \$159,390.08 in the fund

Cook Excavating \$985.00 Pipe Creek; \$159,390.08 in the fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to pay the three claims mentioned above; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried, with support, 4-0. Kenny Cates abstained due to owning land in the Pipe Creek watershed.

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

Chronicle Tribune \$19.80 Milner & Moon; \$26,860.16 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to pay the above claim mentioned above; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried, with support, 4-0. Gordon Gough abstained due to owning land in the Milner & Moon watershed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Little Crane Pond

There is nothing new to discuss

Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that he is requesting \$200,000.00 from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) fund to cover the loss for the expenses that we cannot recover from Bocoock Land Development. The money would be able to cover sewer and drain projects. Mark added that he was told by the Grant County Council president that he would not appropriate general funds to cover the loss. The process will probably begin next week regarding the request from ARPA funds.

Pond Ordinance

Ryan Malott, Director of Area Plan is present via WebEx. Ryan informed the Board that they canceled their meeting for April, so he plans on talking the ordinance to the Area Plan Commission at the May meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Solms Ditch-Deborah Sullivan-maintenance request; \$4,681.55 in the fund

Jim Todd informed the Board that there are two fingers that come up to 38<sup>th</sup> Street that was built years ago. The ditch is in her backyard and across from this is where we did all that rip rap work and that gets the majority of the water. Deborah Sullivan would like some rip rap work done. Jim went on to explain that there is a neighbor, and there is a grass strip waterway which splits the property line. The neighbors ride a four-wheeler down it when it is raining, therefore it is rutted up and damaged. Jim Todd asked Mrs. Sullivan if she has talked to them about this or does she need the Drainage Board to talk to them. She stated that she has not talked to them. Richard Cox added that he feels it would be better if the neighbor heard it from the Drainage Board. Jim Todd said that he agrees with Richard and with the Board's direction he could go and talk to them about this and give them a copy of the code regarding not tearing up the waterway in the easement. Jim added that there is a lady on CR 400 that had a request to remove a little bit of brush that is in the ditch, but it will not use much of the fund. Deborah Sullivan showed the Board photos that were taken of standing water. (There are

multiple conversations). Jim Todd said that there is a grass swail between the properties and the neighbor has it rutted from the four-wheeler so it will need reshaping and reseeded. He added that we could also dredge the ditch behind her and install rip rap. Jim Todd is asking that the Board give him permission to talk to the landowner and he recommended Andy Rickner to do the work. Mark Bardsley stated that the first item to address is to give Jim Todd to go out and talk to the landowner. Secondly, the Board can receive quotes for the repair; Jim agreed, adding that he would like to go out there and look at it with Andy Rickner to see what needs done. Richard Cox made a motion to allow Jim Todd to contact the neighbor regarding the four-wheeler riding, informing him of what the state law says, asking him to cease and desist on that, and to give the Board quotes for that repair. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton, motion carried 5-0.

#### Thornhill Addition – Dollar Lake – Karen Lewis water problem

Jim Todd informed the Board that he has went out and looked at the split and it looks okay. Jim added that Area Plan had asked him if they had Drainage Board approval for the split. He showed the Board a map, explaining that the parcel is at the end of the road. Ryan Malott, via webEx, stated that this is basically a replat for a sub-division, adding that this is just a standard split and there is no action needed from the Drainage Board.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### Hummel Creek

Kenny Cates asked Ryan if he was aware of the split on Hummel Creek by Gary Ott; Ryan said that Brenda in his office is the one that handled this, he is not 100% sure. After discussion of this parcel, Mark Bardsley stated that at the next Drainage Board meeting, this can be discussed in further detail and clear up any questions that the Board has on this parcel.

#### **ADJOURN:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 a.m.; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be April 11, 2023 at 11:00 am and will be held in the Grant County Council Chambers.

Minutes recorded by:  
Mary R. Weesner  
Drainage Board Secretary

*The Grant County Drainage Board has approved the minutes for  
March 28, 2023 as presented:*

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Mark Bardsley

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Gordon Gough

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Richard Cox

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Kenny Cates

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Pat Pinkerton