

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held June 24, 2025, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Chuck Poling called the meeting to order at 11:02 am. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Richard Cox, Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, 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 as presented from the June 10, 2025, meeting; seconded by Gordon Gough. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Chuck Poling read the claims as follows:

Grant County Treasurer \$31.37 Loan; GDIF to Maintenance
Newhouse Excavating \$396.79 No. Branch of Waters; \$8,596.99 in the fund
John's Repair \$2,922.00 Farr & Ira Hodson; \$6,799.04 in the fund

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Richard Cox and carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

Pat Pinkerton stated that if the Board would just look at the tile, then Drainage Board attorney, Kyle Persinger, would need to rewrite the resolution for that description. Gordon Gough asked if we would still have the open ditch part. Raymond Bair asked as to how hard it would be to put a pipe in; Pat Pinkerton said that it would take a lot work and clearing, with Gordon adding that it would also take a lot of tile and we do not have the money to do it. Raymond said it would beat cleaning it out by hand. Chuck Poling told Raymond to get the description and asked him to keep Mary Weesner informed.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

Chuck Poling stated that before we begin Other Business, he reminded Mary Weesner that she had added the Lomax and Crane Pond after the deadline of 4pm on Friday and we cannot do that, that is why there is a deadline. Chuck informed Raymond Bair that he is aware that he had told Mr. Cates that he would be put on the agenda; Raymond responded that he told Mr. Cates to call Mary. Wendell Cates stated that he would gladly wait until the next meeting for the topics of the Lomax and Crane Pond; Chuck said it is okay.

Lomax – Wendell Cates - mowing and spraying

Mr. Cates stated that he and Pat Pinkerton have talked since the last Drainage Board meeting; he is present today for clarification of what he is allowed to do out there. Richard Cox asked Wendell what he needs to do out there; Wendell responded that he would like to keep the west Lomax in the county. He added that he would like to have permission to have 75' easement on both of the Lomax's. Richard Cox stated that nothing has been found that we have abandoned either one of them. Bob Tippey, president of the Homeowners Association at Arbor Homes, is now in front of the Board stating the he received a letter from IDEM (a copy of this letter is attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office) stating that it is a designated wet land on the east side of the catch pond. He added that they do not know if their catch pond is part of the Lomax Drain. The letter stated that there is an IDEM permit number from 2008. It states that there should be no cutting or modifying or spraying, but they do not know exactly where the boundaries are for that. Mr. Tippey said that it appears on Google Earth that it was constructed as a small 6' wide ditch and at some point that came together with the retention pond. Chuck Poling stated that this needs to be tabled until we speak to the Drainage Board attorney and IDEM and we will inform Mr. Tippey as to what we find out.

Crane Pond – Wendell Cates – Jetting/Camera & Cutting trees

Wendell Cates stated that out on 13th Street there is a 28" ditch going through. He added that fifteen years ago, he ran a camera through there and had a tire and some roots in it. In 2020 they ran a camera through there, spending \$3,695.00 and now it is plugged again. Mr. Cates is asking permission to run a camera and a jet through there, but it would go over the surveyor's \$4,000.00 limit. Kenny Cates asked if there is any money in the watershed; Raymond said that phase 1 has \$11,000.00 and phase 2 has a little under \$4,000.00 but unfortunately the section that is plugged is in the #2 phase. He added that we could use money from an upstream ditch to clear the downstream ditch, so we could use the money out of phase 1. Richard Cox made the motion to allow them to jet and camera this tile to see what the problem is; seconded by Gordon Gough and carried 5-0.

Good Rick Drain – Public Hearing

Wendell Cates informed the Board that this is a 24" tile. In 2005, he ran a 24" parallel and the old tile will not be used. Gordon Gough asked if he was cutting anybody off; Wendell stated that he did not. He just wants to take it off the county's hands. This drain just needs to be vacated. There was no other public comment. Richard Cox made a motion to vacate the Good Rick Drain pending that it does not cause a problem with anybody else and if it does Wendell Cates will fix it; seconded by Gordon Gough and carried 5-0.

Cart Creek –Public Hearing

Nolan Holloway is before the Board regarding the maintenance rate of Cart Creek. He stated that he is for raising the ditch maintenance to \$62.50 per acre. Richard Cox asked if there are homes on Cart Creek, Nolan replied that there is. Richard then asked about the proposed rate; Nolan stated they are asking \$150.00 per homesite. Mary Weesner informed the Board that the current rate is \$4.50 per acre, \$20.00 per homesite with a minimum of \$5.00; this rate brings about \$5,077.00 annually. Jay Berry of CIE stated that he has a mess, they have more power than they know what to do with. AEP came in and knocked out a tile that they did not even know was there. They have two 18" tiles that drain across. He stated that when they built CIE, it used to be an open ditch. They had ran one tile to replace the open ditch and they found another one; supposedly there are two parallel tiles and a third one too, but nobody knows where they are going. There is one that keeps caving in and has the water blocked along the highway. He added that Mitch Cook is running some new lines, but Mr. Berry doesn't think that will solve the problem. Wendell Cates state that he has a camera and jet coming July 2nd, now that the Board has given him approval to do that on Crane Pond. He is asking the Board if he can take the camera and jet when they are done on Crane Pond and run it through Cart Creek tile, he can't help but think that the pond is hooked to it. Raymond Bair stated that he thinks that the assessments are for Pipe Creek. He wants to go in from the catch basin on the highway and run it north to see if there is another Y or a T that is hooking on the other big tile in. Nolan Holloway is back in front of the Board, Kenny Cates asked him when they are wanting to start this. Nolan stated that he was not sure how the Board wants it done; does the Board want them to do it in stages are wait until all the money is there to do it all. Gordon Gough said it needs to be done in stages. Nolan responded that as the funds

become available, do they move forward, Gordon Gough informed him that the money has to be there before they do the work. Cindy Ferree asked Wendell Cates about a great big pipe on her dad's property on Troy Avenue; she did not approach the podium and was inaudible. Wendell responded they are starting over and at the moment, Cart Creek has a 24" tile and is in very bad shape. Her response was inaudible. Raymond Bair showed her a map of the watershed. Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the advertised rate of \$62.50 per acre with a \$150.00 homesite and a minimum of \$100.00 for an eight collection shut-off. The motion was seconded by Gordon Gough and passed unanimously 5-0. Richard Cox made a motion to allow Wendell Cates to use the camera on Cart Creek project to investigate the blockage; seconded by Chuck Poling. Motion carried 5-0.

In other business, Kenny Cates stated that on Taylor Creek there is place where the drive is probably 20' wide. This morning when they went into the tile with a camera, there was a root ball.

Raymond Bair said that Eric was able to get into Bellview Tile in Jonesboro, found a root wad and then went 250' and hit something and couldn't get through. Gordon Gough asked Raymond if it has maintenance on it; he responded that it is just under \$6,000.00.

ADJOURN:

Chuck Poling adjourned the meeting at 11:52 am.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be July 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 June 24, 2025, as presented:

Chuck Poling
Chairman

Richard Cox
Vice-Chairman

Gordon Gough

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton