

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held November 14, 2023 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Vice-Chairman Gordon Gough called the meeting to order (time not noted) Other members present were Richard Cox, Pat Pinkerton, Kenny Cates, and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Chairman Mark Bardsley and Drainage Board secretary Mary Weesner were not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the October 31, 2023 minutes as presented, seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 3-0 with Richard Cox abstaining as he was not present at the October 31, 2023 meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows;

Kenny Cates to abstain

IMI Aggregates \$609.23 Sims Franklin; \$20,219.76 in the fund
Raymond Bair stated Kenny Cates had talked with Andy of John's Repair Service to work on the Sims Franklin; Kenny stated that he had heard that John's had gone through Swayzee few days ago. Jim Todd stated that it could have been Phil Gentis, he hadn't heard. Kenny Cates added that it had to be either Phil Gentis or Mark Glessner.

Cook Excavating \$1,400.00 Pipe Creek; \$141,000.00 in the fund

Cook Excavating \$600.00 Pipe Creek; \$141,000.00 in the fund

Cook Excavating \$8,000.00 Pipe Creek; \$141,000.00 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 3-0 with Kenny Cates abstaining due to owning land on the Sims Franklin and Pipe Creek watersheds.

Jim Todd stated that the previous meeting, a claim for IMI Aggregates had the wrong amount presented due to missing the Environmental Fee, but the claim was corrected before being given to the Auditor office for payment. Jim informed the Board they had approved the claim for \$2,728.63, but the corrected amount was \$2,782.59.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond

There is nothing new to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Long Branch Ditch – Henry Olynger – Private crossing

Jim Todd stated that Mr. Henry Olynger is present today. Jim added that he has talked to Jorge Camacho, he did the watershed. Jim stated that he has a letter from Mr. Camacho that states that they measured the one on Farmington Road. The round 10 foot diameter pipe would be 75 square feet on the end area opening. Mr. Olynger passed a map of the area around to the Board for review, it shows where to get cars across the street to the wooded area. Jim Todd said that his only concern is that the new crossing gets put down into the old bottom. Mr. Olynger stated that he is waiting for the leaves to die off so that he can get in there to decide where the best location would be. Jim Todd said that the load restriction liability would be to the landowner of the stream crossing. Gordon Gough asked if Mr. Olynger was wanting to put the pipe in at his own expense; Mr. Olynger stated yes. Gordon added that it would be responsibility to keep it cleared out. Pat Pinkerton made a motion to allow Mr. Olynger to put the private crossing in at his own expense; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried with support 4-0.

M&D Wildlife – Matthew King – Beaver Trapper

Matthew King stated to the Board that he had been traveling through Swayzee and Kenny Cates saw his truck and had asked Mr. King if he trapped beaver in the area, and he stated that he does. Gordon Gough inquired if he has a nuisance trap and can trap any kind, Mr. King stated yes, he does. Jim Todd asked him about his rate; Mr. King said that it would just depend on the area, the job,

and what they are looking for. He added that there is typically a set up fee and a per catch fee, but he does have a yearly rate. Jim Todd told him that we have had to trap beavers behind Meijer by the housing addition and that is one that he would like a price on. Jim added that he has Sullivan's on standby to remove the dams once the beavers are caught. Jim Todd said that he and Raymond can meet him out there and walk it to familiarize Mr. King with it. Jim will reach out to him and hopefully meet early next week.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Big Deer Creek - Quotes \$54,221.08 in the fund

Jim Todd stated that Raymond Bair sent out eleven invitations to submit a quote and received just one quote.

Redman Excavating

Quote is to brush and clear the area, treat all stumps, this includes all equipment and material.

\$27,650.00

Kenny Cates made a motion to accept the quote from Redman Excavating in the amount of \$27,650.00; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 3-0 with Gordon Gough abstaining due to land on the Big Deer Creek watershed.

Gordon Gough reiterated that this is to clear the brush on the west side and five feet on the east side, treating the stumps. Raymond Bair added the they did not put in any price for dredging, but if there are any sandbars, we would just pay him extra.

Jim Todd stated that where they are putting in the horse training track north of Matthews, he needs to call the engineer that is working on this because the track it will be in our easement and they mentioned a hold harmless agreement. Jim voiced his concern about when they put a storage unit the watershed without Board permission. Jim added that they have gotten rid of the previous contractor.

Grant Howard Joint Drain

Jim Todd stated that he has been talking to Greg Lake from Howard County and he is wanting to come in and look at the watershed, adding that they are wanting to raise the maintenance on it.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried, with support, 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be November 28, 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 November 14, 2023 as presented:

*****ABSENT*****

Mark Bardsley

Gordon Gough

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton