

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held March 26, 2024, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:01 am. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Richard Cox, Gordon Gough, Pat Pinkerton, Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd, and Drainage Board Secretary Mary Weesner. Kenny Cates was present via WebEx.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2024, meeting as presented; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 5-0 with 4 inhouse votes and Kenny Cates voting in favor of the motion via WebEx.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

John's Repair Service \$4,040.00 Big Black Creek; \$178,869.50 in the fund
Bragg Excavating \$17,890.00 Pipe Creek; \$149,050.54 in the fund

Pat Pinkerton made the motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried 5-0 with 4 inhouse votes and Kenny Cates voting in favor of the motion via WebEx.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond

There is nothing new to discuss.

Taylor Tile of Taylor Creek-Gordon Nester; 8283 W 300 S-Easement issue

Jim Todd informed the Board that he went with Eric Bragg to see Gordon Nester. Eric has an estimate and camera pictures. Jim passed the pictures around to the Board to view. This has been replaced some, up to a shed, and Mr. Nester is going to see if he can get his son to move the shed about twenty feet. Jim added that there is a tree that is closer to the road that probably needs to be cut down. Kenny Cates stated that we would want to get a hold harmless agreement so that if someone moves the shed and something happens to it, it is not the Board's fault; Jim Todd agreed, adding that it is rotted at the bottom of the base. Jim added

that we have a total bid of \$14,643.00 to do it all. It looks like it needs to be replaced about 160 feet. Jim passed the estimate around for the Board to view (there is a copy of this estimate attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board Office). Jim informed Kenny that there are roots back by the railroad that is going to need to be dug up. Kenny said that there are mulberry trees that will need to be removed; Jim agreed, adding that the Board will need to vote on the tree removal, the hold harmless agreement and that the shed has to be moved. Jim Todd said that the son had asked him if this could be run around the shed and he informed the son that there are a couple hundred acres south that drain through there, including an implement place, and Phil Gentis has a lot of land. We do not want to bend the tile; it needs to be straight. Gordon Gough asked how much money is in the maintenance fund; Mary Weesner informed him that there is about \$267,000.00 in the fund. Pat Pinkerton asked about how much to do all this, Jim told him \$14,643.00. Eric Bragg is now present before the Board. Eric stated that we could save about \$1,000.00 if we can keep the dirt there on location. Pat Pinkerton asked Eric what all the options are. Eric stated that Swayzee ran a camera through that and where the pipe was put in about 12 or 13 years ago, there is a very large tree, and it looks like the top of the pipe is vented and caused the pipe to collapse some and that opened a gap for the roots to get into the pipe. He added that one of the options is to go back into the woods by the railroad tracks, dig those two spots out, chop the roots then cut, section, and wrap that pipe. Eric added that there is a tie-in somewhere along there that is collapsed, and no one knows where that tie-in goes. He would like to bed the pipe seven feet deep to prevent an egg shape on it. Kenny Cates informed Eric that they can take the trees and other wood to the burn pile behind the water treatment plant to burn. Pat Pinkerton asked Eric Bragg about the total; Eric told him that the total with all options would be \$22,462.00. Gordon Gough made a motion to allow Bragg Excavating to do the work as presented, provided that there is a hold harmless agreement and that the needed trees be removed. Motion was seconded by Richrd Cox. Motion carried 4-0 with 4 inhouse votes and Kenny Cates voting to abstain in the vote for the motion due to having ditching involved in Taylor Tile of Taylor Creek; via WebEx. Eric stated that it could be 3 to 4 weeks before he could get to this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Beaver Slough Ditch-David Devore-Request to reroute

David Devore is present today requesting to reroute Beaver Slough Ditch. Jim Todd stated that he feels that this needs to be done to relieve the pressure on the tile. Gordon Gough made a motion to allow David Devore to reroute the Beaver Slough Ditch; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 5-0 with 4 inhouse votes and Kenny Cates voting in favor of the motion via WebEx.

Back Creek-Request for beaver trapper

Jim Todd informed the Board that he has already talked to Don Wright, and they have already got the trapper on this.

Davis Moorehead – Kenneth Chance – 4533 S. Meridian – drainage dispute with Titan Automotive regarding fill

Jim Todd informed the Board that Mr. Kenneth Chance did is not in attendance today and the topic is tabled until the Mr. Chance is present to file an official complaint before the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURN:

Gordon Gough made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 am; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support, 5-0 with 4 inhouse votes and Kenny Cates voting in favor of the motion via WebEx.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be April 9, 2024, at 11:00 am 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 26, 2024, as presented:

Mark Bardsley

Richard Cox

Gordon Gough

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton