

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held January 10, 2023 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. Other members present were Kenny Cates via WebEx, Richard Cox, Pat Pinkerton, Grant County Surveyor, Jim Todd, and Drainage Board Secretary, Mary Weesner. Vice-Chairman Gordon Gough was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion via WebEx to approve the December 27, 2022 minutes as presented; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Grant County Treasurer \$6,629.46 Loan from GDIF to Maintenance

Hummel \$5,439.46

Unthank \$1,190.00

Redman Excavating \$16,600.00 Barren Creek; \$57,980.30 in the fund

Redman Excavating \$14,175.00 Barren Creek; \$57,980.30 in the fund

Redman Excavating \$1,380.00 Barren Creek; \$57,980.30 in the fund

Redman Excavating \$2,399.42 Barren Creek; \$57,980.30 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the claims presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried, with support, 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond

There are no updates to report at this time.

Solar Ordinance

Mark Bardsley stated that there are no updates as of right now.

Milner & Moon – Vacation of drain

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that he and Gordon Gough had met Friday with the Drainage Board attorney to set in motion on what has to be done. He added that this will be like any other public hearing, we have to pick a date, declare what the public hearing is about (vacation), we would have to advertise and send out legal notices to all of the

landowners. Jim Todd inquired about the money that is in the maintenance fund; Mark Bardsley said that anything that has been collected this year will go back to the landowners. Mark added, pertaining to the current balance, initially we will try to utilize what is in the fund with work that we know we need to do yet on the Milner & Moon before we start the process to vacate. Kenny Cates added that there was talk that there is some maintenance that needs to be done on the Comer property. Mr. Hasty said that there has been quite a bit of work already done, maybe they could recoup some of that money; Mark Bardsley explained that per State Board of Accounts, we cannot reimburse from the maintenance fund. Jim Todd asked Mark Hasty if the two houses out there are hooked to the Milner & Moon or to the new line; Mr. Hasty stated that they are hooked to the new line, adding that when he and Gordon Gough put in the new line they ran it to Deer Creek. Jim added that he would like to see a way that they could utilize the money. Mr. Hasty stated that he will get with Steve Comer to see what they can work out moving forward. Mark Bardsley questioned if the Board is ready to move into the public hearing phase or would they rather talk more the Drainage Board attorney, Kyle Persinger; Richard Cox said that he feels that we need to get all of our answers from Kyle Persinger before moving forward. Mark responded saying that we will not set a public hearing yet, but instead pass on a few questions to Mr. Persinger so that we can get definitive answers. Mr. Hasty asked if he and Steve Comer need to come up with a plan and then present it to the Drainage Board so that the Board will have it for their records. Kenny Cates added that if there is any maintenance that is needing to be done, now is the time to do it while they have the money. Mr. Hasty added that this drain will not be abandoned until Steve and Karen Comer put a new tile in place.

Potter Creek

Jim Todd informed the Board that Redman Excavating is getting ready to pull in on Potter Creek; they had a quote for \$40,000.00 to start at the headwall and brush and dredge downstream. He added that he has spoken to the landowner and that they need to meet out there before he starts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moriarty & McMahan Ditch

Raymond Bair stated that Mic Roush has requested work on the Moriarty & McMahan Ditch, which is south of Van Buren. He added that since they raised the rate last year, there is now money and he would like to pursue with what we can with what is in the fund. Mark Bardsley said that the Drainage Board would need a formal request, Jim Todd added that it would be good if he got some quotes before he comes before the Board with his request. Raymond stated that he wants to do about one and half miles.

Monroe Ditch

Raymond Bair informed the Board that Randy Thurman is pursuing getting more of the Monroe Ditch dredged east of State Road 5. He added that Mr. Thurman will come with

estimates of each property owner's and present them when he gets them. There are six different landowners that go a mile and a half over there.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Elsworth Ruggles – Need Joint Drainage Board volunteer

Jim Todd told the Board that the new Huntington County surveyor figured that they need more money, adding that Richard Cox has served on the Elsworth Ruggles joint board in the past. He added that Grant County only has thirteen acres. The Huntington County surveyor would like a volunteer from Grant County to serve on the Board along with Wabash County, we can waive our rights, if desired. Mark Bardsley asked Richard Cox if he would be interested in sitting on the Board; Richard replied that he would. Jim Todd told Richard that he would give his name to the Huntington County surveyor, adding that they do not have a hearing date set yet.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion via WebEx to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m.; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be January 31, 2023 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
January 10, 2023 as presented:*

Mark Bardsley

ABSENT

Gordon Gough

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton