

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held October 29, 2024, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:03 am. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Richard Cox, Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd and Drainage Board Secretary Mary Weesner. Pat Pinkerton was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the October 9, 2024, meeting. His motion was seconded by Richard Cox and carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

IMI Aggregates \$427.81 Winger Ditch; \$26,609.99 in the fund
IMI Aggregates \$683.73 Winger Ditch; \$26,609.99 in the fund
IMI Aggregates \$140.31 Mathias of Roods Run; \$1,980.88 in the fund
Seward Excavating \$116,921.87 Simmons Tile; \$117,389.35 in the fund
Bragg Excavating \$550.00 Belleview Tile; \$6,376.57 in the fund
John's Repair Service \$1,851.50 Mathias of Roods Run; \$1,980.88 in the fund
John's Repair Service \$20,000.00 Moriarty & McMahon; \$27,750.32 in the fund
John's Repair Service \$201.00 Big Black Creek; \$165,937.77 in the fund
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Cook Excavating \$2,795.00 Winger Ditch; \$26,909.99 in the fund
Amazon Capital Services \$74.03 Office Supplies; \$174.66 in the fund

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough and carried 4-0.

*****Kenny Cates to Abstain*****

IMI Aggregates \$2,701.45 Pipe Creek; \$158,929.78 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claim as presented. Motion was seconded by Gordon Gough and the motion carried 3-0 with Kenny Cates abstaining due to having land in the Pipe Creek watershed.

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

Cook Excavating \$1,760.00 Big Deer Creek; \$26,097.02 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claim as presented. Motion was seconded by Kenny Cates and carried 3-0 with Gordon Gough abstaining due to having land in the Big Deer Creek watershed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

There is nothing new to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Long Branch – Mark Swanner, 4619 Farmington Road; 62' Variance request

Jim Todd stated that he had went out to visit Mr. Swanner and felt that it was not necessary for him to attend today's meeting. Jim reviewed the area on a map where there is a barn that was built in the year 1910. He added that Mr. Swanner is wanting to do some remodeling. The barn is 62' from the top of the ditch bank and 22' from the flood plain. Since the barn is on a steep hill, the water will not reach the barn. Jim Todd stated that we just need to give Mr. Swanner a variance so he can get his permits from Area Plan. Jim added that he does not feel that there is a reason for a hold-harmless agreement because the water will never get to the barn because it was built on a hill. The variance only needs to be 62' from the northeast corner of the building. Kenny Cates made a motion to give Mark Swanner the variance of 62' from the

northeast corner of his barn. The motion was seconded by Gordon Gough and carried 4-0.

Powers Drain – Burr Worl; Redirecting of drain

Jim Todd informed the Board that Mr. Worl had called this morning and cancelled this item on the agenda. He was wanting to redirect the water on the Power Drain.

Knotes Branch of Keaton – Set public hearing date

Mary Weesner informed the Board that she has received a petition for a public hearing on the Knotes Branch of Keaton from Dave Devore and Barry Key. She stated that she could hold this hearing on either December 10, 2024, or December 31, 2024.

Jim Todd stated that the current maintenance is \$10.00 per acre with a homesite charge of \$150.00 and a minimum of \$100.00. He added that they would like to increase it to \$50.00 per acre, leaving the homesite at \$150.00 and a \$150.00 minimum with a 4 year collection cap. There are about 290 acres in the Knotes Branch. Dave Devore and Barry Key have 38.25% of the benefit acreage. Gordon Gough made the motion to hold the public hearing on the Knotes Branch of Keaton on December 10, 2024, with the proposed rate of \$50.00 per acre, leaving the homesite at \$150.00 and a \$150.00 minimum with a 4 year collection cap. The motion was seconded by Richard Cox and carried unanimously at 4-0.

Mathias of Roods Run – Brandon Satterthwaite– Tile break and money- \$1,980.88 in the fund

Richard Cox asked if the tile is still functioning; Raymond Bair said that it is functioning and that it is egg shaped and plastic and will have future problems. Jim Todd added that it was broke down in 3 places across the road and had a hump.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Moriarity & McMahon Ditch – Public Hearing

Jim Todd informed the Board that the current maintenance is \$5.00 per acre with a \$50.00 homesite and a \$10.00 minimum for a collection of four years. The proposed rate is \$10.00 per acre, \$100.00 per homesite with a minimum of \$25.00 for an eight year collection beginning in the spring of 2025. There is 882.81 acres with 38 homesites. With this new rate, it would raise the yearly collection from \$6,366.62 to \$12,774.14. Gordon Gough inquired as to what they are wanting to do; Jim Todd informed him that they have wiped out the account when they started working on it, this raise would give them the money to keep going. Jim said that Ed Blinn was in his office this morning and stated that he is in favor of the increase in maintenance. Jim Todd added that there were no written objections to the proposed rate. Mark Bardsley opened the public hearing for the public to speak. Mic Roush is before the Board stating that is very much in favor of the increase, the ditch has grown up, has sediment in it and does not flow very good. Richard Cox made the motion to approve the proposed rate of \$10.00 per acre, \$100.00 per homesite with a minimum of \$25.00 for an eight year collection for the Moriarity & McMahon Ditch; the motion was seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried 4-0.

Monroe Ditch of Lugar Creek

Raymond Bair stated that on the Monroe Ditch just north of SR 18 and west of SR 5, Enyeart brushed and dug it and has a spoil that needs to be feathered out. John's Repair has stopped and talked to Gabbert and has his blessing to do it. He added that there is also a tributary that comes out off on Gabbert's property that goes to Hane's Tile, north of SR 18, the landowner, Gabbert is willing to, or interested in dredging that ditch about 1,200 or 1,300 feet. Raymond is asking the Board if he can just give it to John's Repair to do while he is there, or do we need to take it to a bid. John's Repair said \$4.00 to \$5.00 per foot if it is smaller brush, \$6.00 to \$7.00 per foot if it is heavier brush and it would be anywhere from \$4,800.00 to \$9,00.00. Jim Todd asked if he could look at it and give us a ballpark price; Raymond said that he could, and it is not something that he can do right away. Raymond then asked the

Board what they are willing to let him, and Jim tell the contractor to go ahead instead of waiting two weeks to come to another meeting. He again asked what dollar amount the Board is willing to let them approve without running past them. Mark Bardsley stated that he doesn't see a problem if they are already on the job and see something that needs done. Richard Cox agreed, stating that it should be up to \$10,000.00 as long as there is money in the fund. Jim Todd added that the limit now is \$3,000.00 but he has had to go over a couple times. Kenny Cates said that if it gets over \$3,000.00, the Board needs to know about it. Richard Cox added that you cannot get much done for \$3,000.00. Kenny Cates said that he does not want to get in the place where they have favorite contractors, Jim Todd agreed adding that he does not want that to happen either. Mark Bardsley stated that he feels that the Board make it a policy, with a motion and support, that way it is on the record. Richard Cox made a motion to allow the Surveyor to approve up to \$10,000.00 for a job, without bringing it in front of the Drainage Board, as long as there is money in the fund to cover that project, and that it is the continuation of a previous project. The motion was seconded by Gordon Gough and carried unanimously 4-0.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 am; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried with support, 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be November 12, 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 October 29, 2024, as presented:

Mark Bardsley

Richard Cox

Gordon Gough

Kenny Cates

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

Pat Pinkerton