

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held April 8, 2025, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Vice-Chairman Richard Cox called the meeting to order at 11:02 am. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton, Drainage Board Secretary Mary Weesner and Grant County Surveyor Raymond Bair. Chairman Chuck Poling was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2025, meeting; seconded by Gordon Gough. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Richard Cox read the claims as follows:

Chronicle Tribune \$32.38 Middle Fork; There is no maintenance fund
Amazon Capital Service \$15.77 Office Supplies; \$198.52 in the fund
John's Repair Service \$14,500.00 Lugar Creek; \$127,492.00 in the fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Kenny Cates, passing 4-0.

*****Gordon Gough to abstain*****

Matt Carey Farms \$620.00 Powers Drain; \$13,328.34 in the fund

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the above claim as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. The motion carried 3-0. Gordon Gough abstaining due to having land in the Powers Drain watershed.

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

Cook Excavating \$1,300.00 Pipe Creek; \$151,327.41 in the fund
Cook Excavating \$1,760.00 Pipe Creek; \$151,327.41 in the fund
Cook Excavating \$1,600.00 Pipe Creek; \$151,327.41 in the fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. The motion carried 3-0. Kenny Cates abstained due to having land in the Pipe Creek watershed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

Mary Weesner informed the Board that she is still waiting for the attorney to schedule a meeting with Marion Utilities and their attorney.

Spray Program – Board Approval

Richard Cox verified that each Board member received the list of prices from Right of Way Management. Kenny Cates made a motion to accept the price list that has been quoted by Right of Way Management. The motion was seconded by Pat Pinkerton and carried unanimously 4-0.

Little Crane Pond – Wendell Cates – Obstruction

Wendell Cates is before the Board regarding the fire pit that is causing obstruction in the easement on Little Crane Pond. Mary Weesner has passed around pictures of the obstruction. Wendell added that he had spoken to the previous surveyor, Jim Todd, last August when it was discovered while he was mowing. Wendell added that he had sent pictures to the Surveyor in August in hopes of getting it stopped before it was finished, we did not get it stopped, and it is now finished. Wendell is asking that it be removed from the easement. He does not think we have the legal right to drive his equipment through her yard in order to mow. Raymond Bair told him he could if he stayed within 40 feet, Wendell informed Raymond that he cannot stay within 40 feet and get around the fire pit. Kenny Cates stated that she would either need to pick the rocks out of the watershed or she needs to pay to have them removed. Wendell Cates stated that about six months after John's Repair Service dredged Little Crane Pond the rocks were then suddenly there. Kenny asked Wendell where the rocks came from, Wendell assumes that they were put there after they leveled her

yard, but he doesn't really know, but they are right there by the fire pit. The Board was previously given a draft of a letter to Mrs. Marshall that was written by the Drainage Board attorney. Wendell stated that the only thing he would really like to change in the letter is, instead of giving her 90 days to remove the obstruction from the easement, he would like it to be 60 days. Gordon Gough stated that he would rather have it at 45 days. Richard Cox asked if Wendell mows past that property, Wendell stated that he goes at least another 400 feet north and then turns and go west for about 1,000 feet. Gordon Gough made a motion to send a letter from our attorney to Lora Marshall about removing this obstruction changing the letter stating to state she has 45 days for removal of the obstruction instead of 90 days. Kenny Cates would like it to be added that the fire pit needs to be removed "and any other obstructions" within 45 days. This letter is to be mailed certified. The motion was seconded by Kenny Cates and carried unanimously 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business to discuss.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hollis Daughtery – Quote Letting

The quotes submitted are as follows:

John's Repair Service\$31,508.00
B. E. Powell Excavating\$36,870.00
Xtreme Excavating\$38,724.00
Redman Excavating\$71,547.20

Richard Cox presented the quotes for brushing and dredging to the Drainage Board (A copy of these quotes are attached to this copy of the minutes in the Drainage Board office). Raymond Bair informed the Board that there is \$52,686.00 in the maintenance fund for the Hollis Daughtery at this time and will bring in another \$22,000.00 this spring.

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to award the contract to John's Repair Service; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried 4-0.

Good Rick Drain –Wendell Cates-Set date for hearing to vacate

Wendell Cates is before the Board requesting a vacation of the Good Rick Drain. He stated that he came before the Board in 2012 wanting to reconstruct the drain, but there was a landlord that said no. Wendell added that he and his dad went down the opposite side of Miller Avenue and put a new tile in, bypassing two landowners. He said that everyone else is on board that hooks into the new tile that he installed in 2013. There is no maintenance collection on the Good Rick Drain, and he would like to vacate it; it would still be used by 40 acres, and he doesn't want anyone to come in and put maintenance on it. He could put an 8" on it and run it into the Lomax. Gordon Gough asked if any of the homeowners would have a problem with this, Wendell stated that he doesn't see how they can because they are hooked into the new ditch and there are no homes on the old tile. Wendell wanted the Board to know that it will not be demolished until everyone is unhooked and it is out of the county's hands. Richard Cox asked Mary Weesner about a date for a hearing. Mary stated that the earliest that she could have a hearing would be May 13, 2025, but Wendell said that he would like to wait until June when he knows that they are done planting. Mary stated that in June, there is either the 10th or the 24th, Wendell said he would like to hold the vacation hearing on June 24, 2025.

Kenny Cates asked about Cart Creek; Raymond Bair replied that Wendell would need to come to his office so that they could go over the map and tighten it up. Wendell said that he would also like to hold that hearing in June as well. Raymond added that they are tightening down Roods Run.

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the date of June 24, 2025, for the vacation hearing of the Good Rick Drain; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 4-0.

Raymond Bair stated that he is working on a bunch of little ditches.

ADJOURN:

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 am; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support, 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be April 29, 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 April 8, 2025, as presented:

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

Chuck Poling
Chairman

Richard Cox
Vice-Chairman

Gordon Gough

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton