

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held June 25, 2024, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:04 am. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Richard Cox, Kenny Cates, Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Gordon Gough, Pat Pinkerton, and Drainage Board Secretary Mary Weesner were not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes is tabled until the July 9, 2024, meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Jim stated that he had two new claims come to him from John's Repair Service that is not on the agenda.

Benji Hunt \$575.60 Ten Mile Tile; \$12,869.95 in the fund

Grant County Treasurer \$776.31 GDIF to Maintenance for loan

John's Repair Service \$2,200.00 Sweetser Improvement & Enoch Lee; \$99,599.06 in the fund (extra work that was pre-approved)

John's Repair Service \$683.50 Sweetser Improvement & Enoch Lee; \$99,599.06 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

Mark Bardsley stated that the 2018 resolution was sent back, and the 2024 resolution needs to be reviewed with Jim Todd to see if any changes need to be made. Once completed, we will then forward it onto the City of Marion.

NEW BUSINESS

Sweetser Improvement & Enoch Lee – John’s Repair Service, Estimate

Jim Todd passed an aerial map to the Board. He stated that he went ahead and authorized the work and the Board had just voted to pay it.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Monroe Regulated Ditch (Lugar Creek & Tributaries) and the Taylor Branch of Monroe Regulated Ditch (Lugar Creek & Tributaries) - Quotes

Jim Todd informed the Board that he had sent out ten invitations to submit quotes for the project, but only received one response, that being from John’s Repair Service as all other contractors are busy right now.

Monroe Regulated Ditch (Lugar Creek & Tributaries)

Jim stated that this is for brushing and clearing out the creek for 4,472 feet and spraying the stumps with Tordon.

Estimate total was \$43,500.00

Taylor Branch of Monroe Regulated Ditch (Lugar Creek & Tributaries)

Jim Todd stated that this is for 3,044 feet of brushing and clearing out the creek. He added that there is also some large trees that need to be cut down.

The estimated total was \$34,645.00 but, if the county does not require cutting and clearing on the non-working bank, the bid would be lowered by \$10,000.00.

Mark Bardsley asked Jim what the amount is in the maintenance funds; Raymond Bair said that Lugar Creek has \$137,752.00, collecting another \$21,000.00 in the fall. Raymond added that there is a job to do for Glessner off of that money and that Lugar Creek is a huge watershed. Jim Todd added that the landowners have made this request, and he thinks the Board should approve this request. Kenny Cates questioned whether they want the \$34,645.00 or the \$24,645.00 on Taylor Branch. Mark Bardsley stated that it would be a good idea to save the \$10,000.00 right now; Jim Todd agreed. Richard Cox made a motion to accept the quotes for the Monroe Regulated Drain at \$43,500.00 and the Taylor Brance for \$24,645.00; motion was seconded by Kenny Cates and carried unanimously 3-0.

Kenneth Chance issue

Jim Todd stated that Kenneth Chance, out by Titan Motors at 4603 South Adams, had talked with Cindy Fowler in the Surveyors office and sounded like he was going to be present today. Jim added that the city had put a drain through the apartment complex to give him city water, but they didn’t do anything about his storm water. He said that Pat Pinkerton knows that there is a high water table out there. Mr. Chance’s gutters, basement and roof water now run to his septic

tank and that is his whole problem out there. Jim Todd wanted to inform the Board of this situation.

Taylor Creek

Kenny Cates stated that there are three trees and one of them is not big enough to reach the tile, another tree is on top of the tile. Kenny added that he is in a bad situation because he is right across the road, and in a year we will be paying out of the maintenance fund for cleaning this out again. Jim Todd added that he has talked to Mr. Nester's son and gave him a copy of the Indiana Code. Mr. Nester stated until we can prove that his trees are blocking it, he does not want his trees cut. Mark Bardsley added that we should sent a letter stating that at this point we have cleaned it and if we have another obstruction, we will come in and remove the trees. Mark Bardsley asked Jim Todd regarding sending a letter, who would do this, the Drainage Board secretary of the Surveyor's office; Jim stated that he did not want to send a letter, that would be between the Drainage Board and their attorney.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 am; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried with support, 3-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be July 9, 2024, 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 June 25, 2024, as presented:

Mark Bardsley

Richard Cox

*****Not Present*****

Gordon Gough

Kenny Cates

*****Not Present*****

Pat Pinkerton