

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

**401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953**

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held November 30, 2021 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order via WebEx at 11:02 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Kenny Cates and Pat Pinkerton joined via WebEx.

Richard Cox was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the October 26, 2021 minutes as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried 3-0. Pat Pinkerton abstained due to not attending the October 26th meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Chuck's Sewer & Drain \$440.00 Robb Tile; \$70,663.15 in the fund
Drewry Simmons \$385.00 Hummel Creek; \$188,066.28 in the red

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution
There is nothing new to discuss

Hummel Creek – Bidding process

Mark Bardsley stated that we are now ready for the bidding process. Kenny Cates asked if the bidding will be advertised in the newspaper; Jim Todd informed the Board that Mary Weesner has already notified the Chronicle Tribune. Mary told the Board that the advertising dates are December 4, 2021 and December 11, 2021 with the bid letting taking place at the January 11, 2022 Drainage Board meeting. Mark Bardsley informed the Board that due to the time frame; he has given the pre-approval to move forward on the bid letting process, but now the Board needs to vote on the matter. Gordon Gough asked if this bidding is going into the obstruction the long way; Mary Weesner informed Gordon that there will be bids on both the long way and the easy access off of Gary Ott's property. Mary stated that the contractors may bid on either access or both. Gordon Gough made the motion to the Board proceeds on the bidding process for Hummel Creek, seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 4-0.

Solar Ordinance

Ryan Malott, Director of Area Plan, was present via WebEx stating that he wanted to be present in case there was discussion. Mark Bardsley stated that we do not have a completed packet with what the Drainage Board will want to check off as of yet. Mark asked Ryan if he could confirm that they are having another meeting on December 6, 2021. Ryan stated that 6 pm is their BZA meeting and 7 pm is the APC meeting. Ryan Malott state that they need to do another workshop regarding the solar ordinance. Jim Todd stated that he feels that the drainage approval needs to come first; Ryan responded that all of the development such as road development and drainage has to all be set before it is presented to the Area Plan Commission for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Little Pipe Creek – Request by IMI-vacate abandoned part in quarry Jim Todd informed the Board that he has spoken with IMI and they have rerouted the tile and they would like to vacate the tile that went through the center of plant. IMI is the only one that is draining on it since they own the property south of it. Jim suggested that maybe sometime in January of 2022 we can send out vacation notices in order to set them up for a hearing to vacate; having the hearing sometime in February. Mark Bardsley told Jim to go ahead and get this scheduled.

Lomax Ditch-Wendell Cates-request for clearing & dredging \$51,185.58 in the fund

Jim Todd stated that Wendell Cates has been the go-to guy for keeping this cleaned out and he knows the property well. Jim added that this would be cleaning out from Miller Avenue to approximately 200' north of 38th Street, which is about 5,100 feet. At \$1.90 per foot; it would clean out two culvert pipes, there will also be four hours of dump truck haul. This would total \$10,690.00; Jim is asking the Board permission to allow Wendell Cates clean this part of the Lomax. Kenny Cates made a motion to allow Wendell Cates to clean the Lomax Ditch from Miller Avenue to approximately 200' north of 38th Street; Seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support, 4-0. Mark Bard addressed Jim Todd by saying that they are still have the south section, south of the university neighborhood; Mark is questioning if anyone has heard if there will be change in that land anytime soon; Mark added that the only reason we still have that part of the Lomax is because it is agricultural south to the neighborhood. Jim Todd stated that he has not heard of any changes to that neighborhood. Jim added that he would like to get someone in there, like Sullivan's Excavating with a small backhoe to dip that little short section out to make sure it is getting under 38th Street alright. Jim added that Wendell's excavator is a bit big for that area, and they will need someone with a smaller machine.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Brushy Run

Amy Bebe is present here today representing Losure Farms. Raymond Bair and Amy have been talking to the contractor and they have it worked out. They have an estimate to have the Brushy Run to brush the ditch and that Carey Branch Tile needs dipped out. They would dip out using the Carey Branch fund. Jim Todd has one estimate for clearing the brush for 970 feet on the Carey Branch and spray Tordon would be \$3,780.00 paid by Brushy Run, which has \$9,672.00 in the fund; the other estimate is to dig approximately 970 feet for \$2,050.00 and that would come out of the Carey Tile fund which has about \$4,504.00. Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the work requested on the Carey Branch and the Brushy Run; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 4-0.

Lugar Creek

Jim Todd stated the John Enyeart had been out to Lugar Creek last year and worked on the Blue farm and worked on the Losure farm a little bit and then moved back to the Blue farm north of county road 200. This work is on the end of all the branches of Lugar Creek, involving five different sections. Jim has a break down with five different quotes. The Lugar Creek fund currently has \$187,850.00

Here are the estimates from John's Repair service:

Dipping of approximately 3,434 feet and cleaning 60 feet of culvert is \$5,900.00

Clear brush at intersection of Ludlum and Tippy ditch for approximately 600 feet north and spray Tordon is \$1,320.00

Clear brush from approximately 2,890 of Tippy Ditch and spray Tordon is \$ 5,480.00

Dig approximately first 300 feet of ditch east of county road 500 E and remove approximately 300 cubic yards of spoil is \$1,850.00

Dip approximately 2,590 feet east of county road 500 E; which includes removing/replacing earthen dam/buffer around surface inlet at bend east of 500 and heavy silt on east end of dig is

\$5,200.00. (A copy of these estimates is attached to the minutes in the Drainage Board office). The total of all above estimates is \$19,750.00 and this would free up the end of the Ludlum, which will help the Wigger run better. Gordon Gough made a motion to approve all projects; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried, with support 4-0.

ADJOURN:

Gordon Gough made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m.; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be December 14, 2021 at 11:00 am and will be held in the Grant County Council Chambers.

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

Minutes approved:

Mark Bardsley

Gordon Gough

*****ABSENT*****

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton