

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held August 26, 2025, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Chuck Poling called the meeting to order at 11:01 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 August 12, 2025, meeting; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. The motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Chuck Poling read the claims as follows:

Chronicle Tribune \$58.68 Roods Run; There is no maintenance

IMI Aggregates \$520.48 Hollis Daughtery; \$52,832.67 in the fund

Gordon Gough-\$50.00 Farr & Ira Hodson (Joint Board); \$3,539.04 in the fund

Richard Cox-\$50.00 Farr & Ira Hodson (Joint Board); \$3,539.04 in the fund

John Lancaster-\$50.00 Farr & Ira Hodson (Joint Board); \$3,539.04 in the fund

Dan Borgenheimer-\$50.00 Farr & Ira Hodson (Joint Board); \$3,539.04 in the fund

Jarrod Hahn-\$50.00 Farr & Ira Hodson (Joint Board); \$3,539.04 in the fund

Mary Weesner-\$50.00 Farr & Ira Hodson (Joint Board); \$3,539.04 in the fund

Grant County Treasurer \$31.37 Loan from GDIF to Maintenance

Bragg Excavating \$500.00 Jesse Tippey; \$2,188.23 in the fund

Bragg Excavating \$900.00 Herbst Ditch; \$1,974.06 in the fund

John's Repair Service \$6,068.00 Hollis Daughtery; \$48,309.72 in the fund

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Chronicle Tribune \$35.41 Farr & Ira Hodson; \$3,539.04 in the fund

Richard Cox asked that the H&W Ditching be voted on separately.

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the above claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Gordon Gough and carried 5-0.

H&W Ditching \$54,083.00 Dillon Winslow Tuttle; \$48,183.55 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the H&W Ditching claim as presented. Motion was seconded by Pat Pinkerton, carrying 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hollis Daughtery – Update; \$48,309.72 in the fund

Raymond Bair gave the members a map (a copy is attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office) of the Hollis Daughtery, explaining that the two blue lines are sections that were done in 2023. He added that the orange line above State Road 26, Rickner just got with it last week and the green line is the part that we are receiving quotes for today. The pink area on the map still has not been done.

Stoebe and the Clymer Coleman - Discussion

Chuck Poling informed the Board that he and Raymond Bair have gone through this, and it is now ready for rates. Raymond explained the assessment roll to the Board. The Board discussed various rates, including commercial. Richard Cox asked if this is a drain that will be joined between us and the utilities; Pat Pinkerton responded that in some manner, it will have to be, and both of the drains are draining into the city. Various rates were discussed. Pat Pinkerton stated that he may have part of the original study and report back to the Board. Chuck Poling stated that we will table this discussion until the next meeting.

Dillon Winslow Tuttle-Discussion; \$48,183.55 in the fund

Raymond Bair informed the Board that earlier in the year the Board agreed to allowed the Dillon Winslow Tuttle fund for 2026 for the current project and the landowners will pay the unpaid balance.

Farr & Ira Hodson-Update

Richard Cox, Chairman of the Farr & Ira Hodson Joint Drainage Board, informed the Board that a public hearing date has been set for September 23, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hollis Daughtery – Quotes; \$48,309.72 in the fund

The Board reviewed the two quotes received and they are as follows:

Redman Excavating \$44,542.50

John’s Repair Service \$26,956.00

Gordon Gough asked if the lowest bidder will be able to do this soon; Raymond Bair said they could start reasonably soon. Pat Pinkerton made motion to award the job to John’s Repair Service for the quoted amount; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 5-0.

Stoney Creek-Discussion; \$12,149.04 in the fund
Pipe Creek Sr-Discussion; \$162,606.21 in the fund

Raymond Bair informed the Board that a gentleman on 700 W called and said that Stoney Creek is not flowing like it used to. He added that he met with him at Pipe Creek Sr. with Mitch Cook. In trying to get back to Stoney Creek, they drove to a couple of spots, and he will need to walk the ditch and look for obstructions. There is an obstruction between Pipe Creek and Stoney Creek. This is very brushy and if we were to get brushed, it would cost \$8.00 to \$10.00 per foot, costing close to \$40,000.00 and there is only \$12,000.00 in the balance. Stoney Creek is not bringing in much money. Raymond stated that he is waiting for a quote from Mitch Cook. He added that when they went to Pipe Creek you can hardly get to the ditch because they are not taking care of their driveways along the ditch. It would cost more to get to the log jam than to remove it. Raymond added that if Pipe Creek would help with \$10,000.00 and we spent \$10,000.00 out of the Stoney Creek fund they could clear out the easement so we can at least get to the ditch. He asked the Board if they want him to pursue talking to I&M to get them to contribute to getting the easement opened where they can at least get to the ditch.

New Honey Creek-Discussion; \$17,574.70 in the fund

Raymond Bair stated that the new contractor from Montpelier, Justin Penrod, is the one that it was awarded to. He added that they done it in 3 ½ days. They cut the brush. They have a mulcher on their excavator and whatever trees they do not mulch up into the ditch they pull up out of the ditch and run through a chipper. Raymond informed the Board that we normally hold back 15% until they are done leveling the spoils. He added that he is concerned about the mulch in the channel because if the water does rise it is going to carry it to the next obstruction.

Potter Ditch

Gordon Gough stated that we all know that Rogers Farm Drainage does a good job and they can engineer it like Hiatt's does in Madison County. Chuck Poling asked if we have to take the lowest quote. Pat Pinkerton said that since it is being paid with the public funds you have to follow Indiana code. Gordon said that he does not know how we can get around the \$75,000.00 unless we break it up in two projects; Pat Pinkerton told him not according to Indiana code. You have to invite three different contractors for quotes.

Jesse Tippey

Raymond Bair informed the Board that at the moment, part of it is opened up. Ed Blinn has purchased tile that he intends to put in, but he does not have the manpower to physically put it in the ditch. Mr. Blinn wants to know if the county would pay Bragg Excavating laborers to put the tile in the ditch. Mr. Blinn will dig the trench with his excavator and use his materials. Richard Cox stated that he just needs to turn in a claim for the labor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Gordon Gough informed the Board that on CR 800 S on both sides of the road there will be houses built. He would like to know if Area Plan is aware of the drainage. Raymond Bair told Gordon that he told Area Plan if someone is going to put up a new building or extend a building to let him look at it.

ADJOURN:

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 pm.
The motion was seconded by Richard Cox and carried 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be September 9, 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 August 26, 2025, as presented:

**Chuck Poling
Chairman**

**Richard Cox
Vice-Chairman**

Gordon Gough

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton