

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held August 13, 2024, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:06 am. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Richard Cox, Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd and Drainage Board Secretary Mary Weesner; Pat Pinkerton was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 30, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Kenny Cates, passing 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Right of Way Mgt \$4,140.00 Weasel Creek; \$144,510.68 in the fund
John's Repair \$6,337.00 Sweetser Improv; \$82,477.83 in the fund
John's Repair \$34,650.00 Sweetser Improv; \$82,477.83 in the fund
John's Repair \$1,487.70 Sweetser Improv; \$82,477.83 in the fund
IMI Aggregates \$287.19 Sweetser Improv; \$82,477.83 in the fund
IMI Aggregates \$115.03 Sweetser Improv; \$82,477.83 in the fund
IMI Aggregates \$286.22 Sweetser Improv; \$82,477.83 in the fund
IMI Aggregates \$427.13 Sweetser Improv; \$82,477.83 in the fund
IMI Aggregates \$134.33 Sweetser Improv; \$82,477.83 in the fund

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

There is nothing new to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

New Roods Ditch - Joseph Zilka-Crossing Maintenance request 9271 E 450 N Van Buren

Jim Todd informed the Board that this property is land locked on the north side of Roods Run. This is on Camblin Street and the town does not accept Camblin Street or maintain it; apparently David White went and looked at it and it is not one of his roads and he does not maintain the crossing. Jim went and looked, it is a steep narrow crossing; the pipe looks good, but it is narrow as far as safety. The ends need shored up with rip rap and slurry. He added that he gave Mr. Zilka a copy of the Indiana drainage code, subsection B. There is no maintenance, and the town board turned this down last time because we have been waiting for the rate that they would like the homesites. Jim Todd added that any improvements would have to be paid for from the General Drain Improvement Fund at the discretion of the Board. He added that that the landowner had a good idea by burying some telephone poles down on the bottom as a footer and build the stone up from there. Gordon Gough questioned why it took so long to come about this; Mrs. Zilka explained that they moved from out of state and at first the one edge was not as damaged as it is now; therefore, they did not realize the extent of it. Gordon stated that this is a private crossing, and we do not put private crossings in. Richard Cox asked them if they had anyone look at this yet to give them an estimate; Mrs. Zilka stated that she has had Keith Sullivan Excavating there. The estimate is \$4,500.00 for removing vegetation from the culvert area both sides of the driveway, furnish and install rip rap around the culvert east and west sides of the driveway, resurface the drive area over culvert with #53 stone. Jim Todd pointed out that this does not include any slurry or concrete. Mrs. Zilka stated that if a firetruck had to come, they would never make it across the crossing. After a brief discussion about who owns the crossing, it was determined that nobody wants to claim ownership as it is land locked. Mark Bardsley stated that he would like to talk to the Drainage Board attorney regarding this matter and then it can be discussed at the next meeting. He added that everyone is saying this isn't theirs, we need to determine whose it is, whether it is a private owner, the city, the county, we need to find out how to proceed.

Crane Pond – Lora Marshall-Easement issue-2605 Ticonderoga Dr.

Jim Todd stated that Mrs. Marshall was supposed to attend the meeting today but is not in attendance. Jim passed pictures around to the Board members that were taken by Wendell Cates that depict a firepit in the drainage easement right up against the ditch. The issue was discovered when Mr. Cates was attempting to mow the drainage easement. There are rocks in the ditch that have been determined to have fallen into the ditch from the banks and was not from Mrs. Marshall's firepit. Jim Todd stated that there is a possibility that we could offer a hold-harmless agreement in case we have to track over it with a mower. If she does not want to sign the hold-harmless agreement, she would have to move the firepit to a different location. Jim added that she will keep the area mowed. Jim Todd will offer her the hold harmless agreement if she will come to the next Drainage Board meeting.

Simons Tile - Plan to put in new outlet

Jim Todd stated that Joe Seward went out and looked at this and it is Jim's understanding that he knew that the ditch could be dug out to the next county road but instead of going 500', Joe would go 150' north of Wheeling Pike and get a good outlet. By doing this, more money can be spent replacing tile on the south side. Gordon Gough asked Phil Chastain if the money is in the fund, Mr. Chastain stated that yes, there is money. Gordon Gough made the motion to allow the work on the Simons Tile and adjust the plans as presented. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried 4-0.

Spurgeon Tile - Burr Worl-Project request; \$2,955.04 in the fund

Burr Worl is before the Board stating that he would like to work on the Spurgeon Tile. He has a watershed map. Mary Weesner gave him a current assessment roll for the Spurgeon. Jim stated that it has been needing this for years, but the maintenance is only \$1.75 per acre, bringing in about \$800.00 per year. Jim added that there is currently \$2,955.04 in the maintenance fund that the Board could release for this project. Kenny Cates asked Mr. Worl what they were going to do for money; Mr. Worl responded that he has everyone willing to pay for it. He added that it is a 20" clay tile that is 70% full of dirt with 500 acres trying to move through 30%

of the 20" tile. Mr. Worl stated that he is wanting to replace 4,000 feet of the Spurgeon Tile with 24" tile. This tile flows southwest into Grassy Fork. Kenny Cates made a motion with the stipulation that if he does not collect enough money, that would be his problem; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Moriarity & McMahon – Set public hearing date

Jim Todd informed the Board that Mic Roush has gotten back with him, he is requesting for an 8 year collection rather than the 4 year collection, \$10.00 per acre it is currently \$5.00 per acre. At this time, the homesite is \$50.00 per homesite and he is requestion the rate to be \$100.00 per homesite with a minimum assessment rate of \$25.00. Jim said that the soonest date for the hearing would be October 8th, but October 29th is also available. He went on to explain that the current rate brings in \$6,366.62 per year but the proposed rate would bring in \$12,774.14 annually. Mark Bardsley requested that the hearing could be at the end of October. Richard Cox made a motion to hold a public hearing on October 29, 2024, for the Moriarity & McMahon with the advertised rate being \$10.00 per acre, \$100.00 per homesite with a minimum of \$25.00 for an 8 year collection. Motion was seconded by Gordon Gough and carried 4-0.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 am; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support, 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be August 27, 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 August 13, 2024, as presented:

Mark Bardsley

Richard Cox

Gordon Gough

Kenny Cates

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

Pat Pinkerton