

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held September 10, 2024, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Richard Cox, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton, Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd and Drainage Board Secretary Mary Weesner. Gordon Gough was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the August 27, 2024. Motion was seconded by Kenny Cates and carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Chuck's Sewer & Drain \$5,8000.00 Stoebe Ditch; To be paid from the General Drain Improvement Fund. There is no maintenance fund
IMI Aggregates \$2,015.02 Barren Creek; \$79,447.96 in the fund
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IMI Aggregates \$2,163.32 Barren Creek; \$79,447.96 in the fund
Bragg Excavating \$7,807.00 S. Marion Peterson; \$78,281.62 in the fund

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 4-0.

Mark Bardsley asked Jim Todd if he had any idea as to how soon we could have a public hearing for the Stoebe Ditch; Jim responded that Mary Weesner and Cindy Fowler have worked on the assessment roll and then it was passed on to him. He added that it is right up against another drainage and is very confusing. It was put in in 1926 as a combination, going to the river. Mark Bardsley stated that part of this is city and part of it is county.

Pat Pinkerton added that we need to keep fixing the Robb Tile on the parts that are broke down and at least get it fixed down to 38th Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

Pat Pinkerton said that they need to look into a few more things regarding the resolution. It states something about \$700.00 being transferred to the city limits when they take it over and Pat is not sure where that even comes from. Jim Todd recommended that Mary Weesner go through the minutes to see if there is any mention of this.

New Roods Run – Joseph Zilka – Crossing Hold Harmless Agreement

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that today he signed the Hold Harmless Agreement and that it will be recorded.

Mathias Tile of Roods Run – Brandon Satterthwaite-Situation discussion fix/rate; \$1,949.80 in the fund

Raymond Bair stated that he was pretty sure that the tile had been rerouted years ago. Jim Todd added that if it is not taking on water north of the county road, then you should spend this money and fix Mr. Satterthwaite's problem. Richard Cox said that they would have to dig it up north of the county road to check for blockages, but this would be after the crops come off.

NEW BUSINESS

Simmons Tile – Phil Chastain -Maintenance request; \$115,547.75 in the fund

Jim Todd informed the Board that Joe Seward has started working out there. He went on to stated that it is going to bring in \$25,912.00 next year, adding that there is about \$270,000.00 in the General Drain Improvement Fund. Jim said that Mr. Chastain is asking to borrow against the General Drain Improvement Fund to work a little farther. Mr. Chastain is before the Board and stated

that it is about 3,500 feet from where Mr. Seward started north of Wheeling Pike to State Road 26; the total cost would be about \$275,000.00. He stated that there is over \$115,000.00 in the maintenance account, and they are short of the funds that they need to at least get to State Road 26. He asked about the ARPA fund and the General Drain Improvement Fund to complete the work needed. Mark Bardsley stated that if they used the \$115,000.00 that is in the maintenance fund they are still short about \$160,000.00 and there is about \$80,000.00 left in the ARPA Fund that still leaves him about \$80,00.00 short.

Kenny Cates asked about the assessment rate; Jim Todd informed him that they had a hearing and raised it to \$25.00 per acre with a homesite charge of \$50.00 and a \$25.00 minimum bring in \$25,912.00 annually. Richard Cox asked about using the ARPA Fund, Mark Bardsley explained that anything in the scope of drainage, we can use it. Mark explained that this ARPA fund has to be committed by the end of this year. Jim Todd added that if we were to use the maintenance fund next year, that would be another \$25,912.00 towards this; it would come from the General Drain Improvement Fund and then the maintenance fund would pay it back next year. Mark asked if the Board needs to table this until the next meeting or have they come to a decision; Kenny Cates feels that they need to decide today.

Jim Todd added that per State Board of Accounts, a loan from the General Drain Improvement Fund must be paid after one year's collection. Mark Bardsley said that with the maintenance fund, remaining ARPA fund and a one year collection from the General Drain Improvement Fund, that gives them about \$105,000.00; asking Mr. Chastain if they could come up with the remaining \$55,000.00 to \$60,000.00. Mr. Chastain responded that he did not know; Jim Todd stated that he could put a riser wherever he stops for now. Kenny Cates made a motion to authorize Jim Todd, Surveyor to produce a letter to the Commissioners to release the remaining \$80,815.40 of the ARPA funds for the Simmons Tile project for an emergency water release. Motion was seconded by Richard Cox and carried 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

New Roods Run

Mr. Roy Kriegh is before the Board asking what the goal is after looking at Roods Run. Jim Todd stated that he has made an appointment with an engineer to run out there and look at it later this week. Jim added that they left it up to the town Board President to talk to the town to see what he would recommend. The Drainage Board charges the ditch tax for the town, so they need the town board to be supportive and that is where it got dropped. Mr. Kriegh asked if there is any money to spray, Jim said that it wouldn't be a problem if there was a ditch tax being collected, then there would be money to operate. Kenny Cates said that it would be tough to spray through there; there are three bridges and buildings built next to it. Jim Todd said that if it was on maintenance, then it could be put on the spray program. Mark Bardsley added that the crossing that is being taken care of is being paid through the General Drain Improvement Fund and the Drainage Board will hold a public hearing to raise an assessment to pay back the General Drain Improvement Fund.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 pm; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support, 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be September 24, 2024, 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 September 10, 2024, as presented:

Mark Bardsley

Richard Cox

*****Not Present*****

Gordon Gough

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton