

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held May 13, 2025, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Chuck Poling called the meeting to order at 11:03 am. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Richard Cox, Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Drainage Board Secretary Mary Weesner and Grant County Surveyor Raymond Bair. Pat Pinkerton was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the April 29, 2025, meeting; seconded by Gordon Gough. The motion passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Chuck Poling read the claims as follows:

Indiana Media Group \$50.95 Middle Fork Upper; there is no fund
Indiana Media Group \$22.76 Middle Fork Upper; there is no fund
Chronicle Tribune \$59.70 Middle Fork Upper; there is no fund
Bragg Excavating \$5,993.00 Fadley & Owl; \$177,359.77 in the fund
Bragg Excavating \$2,495.00 Barren Creek; \$83,075.64 in the fund
Peerless Printing \$45.00 Office Supplies; \$181.75 in the fund
John's Repair \$2,858.90 Lugar Creek; \$96,543.64 in the fund
John's Repair \$24,645.00 Lugar Creek; \$96,543.64 in the fund
John's Repair \$331.00 Lugar Creek; \$96,543.64 in the fund
John's Repair \$2,000.00 Lugar Creek; \$96,543.64 in the fund
Nolan Holloway \$1,556.29 Stoney Creek; \$16,689.78 in the fund
IMI Aggregates \$190.44 Lugar Creek; \$96,543.64 in the fund

Kenny Cates informed the Board that Nolan Holloway subcontracted the Stoney Creek work. Kenny added that he was told he called the Surveyor's office and was told to fix it, the Surveyor stated that he did not talk to anyone on Stoney Creek. It is unknown who did the work and whether or not they are insured. Kenny said that we need to have a log with the owner's property name, who the contractor is going to be, and how much it is estimated to cost. Drainage

Board secretary Mary Weesner said that she has made up a log for this purpose and that each Board member has an example in their packet. Kenny Cates said that they had approval from the surveyor's office, Richard Cox added that the surveyor can approve up to \$10,000.00. Kenny said that he feels that the Board needs to cut that amount down. Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Kenny Cates. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

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

Bragg Excavating \$1,440.00 Pipe Creek; \$146,667.41 in the fund
Cook Excavating \$1,760.00 Pipe Creek; \$146,667.41 in the fund
Cook Excavating \$1,320.00 Pipe Creek; \$146,667.41 in the fund
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Cook Excavating \$660.00 Pipe Creek; \$146,667.41 in the fund
Cook Excavating \$1,320.00 Pipe Creek; \$146,667.41 in the fund
Cook Excavating \$880.00 Pipe Creek; \$146,667.41 in the fund
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Cook Excavating \$1,540.00 Pipe Creek; \$146,667.41 in the fund
Cook Excavating \$1,760.00 Pipe Creek; \$146,667.41 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough. 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 – Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Sims Franklin –Tim Slaughter - Maintenance request; \$31,487.08 in the maintenance fund

Raymond Bair told the Board that Tim Slaughter has a home site on CR 500 W north of 200 S; apparently when the ditch was dug the last time, they left a bunch of trees on the north side of the ditch. There is a cottonwood in there that is over 3' in diameter and there is a twin maple that is huge. Raymond added that a lot of them are two trees, not one tree growing out of one stump. If they go south

they could hit the barn and if they go north they could hit the house. Tim Slaughter is now present before the Drainage Board. He stated that he has lived there since 1995. He stated that Middlesworth took all their trees out, that was as far as they did. Mr. Slaughter thought that they were going to take part of his, but he thinks that maybe they thought that the trees were too big for them to handle. He added that there are eighteen (18) trees there, there are a couple of small ones that could stay. Raymond Bair said that the big cottonwood has reached its limit as far as its life and it is going to start dying soon. He took Mitch Cook out there, but Mitch was leery of them and too many buildings. You will need a bucket truck to take them down. Chuck Poling stated that we could call Ed Riddle for a price; he has a big bucket truck, Raymond said that would be up to the Drainage Board. Gordon Gough asked if there is a place on site to burn them; Mr. Slaughter stated that there is nowhere to burn them. Chuck would like to get several estimates.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Cart Creek – Set hearing date

Mary Weesner stated that since the Good Rick Drain, which was petitioned by Wendell Cates as well, hearing is on June 24, 2025, that we could also have the Cart Creek hearing the same date, that way Mr. Cates could attend both hearings on the same date. Raymond Bair asked when the rate needs to be set; Mary Weesner replied when date is set, so is the advertised rate. She went on to state that Wendell Cates would like to advertise \$62.50 per acre, \$100.00 per homesite, with a minimum of \$100.00 for an eight (8) year collection. Raymond said that after researching other rates, for \$62.50 per acre, the homesite rate should be more than \$100.00. He feels that the rate should be \$150.00 to \$200.00 per homesite. Richard Cox asked if the minimum rate needs to be \$150.00 as well; Raymond said that the homesite and minimum should not be the same. Richard Cox made the motion to set the hearing date for Cart Creek to be held June 24, 2025, with the rates of \$62.50 per acre, \$150.00 per homesite and a minimum of \$100.00 for an eight year collection. The motion was seconded by Gordon Gough and passed unanimously 4-0.

Roods Run – Set hearing date

Raymond Bair told the Board that there are 1,727 acres, 230 homesites, 80 parcels and with the rates of \$5.00 per acre, \$25.00 per homesite, \$15.00 parcel and a minimum of \$10.00 it would bring in \$15,585.00 yearly. After a discussion, the Board decided on possible rates. The Board asked Mary Weesner what dates would work well for her; she stated the earliest would August 12, 2025.

Gordon Gough made a motion to hold the hearing for Roods Run on August 12, 2025, with the rates of \$10.00 per acre, \$25.00 per homesite, \$15.00 parcel and a minimum of \$15.00 with a four (4) year collection cap. The Motion was seconded by Richard Cox carrying 4-0.

Ditch Maintenance Pre-approval Log - Discussion

Mary Weesner explained that she had come up with the Pre-approval log in order to attempt smoother operations between the surveyor office and the Drainage Board office. Cindy Fowler recommended a list online that both offices could access to assist in keeping this updated, Mary thought this would be a good idea and Cindy will look into getting that up and available.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 am; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support, 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be May 27, 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 May 13, 2025, as presented:

Chuck Poling
Chairman

Richard Cox
Vice-Chairman

Gordon Gough

Kenny Cates

*** Not Present ***

Pat Pinkerton