

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held December 10, 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, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton, Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd and Drainage Board Secretary Mary Weesner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the November 24, 2024, meeting. His motion was seconded by Richard Cox and carried 4-0; Pat Pinkerton abstained since he was not present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

H&W Ditching \$849.00 King Kelly Tile; \$38,124.37 in the fund
Amazon Capital Services \$81.90 Office Supplies; \$100.63 in the fund
Chuck's Sewer & Drain \$5,500.00 Robb Tile; \$75,232.98 in the fund
John's Repair Service \$10,000.00 Lugar Creek; \$123,563.60 in the fund
Brandon Tinkel \$416.00 Haw Run; \$4,319.69 in the fund

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Robb Tile. Pat Pinkerton recommended that they get some estimates for replacing part of the tile, working their way south.

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 5-0.

Gordon Gough to Abstain

Seward Excavating \$2,475.00 Back Creek; \$108,623.76 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claim as presented. The motion was seconded by Kenny Cates and carried 4-0 with Gordon Gough abstaining due to owning land in the Back Creek watershed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

Pat Pinkerton stated that they are working on a solution, but the storm water utility doesn't maintain open ditches. He added that taking over the tiled areas is not the problem, it is the open ditches that is the tricky part.

Walnut Creek – Paul Hollars; Maintenance request

Jim Todd informed the Board that it is about 4½ miles from where Blackford County collects money. Jim stated that he had forgotten to call Blackford County requesting the repairs on this property. He feels that the answer is going to be no. He will call them and report his findings back to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Hummel Creek

Jim Todd said that someone is wanting to put a pipe in on Hummel Creek. He added that he has talked to John Enyeart of Enyeart Construction and Jorge Camacho. Jim said that he and Raymond will go out and measure all the pipes in the area. The landowner is wanting Enyeart to come up with a pipe and price. Jim Todd is going to invite Mr. King to a meeting and tell him the area opening that he needs. The location is in the upper end, south of CR 650.

Little Black Creek

Jim Todd stated that he has sent out letters to the landowners and they said that the money has been built up now. He added that nobody has corresponded with him regarding the letter he sent out. Jim is going to go downstream to what kind of log jams are there, at Jack Green's request, and if it is not a really big job we can do it for time and material.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Knotes Branch of Keaton – Public Hearing

Jim Todd informed the Board that the current maintenance assessment for the Knotes Branch of Keaton is \$10.00 per acre, \$150.00 per homesite with a \$100.00 minimum for an eight (8) year collection. Due to the increased cost of maintaining this drain, the Grant County Drainage Board would like the drain to be assessed at \$50.00 per acre with a \$150.00 homesite with a \$150.00 minimum for a four year collection. Jim added that there were no objections filed. The Knotes Branch of Keaton has 290 acres and four home sites. Jim Todd stated that the current rate brought in \$3,809.20 annually. Jim said that we were petitioned to hold this hearing with 111.30 of the 290.20 benefited acreage petitioning. He added that we have received no objections. Richard Cox inquired about the annual rate after the proposed change, Jim stated it would be \$15,360.50 annually. Gordon Gough asked what they are wanting to do; Jim said that they would like a total tile replacement with Richard Cox asking if this proposed rate would raise enough money, Jim said that it would not. Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the proposed rate as advertised (\$50.00 per acre with a \$150.00 homesite with a \$150.00 minimum for a four year collection); seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried, with support 5-0.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 am; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried with support, 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be December 31, 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 December 10, 2024, as presented:

Mark Bardsley

Richard Cox

Gordon Gough

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton