

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held June 14, 2022 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Gordon Gough, Richard Cox, Pat Pinkerton, Kenny Cates, Grant County 1st Deputy Surveyor Raymond Bair and Drainage Board Secretary, Mary Weesner. The Board was informed of the passing of Rick Wilkes (retired from Surveyors office) and Don Wimmer (Wimmer Surveying); Kenny Cates asked that the Board have a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the May 31, 2022 minutes as presented. Seconded by Gordon Gough, motion carried 3-0; Richard Cox and Pat Pinkerton abstained since they were not present at the May 31st meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Raymond Bair read the claims as follows:

Bragg Excavating \$15,555.10 Lugar Creek; \$231,519.80 in the fund
Grant County Treasurer \$4,889.73 Loan; GDIF to Maintenance Fund
Grant County Treasurer \$4,260.95 Loan pmt. Maintenance to GDIF
Bragg Excavating \$3,927.30 John Wood Tile; \$2,580.59 in the fund
Brad Atkins \$255.00 Simmons Tile; \$75,566.19 in the fund
Enyeart Construction \$8,000.00 Doyle Ferguson #1; \$67,335.83 in the fund
Enyeart Construction \$20,000.00 Doyle Ferguson #2; \$67,335.83 in the fund
Cook Excavating \$3,697.50 Pipe Creek; \$153,780.97 in the fund
Cook Excavating \$2,677.50 Pipe Creek; \$153,780.97 in the fund

Mark Bardsley asked if the John Wood drain is collecting this year; Mary Weesner stated that it is collecting this year and should bring in about \$500.00 for the fall collection. This drain only brings in \$1.50 per acre.

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried, with support, 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: *...continued*

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

Redman Excavating \$1,500.00 Hummel Creek; \$221,442.88 in the red

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the above claim as presented; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried, with support, 4-0; Richard Cox abstained due to having land in the Hummel Creek watershed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

This is still in the hands of our attorney, per Mark Bardsley.

Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley asked Mary Weesner if she has heard from our attorney, Joe Leone, regarding the total that will be owed by Mr. Ott. Mary stated that Mr. Leone is still working on the figures and that she is waiting for a final from Christopher Burke Engineering. Gordon Gough asked Mark what would happen if Mr. Ott does not pay, Mark Bardsley said that he thinks that we could either take him to court or we could put a lien on his property, which would not be good for a multi-millionaire to have a lien on his property and this would affect his credit. Kenny Cates asked if anyone has been back there to see what has been done; Mark Bardsley stated that since Mr. Ott removed the obstruction illegally, we are now leaving it in the hands of the State. It will be up to them if they want to fine him because he did the work without the proper permits.

Solar Ordinance

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that the Commissioners will be putting out some fact finding probably towards the end of next week. The Commissioners will reaffirm that everything that has been put as requirements for drainage is specifically in the ordinance so that there is no question as to what they can and cannot do. Without approval from the Drainage Board, they cannot move forward with the solar farm project.

OLD BUSINESS: *...continued*

Chaining Ordinance

There is nothing new to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Herbst Tile – Steve Berry

Raymond Bair stated that Jim Todd wanted to inform the Board that Steve Berry is looking to putting up grain storage bins south of the Sims Franklin. The Herbst Tile runs across there at an angle. Raymond added that Mr. Berry is aware of it and that he will either reroute it or come to the Board with a plan. A map of the area was passed around for the Board to review.

Hollis-Daughtery – Mark Townsend-request \$4,739.06 in the fund

Mark Townsend did not appear before the Board. Raymond Bair stated that Mr. Townsend is requesting dredging on the Hollis-Daughtery. Work has already been requested by Charles Maddox and Jim Todd was unaware that Raymond has already earmarked the funds to the Maddox gentleman. The Hollis-Daughtery brings in about \$1,800.00 per year and they spend it as fast as it comes in. Raymond stated that he told Mr. Townsend on the phone that he feels this needs to have a higher rate; it is currently bringing in \$1.00 per acre. Mark Bardsley asked that Mary Weesner to do a 3 year survey of how much expenses have gone out on the average each year. Raymond Bair added that the Drainage Board has been spending money removing beaver dams, they have been out there 30+ years. Mark asked that Mary email the Board members her findings and also bring to the next meeting. Mark asked Raymond if the money that he earmarked will put the fund in the red; Raymond stated that they will try not to. Richard Cox asked what the money was earmarked for; Raymond Bair said that it is for surface drain inlets.

Ditch Spraying – Complaint

Mark Bardsley said that we will contact our spraying vendor to see what chemical is being used to spray the ditch banks.

OTHER BUSINESS

Isaiah Wall of Lugar Creek – Quotes - \$231,519.80 in the fund

Raymond Bair Stated that they have received 3 quotes; they are as follow:

Enyeart Construction \$21,296.40

John's Repair Service \$ 23,700.00

Keith Sullivan Excavating \$35,000.00

Gordon Gough asked Raymond what work is requested to be done out there; Raymond Bair stated that we have 2,662 feet of brush and dip and level. There is a farm crossing, a road crossing and State Road 18 that need to be cleaned out and debris removed. Kenny Cates inquired to see if it was going to be straighten out or keep the same path, Raymond stated they would keep the same path.

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to award the work to Enyeart Construction; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 5-0.

Pipe Creek – Hearing to vacate portion – Kevin Holcom (IMI)

Kevin Holcom of IMI is present today regarding the vacation of a portion of Pipe Creek. Mr. Holcom stated that when the plans were made in 2016, Don Wimmer had done all the surveying; at that point, he thought he had that part handled until he hired an engineer, they said it was still active. He had passed maps out to the Drainage Board for their review. Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the vacation as requested; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m.; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be June 28, 2022 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 approves of the minutes for
June 14, 2022 as presented:*

Mark Bardsley

Gordon Gough

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton