

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held September 30, 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 September 9, 2025, meeting; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. The motion passed 4-0 with Chuck Poling abstaining due to not attending the September 9, 2025, meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Chuck Poling read the claims as follows:

Grant County Treasurer \$5,958.13 Loan from GDIF to Maintenance
Graphic Printing \$48.41 Farr & Ira Hodson; \$3,544.43 in the fund
Bragg Excavating \$2,438.00 Isaiah Wall; \$14,158.55 in the fund
Bragg Excavating \$6,925.00 Belleview Ditch; \$6,060.87 in the fund
Xtreme Excavating \$11,748.00 Lugar Creek & Tribes \$96,272.74 in the fund
Right of Way Management \$1,315.02 Little Black Creek; \$22,933.22 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough, passing 5-0.

Kenny Cates to abstain

Right of Way Management \$336.50 Keaton Ditch: \$6,218.30 in the fund
Cook Excavating \$1,595.00 Pipe Creek: \$160,527.79 in the fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Pat Pinkerton and passed 4-0 with Kenny Cates abstaining due to having land on the Keaton Ditch and Pipe Creek.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stoebe & Clymer Coleman – Discussion

Chuck Poling read off the suggested rates of \$50.00 per acre, \$200.00 per homesite, \$400.00 per commercial, \$100.00 per parcel; this would bring in about \$21,270.00 per year. Mary Weesner informed the Board that the soonest she could do the public hearing would be November 25, 2025

Gordon Gough made the motion to move forward with a public hearing for the Stoebe and the Clymer Coleman, advertising the rates as \$50.00 per acre, \$200.00 per homesite, \$400.00 per commercial, \$100.00 per parcel with a \$10.00 minimum. This motion was seconded by Richard Cox and carried 5-0.

Richard Cox made a motion to hold both the Stoebe and the Clymer Coleman public hearings on November 25, 2025, at the conclusion of their regular session; seconded by Gordon Gough. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Cleopas & Haines – Update; \$24,640.07 in the fund

Raymond Bair handed out map of the Cleopas & Haines (a copy is attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office). Eric Bragg of Bragg Excavating is present today. Raymond informed the Board that Eric Bragg has jetted on the Cleopas & Haines from by the office of the grainery and jetted back east going all the way down to Washington Street and all the way to the fence line of the east side of the park.

Raymond stated that the two blue dots on his map are trees that are close, the two orange dots are two trees that are very close to the tile. He added that the pink X on the line is where Eric was able to go and suck out the dirt that accumulated above the blocked tree roots and that line is open now, flowing to the west down and then going south, the east and west part on Hobart is opened. There is a line north of that that comes out of the south of the area and goes towards the ballpark and just yesterday found the T that takes it to the south. It is taking water, but it is not taking water well. There is supposed to be another that goes north and south up where the two pink dots are on the top row, but he is unable to find the two that go to the south. Raymond stated that Eric Bragg has an estimate from Smoke Valley to take the two orange trees out and grind the stumps. Eric Bragg informed the Board that there is one Catalpa tree and one Maple tree, and his estimate is \$3,800.00 for both trees. Eric informed Kenny Cates that these are the two trees that he was concerned about and there are pictures that show the vicinity where they are located to the tile. Richard Cox asked Eric if he felt that they needed to come out and are they going to be a recurring problem. Kenny asked who has the trees, Raymond stated that it is Brenda Clevenger and that she does not like the idea that they are obstructing a regulated drain and we could send her a letter to remove the obstruction and if she didn't, then we could remove the obstruction and send her the bill.

After a discussion, Chuck Poling asked Eric for a price to fix two or three holes and then a price to replace the entire line. Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the \$3,800.00 for

the removal of two trees and the stump grinding. The motion was seconded by Gordon Gough and passed 5-0.

Bellevue – Update; \$6,060.87 in the fund

Raymond Bair gave the Board members a map of the Bellevue Tile (a copy is attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office). Raymond said that there is a blue circle in the bottom right hand corner, this is Wichita Street. This was where they started, there was water pooling there and it wouldn't go away. In the spring Eric Bragg was able to go down two properties to the circle with the red X and he hit an obstruction. Raymond added that Eric got his better bigger jetter working and went in later and dug in where the circle and the X is and that is where he pulled out huge root balls. He was then able to jet all the way down to where the green line goes north. There is another part of the tile that goes around and wraps to the north to a catch basin, they were able to open that drain up. The red circle was not draining and while he was there with the jetter, he tried going the other way and got stuck. After getting the excavator they were able to open it up back to the catch basin. Raymond added that they do have the orange line open. All the money has got spent but there is still an issue that they should address in the future. Gordon Gough asked about increasing the maintenance on the Bellevue Tile. Raymond Bair stated that the current rate is \$5.00 per acre, \$25.00 per home site with minimum of \$5.00 and brings in \$1,279.00 per year. Mary Weesner informed the Board that Bellevue is shut off this year and not collecting. Chuck Poling stated that we need to raise this fund to get more money to maintain it. The Board discussed the jetting of tile before they become blocked, possibly a rotation program. The Board would like Raymond to come up with possible rates for Bellevue Tile; Pat Pinkerton stated that they need to figure the potential cost for preventative maintenance yearly. Richard Cox said that \$5,000.00 would be a good number, Chuck Poling agreed.

Webster – Update; not on maintenance

Raymond Bair gave the Board members a map (a copy is attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office). This drain is not on maintenance. Raymond mentioned SR 18 and Pennsylvania Avenue. He added that last year he met a man that wanted to put a factory out there, but the residents were not happy with it. There is now a new owner, and they want to put a soccer field. He is putting up a big building that he can put a soccer field in. He stated that he and Eric have looked for the tile, and they found a 6" tile and it fits the description of where the books say it should run, but the book says it should be a 10" but they cannot find a 10". Richard Cox asked Raymond if they were putting in soccer, would they need to change the zoning? Raymond responded that they would need to go through Area Plan for that. Chuck Poling told Raymond that he talked to Jim Todd about a year ago about replacing this line and Jim had said that there is a 10" out there. Chuck asked Raymond if he had talked to Jim about this; Raymond said that they found the tile in a group of trees, but it is not connected to the 6" tile.

Thompson Branch of Monroe – Update; \$96,272.74 in the fund

Raymond Bair gave the Board members a map (a copy is attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office). Raymond told the Board that this is the first job that Xtreme Excavating has done for us. He added that Richard Cox went out and looked, and he was happy with what he saw. Raymond stated that he thought it would wash out the farm crossing, but it did not. He talked to Xtreme, and they have a gentleman out of Noblesville with a jetter, and it would cost \$1,500.00 just to get the jetter up here so he called John's Repair. Andy brought out two of his guys and they got into the pipe and shoveled out a path in the center, he feels that once the water flows through there a couple of times it will wash the rest of it out. Raymond stated that the pink dots on the map that he had given them indicate some places that could use some rip rap.

Richard Cox made a motion to put \$2,500.00 worth of rip rap on the Thompson Branch of Monroe as deemed necessary by the surveyor: seconded by Gordon Gough. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Isaish Wall Open (Lugar Creek) -Jerry Soultz-Discussion; \$96,272.74 in the fund

Eric Bragg is before the Board on Jerry Soultz's behalf to answer any questions that they may have. The Drainage Board has been given packets from Eric with a quote for the work that Mr. Soultz wants to be done and many photos of the issues that he has (a copy is attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office). Richard Cox asked Eric what he thought about taking the trees out that are growing out of the bank, he knows Jerry wants them out; Eric responded that he is having to use more rip rap because he cannot slope that bank back. Gordon Gough asked what the grand total is; Chuck Poling said it looks like \$17,978.00. Raymond stated that he is concerned if Eric gets to pull the banks back on the north and south end of the woods that Jerry would not be happy with it. After discussion, Chuck asked if there was a motion; Raymond Bair asked Richard Cox what his thoughts are; Richard responded that everything that he wants to do needs done. Richard Cox made a motion to go ahead with this project and use Montpelier Stone. The motion was seconded by Pat Pinkerton and carried 5-0.

Big Black Creek – Discussion; \$170,513.59 in the fund

Raymond Bair gave the Board members a map (a copy is attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office). Raymond said that on the paper he gave them, there is a blue X on the bottom right hand corner. He added that Harrold Turner called in, and he's got water backed up to the blue X. They walked the ditch from 1000 up to 300 N. Where the green circle is there is a water way that dumps into Big Black Creek. The landowner said that the farm services partnered with them, and they put a structure in there. The calculation on the number of acres coming in was wrong and it blew it out and blew it into the ditch. There is debris in the ditch that has held back. At 300, Raymond stated, we only need to

dig about a foot out and recenter the channel and by the time they get to 1000 (inaudible) and there are sandbars that would be beneficial to take out why we are there. Raymond is asking for a blessing to put out for quotes. He added that he had talked to Adam Swagger. Near 300 N we can avoid a homesite on the left by going on the right and doing the brushing and dredging from that side until they get close to the green circle and go back to the west side and possibly do the east side down by 1000 there's a big wash out there on the west side that would be better on the east side. Raymond is asking if the surveyor office can fill out the quote letter on Drainage Board letterhead paper and then Mary can send them out. Chuck Poling stated that the Drainage Board attorney said that they need to come from the Drainage Board, Raymond responded that he would do it on Drainage Board letterhead. Chuck asked Mary's opinion. She stated that the surveyor has always given her the letter, and she would type it on her letterhead. Richard Cox asked if Raymond could type it on Drainage Board stationery and then Mary could review it. Chuck said we should do it like it has always been done; Richard stated that he feels that it should be done the way Raymond suggested. Mary will give the surveyor's office the Drainage Board letterhead paper. Chuck said that Mary Weesner is to send them out and they are to be received by her.

Maddox Ditch – Discussion; \$55,139.93 in the fund

Raymond Bair gave the Board members a map (a copy is attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office). Raymond stated that this has been requested by Harrold Turner's brother, Delbert. He said that the orange part on the map is where it got started. Elizabeth Foy still has brush on her little, short section of the Maddox Ditch. He added that he probed it and there is three feet of silt in the bottom of the ditch. Richard Cox asked if there was brush. Elizabeth Foy's area, the orange area, has brush in it and the rest of it is clean except for the X to the north. The channel is clean but there are two-foot cottonwood trees and other trees still growing on the bank. His suggestion is that the amount of money that is in the fund and his estimate of what it would cost to dig from the red X down to 200N, remove the trees on Foy's, Raymond estimates it would be \$43,200.00. He added that if they go north of the X and cut those trees, he estimates it will cost \$21,000.00 and that would put the work at around \$64,00.00, he would rather get those trees later. The Board agreed to get this to quote.

Monroe Branch of Lugar – Maintenance discussion; \$96,272.74 in the fund

Raymond Bair gave the Board members a map (a copy is attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office). The County highway department and the farmer that is upstream from the blue ditch on the map. It has a history of sediments where the three orange circles are. Raymond would like to go on the orange circle side and put some rip rap in those locations that have not been done in the past. He added that between the orange line, the green line and the blue line the dark spot is muck. The blue line needs to be dredged. He is asking the Board for their blessing to take it forward for quotes. The Board agrees to receive quotes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Farr & Ira Hodson – Update from Joint Drain Public Hearing

Richard Cox, Chairman of the Farr & Ira Hodson joint Drainage Board, informed the Board that the hearing was held last week and the new rates were approved at \$10.00 per acre, \$10.00 per homesite with a minimum of \$10.00 for an eight-year collection.

Richard Cox asked Mary Weesner why the agenda was so late for this meeting. Mary explained that she was on vacation the previous week and that she had a post-op doctor appointment yesterday and apologized for the agenda being late. Richard added that it is nice to get it at least a day before the meeting.

Cart Creek Open Ditch

Raymond Bair informed the Board that he has been chasing the Cart Creek Open for Nolan Holloway to get it to a public hearing. He has been through all the books in the office. He found Cart Creek description up to section 17, halfway up to the county line, but from there north he has not found it and he hates to put it on maintenance if it is not a regulated ditch and he does not deem it necessary to make it a regulated ditch

ADJOURN:

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 pm. The motion was seconded by Gordon Gough and carried 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be October 14, 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 30, 2025:

Chuck Poling
Chairman

Richard Cox
Vice-Chairman

Gordon Gough

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton