

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held December 14, 2021 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton, Richard Cox, and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the November 30, 2021 minutes as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried 4-1. Richard Cox abstained due to not attending the November 30, 2021 meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Bragg Excavating \$1,570.00 Back Creek; \$89,395.53 in the fund
Grant County Treasurer \$385.00 Loan from GDIF to Maintenance
Peerless Printing \$187.52 Office Supplies; \$187.52 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 4-1; Gordon Gough abstained due to having land in the Back Creek watershed.

*****Richard Cox to abstain*****

Christopher Burke \$2,750.50 Hummel Creek; \$188,451.28 in the red

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the above claim as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried, with support, 4-1 with Richard Cox abstaining due to having land in the Hummel Creek watershed.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Hummel Creek – Bidding process

Jim Todd informed the Board that Mary Weesner has reached out to contractors letting them know about the upcoming bid. Mary added that several contractors have questioned if there was a different way to the obstruction other than through the easement; Mary sent the drone footage to our engineer so that contractors may view the obstruction. Mary Weesner also informed the Board that Matt Mead of Christopher Burke Engineering will be in attendance for the opening of the bids on January 11, 2022.

Solar Ordinance

Mark Bardsley reviewed a list of a few items that he would like to put into the solar ordinance; a copy has been given to the Board members and a copy is attached to these minutes. Kenny Cates asked about if they come in and put one over our drainage easement, they will have to leave at least 75 feet on each side for a total of 150' because a lot of these county tiles are old, and these solar cables will last at least 30 years. Jim Todd added that it depends on the location and the drainage pattern of the location and whether there is retention or detention ponds. Mark Bardsley added that we need to also put in that any mutual drains and private tile outside it would need to be equal to or better than what it is; the Board agreed. Mark asked Ryan Malott (attending via WebEx) if the Oak Hill farm went through the BZA; Ryan stated that it did not but should have. Mark Bardsley added that is why we need a solar ordinance in place; what they did out there had no supervision at all. Ryan added that Oak Hill and Madison Grant both had come to them for a permit then they called Area Plan to inform them that it was done. He stated that AEP in Gas City actually went through the BZA and Area Plan was out for inspection

Mutual Drain – Dunn Farms Inc.; discussion (NW FR Sec 30)

Jim Todd stated that Mr. Dunn had contacted him and asked that he talk with David White about what was going to be done. Mr. Dunn wants a concrete collar and is willing to pay for that. Mr. Dunn is also asking for support from the Drainage Board. Jim added that he did talk to David, but he would not commit to putting the collar on, even at Mr. Dunn's expense. Mr. Dunn would like a 24" tile around the corner. Jim stated that if any of the Board members would like to go out and see the erosion, he would be happy to take them out there. Mr. Dunn wanted the Board to know that he is on a construction advisory board for Maricopa County Arizona, which is downtown Phoenix. The Board members have been given a letter from Mr. Dunn and photos (also attached to the minutes). Jim Todd added that Mr. Dunn never agreed to the 18" tile being on him and he would like the side ditch put back on the west side of River Road. Pat Pinkerton asked Jim about before the 18" was put in and where did it go; Jim responded that it comes down and crosses Shady Hills road and Glen road and then runs on the west side of River Road then it crosses River Road. Mark Bardsley has set up a meeting on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 11:00 am for himself, David White, and Jim Todd to meet regarding this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brumfield & Blue – Price farms - \$1,123 in the fund

Jim Todd told the Board that the maintenance fund on the Brumfield & Blue is \$1.25 per acre with a minimum of \$5.00, bringing in only \$757.00 per year. Jim added that there are 593 acres. They have outlet tile that were put in around 1960 and is 14", it runs the length of the property, about 3,042 feet. Everybody on both sides has done additional tiling. Mrs. Price was asking Jim what size tiles this needs to be, but they have surface water flow that looks like a river and it will be up to them on what they decide. Jim would like the Board's permission to send landowners a nice letter, inviting

everyone to a meeting to discuss what they want to do with it. Richard Cox stated that it sounds like they need to raise the maintenance; Jim agreed. Jim Todd stated that he has given them all the information that is needed, such as an assessment roll.

Little Pipe Creek – IMI – Discussion regarding drainage

Jim Todd stated that the Drainage Board never had a vacation hearing and we need to schedule a hearing to vacate the section that runs through the plant. Jim would like to have the hearing in February of 2022. IMI is the only landowners that dump in the end. They are wanting to put a tile in to discharge. Kevin Holcom from IMI is present before the Board and stated that the existing open ditch still runs along driveway. They are not adding any extra water just wanting to reroute it a different way. He stated that there is an engineer involved. Richard asked if they were going to get rid of the yellow (per chart) open ditch; Mr. Holcom said that the discussion with engineer would like to leave it open, just not sure if they can. Only regulated is the blue line and vacate the red line. Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the concept of IMI water redirect; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 5-0. Mary will send a notice to IMI and put in paper.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2022 Meeting Dates – Board approval needed

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the 2022 meeting dates as presented; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 5-0.

Term renewal – Gordon Gough & Pat Pinkerton

Richard Cox made a motion to forward the names of Gordon Gough and Pat Pinkerton on to the Commissioners for Drainage Board term renewal; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried 3-2 with Gordon Gough and Pat Pinkerton abstaining.

Little Pipe Creek

Kenny Cates stated that on the Swayzee Road where it goes underneath the bridge, the county was out there with a chop truck that chops limbs and a bucket truck taking out a tree that they was afraid was going to fall into the road. Kenny asked them to get a tree, but they said that they could not get it with a bucket truck. He added that somehow, they need to get that cleaned out. Jim Todd stated that he had spoken with Eric Bragg and that he was going to get to it soon, Jim added that Eric's mom had passed away recently though. Kenny asked how he is planning on doing this; Jim said that he is going to sit on the road and remove all the dead trees out of the creek and they will rip rap the corner where it washes out. Jim said that it requires a good saw man that knows what they are doing then they will have to get chains and pull the trees out.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 a.m.; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be December 28, 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

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton