

# GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street  
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held September 9, 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, and Grant County Surveyor Raymond Bair. Chairman Chuck Poling and Drainage Board Secretary Mary Weesner were not in attendance.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from August 26, 2025, meeting; seconded by Gordon Gough. The motion passed 4-0.

## APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Richard Cox read the claims as follows:

Amazon Capital Services \$51.33 Office Supplies; \$142.15 in the fund  
Penrod Excavating \$6,153.40 New Honey Creek; \$17,574.70 in the fund  
Blackford County \$12,201.53 Outbound joint drain  
Huntington County \$945.84 Outbound joint drain  
Wabash County \$1,819.80 Outbound joint drain  
Howard County \$10,177.23 Outbound joint drain  
Wells County \$454.22 Outbound joint drain

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Kenny Cates and carried 4-0.

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

Cates Brothers \$600.00 Pipe Creek; \$162,606.21 in the fund  
Cook Excavating \$2,075.00 Pipe Creek; \$162,606.21 in the fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented. Motion was seconded by Pat Pinkerton, carrying 3-0 with Kenny Cates abstaining due to having land in the Pipe Creek watershed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Potter Tile –David Morgan-Receive quotes

Richard Cox read the quotes, and they are as follows:

Redman (no stone) \$78,750.00  
H&W Ditching (no stone) \$76,500.00  
Rogers Farm Drainage (no stone) \$76,275.00

Redman (with stone) \$92,550.00  
H&W Ditching (with stone) \$88,875.00  
Rogers Farm Drainage (with stone) \$85,275.00

David Morgan is before the Board. Richard asked Mr. Morgan if he needed the stone; Mr. Morgan stated he did not want the mess of stone. He added that if it was done in a clean way it would be alright. Scott Rogers’ position is that he does not feel that the stone would be needed. After a discussion regarding the need for stone, Gordon Gough made a motion to award the job to Scott Rogers with stone for \$85,275.00; motion was seconded by Kenny Cates. The motion passed 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Jesse Tippey – Public hearing

Richard Cox stated that there were no written objections. Raymond Bair informed the Board that Jesse Tippey is a field tile that is south of CR 200 N in Washington township. He added that the residents there have homesites east and west of Jesse Tippey and the tile was not on maintenance for Jesse Tippey. The intent is to combine the two so that the fund can work on the tile behind the houses. Richard Cox invited members of the public to speak.

Diane Herres is before the Board. She informed the Board that she had lived out there for almost sixty years and now she is being told that they need to drill on her property. She added that she is on high ground and does not get any flooding. Mrs. Herres stated that the only time she gets anything is when they pump their basins out, it floods the access by the road that is in front of her house. Richard Cox informed her that part of the main problems is that some of the septic systems aren’t working because the drain is plugged up and they are wanting to replace the drain. Mrs. Herres’ daughter is questioning whether they drain into Jesse Tippey, and they are on the highest land and do not flood. Raymond Bair showed her a map of the watershed and explained how they do benefit from Jesse Tippey.

David Burns is present today representing his son Jason Burns who could not be in attendance. He showed the Board pictures of standing water. Mr. Burns stated that he had gotten an excavator and dug out his son's yard down to the old cement tile and put in a 6" cleanout in there. They ran a jetter and it only went about 150' and stopped, same with a neighbor. Raymond Bair reviewed on the map and explained where Jesse Tippey is/goes. He then explained the maintenance fund process, how it collects and informed them that the funds are only used on the drain that the funds are paid into.

Kammi Savage is before the Board stating that some of these houses have been sold prior to the younger homeowners that are coming in and buying them. She added that there is a tree line with two different farmers, Blinn on one side and Atchison on the other. She has had issues since she bought the house and appreciates what the Board is doing. Mrs. Herres asked why Blinn does not have to pay, and she does; Raymond Bair informed her they he is going to be paying into this, and he will be paying about \$2,600.00 per year. She stated that her husband died, and she is on a limited income, and this is going to hurt her. Raymond Bair asked if he could determine that her house drains to the north and does not drain into this watershed, can he change her to a parcel charge instead of homesite? He told her that he would come out to her house and check out her house. Pat Pinkerton made a motion to assess Jesse Tippey at the advertised rate of \$10.00 per acre, \$200.00 per homesite, \$100.00 per parcel with a minimum of \$10.00 for an eight-year collection. The motion was seconded by Gordon Gough and carried 4-0.

**ADJOURN:**

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 am.  
The motion was seconded by Gordon Gough and carried 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be  
September 30, 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 as presented for September 9, 2025:

\*\*\*Not Present\*\*\*

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Chuck Poling  
Chairman

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Richard Cox  
Vice-Chairman

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Gordon Gough

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Kenny Cates

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Pat Pinkerton