

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held January 28, 2025, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Chuck Poling called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Richard Cox, Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton Grant County Surveyor Raymond Bair and Drainage Board Secretary Mary Weesner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 31, 2024, meeting; seconded by Richard Cox. The motion carried 3-0 with Chuck Poling and Gordon Gough abstaining due to not attending that meeting.

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the minutes from January 14, 2025, meeting and was seconded by Gordon Gough. The motion carried 4-0, Pat Pinkerton abstained as he was not in attendance for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

There were no claims needing approval

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

Godon Gough stated that this item really needs to be settled, it's been going on long enough. Pat Pinkerton added that it is the open ditch portion that is the hang up. Pat said that the utilities will have to determine how they want to maintain an open ditch as they do not have any. One of the many questions is whether the utility company is going to have to remove the dead trees, or would that be the homeowner's responsibility? Chuck Poling asked about Marion Utilities taking care of the tile and the county can take care of the open ditch, Pat Pinkerton added that he feels that the biggest controversy is the open ditch. Pat said that what it boils down to is

that everything drains through there anyway so regardless, whether the city maintains it, or the Drainage Board maintains it, they still pay the ditch assessment. Whoever is maintaining it, the city receives none of the funds. Mary Weesner gave Chuck Poling a copy of the resolution that was drawn up by the Drainage Board attorney for him to review. After a lengthy discussion, the Board has tabled this topic.

NEW BUSINESS

Kenny Cates made a motion to retain Kyle Persinger as the Grant County Drainage Board attorney. Chuck Poling stated that he has not yet heard back from Justin Saathoff as to whether or not the Drainage Board pays for the attorney, or the Commissioners. He said that they could go ahead and vote on it. Mary Weesner informed Chuck that she does the claims to pay him through the Drainage Board Legal Account. Raymond Bair stated that we would not have to use Kyle if we wanted to use a different one. The motion was seconded by Gordon Gough, carrying unanimously 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Solar Amendment – Todd Glancy of Area Plan

Todd Glancy is before the Drainage Board. After passing out a copy of the draft to the Board he stated that he is there to answer any questions regarding the draft of the solar ordinance. Mr. Glancy said that on page 22, section 153.734 deals with the Drainage Board. He said that he did not have anything specific to recommend, but if the Board would like any changes made to please let him know. Kenny Cates stated that last year he was pushing for 150' easement on each side of a county tile. Kenny feels that this is a necessity. Mr. Glancy told Kenny that he would check on that. Gordon Gough asked if we are still in a moratorium. Chuck Poling informed Gordon that there is a moratorium, but this is an opportunity to add/delete/make changes to the ordinance regarding the ditches.

Raymond Bair asked the Drainage Board which public hearing they would like him to pursue – Middlefork, Roods Run, Cart Creek or (inaudible)? He added that Middlefork has been over a year, and they have accomplished the Pollywalk and the Waters Ditch, putting

those on maintenance. Raymond feels that it is pretty close to being ready to go. Roods Run is going to take a while, as he has to reach out to the town and get an agreement with them on what parts drain to Roods Run. Hopefully it's not a problem, hopefully they cooperate and not buck us this time. Raymond added that there is Wendell on Cart Creek, and it should not take that long. Richard Cox stated that he thinks Middlefork should go first

Big Deer Creek

Chuck Poling stated that Mary Weesner has been billing Madison County for years for the joint portion of Big Deer Creek and they just have not been paying the maintenance. Chick told Mary that she should get with the attorney regarding this.

ADJOURN:

Richard Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 am; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried with support, 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be February 11, 2025, 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 28, 2025, as presented:

Chuck Poling
Chairman

Richard Cox
Vice-Chairman

Gordon Gough

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton