

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held September 26, 2023 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:02 am. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Gordon Gough, Pat Pinkerton and Kenny Cates is present via WebEx. Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd, Richard Cox, and Drainage Board secretary Mary Weesner were not in attendance.

Mark Bardsley explained that since we do have a WebEx voter, whenever they take a vote, there has to be a roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mark Bardsley stated that he had some questions regarding the minutes from the September 12, 2023 meeting. He said that under the topic of Crane Pond, where it says, "He added that they agreed that the City was going to buy the pipe and we were going to install." The "we" should be worded as the Grant County Highway Department.

Mark Bardsley also stated that under the Solar issue, in regard to Kenny Cates' statement "He said that he had a meeting with John Marden(?) from a solar place." Mark asked Kenny if Marden is the correct name; Kenny said that it is.

Also, Mark added is the statement of "Kenny Cates said that they was going to get a good drainage attorney to write up an appendix to put in the lease, adding that it has to be 150' from a county tile." Mark Bardsley asked if instead of the word "they", can it be "concerned farms"; Kenny Cates agreed.

The Board is sending the minutes from the September 12, 2023 meeting back to the Drainage Board secretary for some editorial work.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Bragg Excavating \$7,919.00 Lugar Creek; \$121,322.42 in the fund
Connerstone Enterprise \$257.10 Lugar Creek; \$121,322.42 in the fund

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Irving Materials \$773.45 Lugar Creek; \$121,322.42 in the fund
Titus Trucking \$2,712.50 Lugar Creek; \$121,322.42 in the fund
John's Repair \$3,247.00 Solms Open; \$4,788.53 in the fund
Irving Materials \$1,898.86 Lugar Creek; \$121,322.42 in the fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented, seconded by Pat Pinkerton. After a rollcall vote, there were 3 inhouse votes and 1 vote via WebEx (Kenny Cates) that were in favor of passing the motion to the above claims as presented. Motion carried, with support, 4-0.

Gordon Gough to abstain

Cut Above Tree \$500.00 Back Creek; \$87,707.25 in the fund

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the claim as presented; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton. After a rollcall vote, there were 2 inhouse votes and 1 vote via WebEx (Kenny Cates) that were in favor of passing the motion to the above claim as presented. Motion carried, with support, 3-0.
Gordon Gough abstained due to having land on the Back Creek watershed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond

There is nothing new to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lugar Creek – Les Bole; maintenance request

Raymond Bair reviewed with a map where there Enyeart has completed log jam removal and slide in repairs. Les Bole is all the way down on the bottom, having 1,750 feet. Mr. Bole's son brought in heavy equipment and removed trees out of the right of way so that Enyeart can get through there in a speedier manner. Les Bole is present today before the Board. He stated that he had received an estimate from Enyeart Construction. He added that it is only

short of having the bank completely fixed by about 1,000', adding that it is overcut so much that it is going to cave back in. He added that they have already put \$7,800.00 into this project themselves. Mark Bardsley calculated that there is about \$111,000.00 in the Lugar Creek fund; Gordon Gough said that it is time to get it done. Mr. Bole stated that if they can pull them back, he can keep it sprayed and mowed back there. He is planning on putting filter strips in so that they will have access. Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the quote from Enyeart Construction for Lugar Creek, not to exceed \$10,000.00. Motion was seconded by Pat Pinkerton. After a rollcall vote, there were 3 inhouse votes with 1 vote via WebEx (Kenny Cates) that were in favor of passing the motion. Motion carried, with support, 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Sweetser Improvement & Enoch Lee – Public Hearing

Raymond Bair stated that in 2019 they petitioned to begin a maintenance on the Sweetser Improvement & Enoch Lee because it needed dredged out but Covid came along and knocked them back a year and they collected longer than they had anticipated. Raymond said that he believes there is around \$90,000.00 in the account at the moment. Raymond told the Board that they took a bid to do most of the top end. There is still another stretch on the top end that is going to cost about \$10,000.00 up where it goes into that woods, it is standing water, soft, and have riprap brought in to deal with an inlet of surface water. The bid that was received was right at \$64,650.00 from John's Repair; Enyeart's was for \$67,165.00. A landowner asked about the culver going to CR 300, and what is going to happen there. Raymond Bair responded that the Highway Department and the Surveyor office have talked, and they are going to analyze it when we get dug through there. He added that the rates are currently \$25.00 per acre, \$50.00 per homesite with a \$25.00 minimum, pulling in close to \$37,000.00 per year. He added that he had talked to Mr. Stoller and Harrold Turner, they came up with \$4.00 per acre but the Drainage Board decided to advertise it at \$5.00 to see what happens. The advertised rates are \$5.00 per acre, \$25.00 per homesite and a minimum of \$10.00. Mark Bardsley offered the podium to the public for anyone that would like to speak or state where they would like the rate set at. Harold Turner

is before the Board stating that he feels that a rate of \$4.00 per acre should be a good rate to be able to maintain it like it should be. Rick (inaudible) of Halderman Farm Management is present representing Jim and Diane Stecher and stated that he strongly agrees with doing the project and feels that the \$4.00 rate would be perfect. Since no one else came forward to speak, Mark Bardsley closed the floor for public comments. After a brief discussion, Pat Pinkerton made a motion to change the rate to \$4.00 per acre, \$20.00 per homesite with a \$10.00 minimum and a 4 year collection for the Sweetser Improvement & Enoch Lee. The motion was seconded by Gordon Gough; after a rollcall vote, there were 3 inhouse votes with 1 vote via WebEx (Kenny Cates) that were in favor of passing the motion. Motion carried, with support, 4-0.

Baker Ditch – Public Hearing

Raymond Bair stated that he does not know of it ever being on maintenance. He said that the landowners have paid for it to be dredged on the west side of Interstate 69. For years there was a blockage under I69 where the State Highway Department put in too much rip rap; the surveyor's office and the landowners tried to get it cleaned out, finally a person in the highway department that would cooperate enough met with Amy Beebe out there. They had brought a crew that hand removed a bunch of rip rap from there and improved the drainage there under I69. Raymond added that downstream from I69 to CR 725 E is mostly wooded and does not need dredged but there are all kinds of trees across it. Mark Bardsley asked Raymond for the advertised rate; Raymond responded that it is \$10.00 per acre, \$50.00 per homesite with a \$10.00 minimum. There is 1,562.69 acres and 4 homesites. He added that some of the homes on it are already being charged to Brushy Run and Carey's Branch of Brushy Run so they will not have a homesite on Baker. The requested rate will pull in \$15,849.50 a year. Mark Bardsley opened the meeting to public comment and discussion. Amy Beebe of Losure Farms is before the Board stated that in 2015 her and her dad video recorded the water and how it would block under the interstate, they were very excited to see this get fixed. She is very pro to see this put on maintenance. Frank Hix approached the Board stating that he has three different parcels, but on two of them have a homesite. Raymond Bair corrected him stating that only one of the parcels have a homesite

charge. Frank believes that he is already being charged a homesite on Brushy Run; Raymond will remove it if that is the case. Mark Bardsley explained that after the work is done and they are satisfied, they can come back to lower the rate. Kenny Cates asked if this is the one in the woods that has a lot of fall in it; Raymond informed Kenny that he is not sure how much fall, but it does not have much silt in it and it does not need dredged, just the log jams out. Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the advertised rate of \$10.00 per acre, \$50.00 per homesite with a \$10.00 minimum for a four year collection. Motion was seconded by Pat Pinkerton, motion carried; after a rollcall vote, there were 3 inhouse votes with 1 vote via WebEx (Kenny Cates) that were in favor of passing the motion. Motion carried, with support, 4-0.

ADJOURN:

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Gordon Gough. There were 3 inhouse votes and 1 vote via WebEx (Kenny Cates) that were in favor of passing the motion. Motion carried, with support, 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be October 10, 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 September 26, 2023 as presented:

Mark Bardsley

Gordon Gough

*****ABSENT*****

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton