

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held March 25, 2025, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Chuck Poling called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Richard Cox, Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates (attending via WebEx), Pat Pinkerton, Drainage Board Secretary Mary Weesner and Grant County Surveyor Raymond Bair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2025, meeting; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. With four votes in house and Kenny Cates voting Webex, the motion passed unanimously.

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2025, meeting; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. With four votes in house and Kenny Cates voting Webex, the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Chuck Poling read the following claim:

Peerless Printing \$32.00 Office Supplies; \$230.52 in the fund

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the above claim as presented; seconded by Richard Cox. The motion passed unanimously with 4 in-house votes and Kenny Cates voting via WebEx.

*****Kenny Cates to abstain*****

Cook Excavating \$1,760.00 Pipe Creek; \$155,948.54 in the fund

Cook Excavating \$2,220.00 Pipe Creek; \$155,948.54 in the fund

Cook Excavating \$1,200.00 Pipe Creek; \$155,948.54 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough. The motion passed 4-0 with

Kenny Cates abstaining via WebEx due to having land in the Pipe Creek watershed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

Mary Weesner informed the Board that she spoke with Drainage Board attorney, Kyle Persinger regarding the resolution of Little Crane Pond. She stated that Kyle is working to set up a meeting with the city regarding the resolution.

Spray Program – Board Approval

Raymond Bair passed a map to the Board showing the areas to be sprayed in 2025, adding that the price range will be the same as it has been. This item will be tabled until Raymond can give the Board the price per foot.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business to discuss.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hollis Daughtery

Raymond Bair stated that he sent letters to contractors for bids to bring to the meeting April 8, 2025. He said that he has at least four other jobs that needs to be quoted, but he does not want to bring them all to the same meeting so that they can find out each other's prices so that they can bid against each other.

Stoebe Ditch

Gordon Gough stated that he would like to discuss the Stoebe Ditch that we just spent a bunch of money on. Gordon added that we cannot continue to spend drainage funds on this drain. Chuck Poling agreed with Gordon that this drain needs to be put on maintenance. Raymond Bair said that it is beyond maintenance and needs to be reconstructed. Pat Pinkerton asked Raymond to see if

he can find the study that was done on the Stoebe Ditch, he is not sure if it was done through the health department or the drainage board. He will also look into it. This study was done around 2000ish.

Lugar Creek & Tribs

Chuck Poling asked Raymond Bair about the email from IDEM and whether he has had contact; Raymond responded that he has emailed her a couple of times and that she is on spring break and is going to get back with him.

Cart Creek

Kenny Cates asked Raymond Bair what the status is on Cart Creek; Raymond stated that he is waiting for Wendell Cates and that he hasn't heard from him. Kenny asked Raymond to call Wendell, but Raymond said he was not going to chase him and that he has ditches that he needs to talk to Kenny about doing, such as Sims Franklin and that he needs contact information from Kenny for Buroker, the landowner. Kenny Cates said that they need to get Cart Creek soon and that CIE will probably spend \$100,000.00. Raymond responded that it has not gotten to the top of the pile yet. Raymond told Kenny that he did talk to the street manager in Van Buren and that they are on board doing Roods Run and that surprised him. Raymond stated that Roods Run will be the next one for a public hearing.

ADJOURN:

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 am; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried with support, 5-0 with Kenny Cates voting via WebEx.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be April 8, 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 March 25, 2025, as presented:

Chuck Poling
Chairman

Richard Cox
Vice-Chairman

Gordon Gough

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton