

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held October 14, 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, 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 September 30, 2025, meeting; seconded by Gordon Gough. The motion passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Chuck Poling read the claims as follows:

Graphic Printing Newspapers \$76.77 Farr & Ira Hodson; \$3,508.19 in the fund
Chronicle Tribune \$55.65 Farr & Ira Hodson; \$3,508.19 in the fund
Chronicle Tribune \$53.63 Jesse Tippey; \$1,700.24 in the fund
Xtreme Excavating \$8,076.75 Lugar Creek; \$84,855.30 in the fund
Xtreme Excavating \$3,000.00 Lugar Creek; \$84,855.30 in the fund
Grant County Treasurer \$3,281.32 Loan from GDIF to Maintenance
John's Repair Service \$1,776.00 Lugar Creek; \$84,855.30 in the fund
John's Repair Service \$2,275.50 Brushy Run; \$15,148.89 in the fund
John's Repair Service \$724.00 Wigger Tile; \$1,756.76 in the fund
John's Repair Service \$468.50 Lugar Creek; \$84,855.30 in the fund
John's Repair Service \$7,721.00 Brushy Run; \$15,148.89 in the fund
John's Repair Service \$8,207.00 Baker Ditch; \$23,727.35 in the fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Richard Cox and carried 4-0.

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

IMI Aggregates \$1,448.13 Pipe Creek; \$167,672.10 in the fund
Cook Excavating \$3,550.00 Pipe Creek; \$167,672.10 in the fund
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OLD BUSINESS:

Lomax – Doug Kingseed - Update

Doug Kingseed is present before the Board with an update regarding the Lomax watershed. Bob Tippey and Molly Early are present as well. Doug has given the Board a packet for review (a copy is attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office). He reminded that Board that this summer, IDEM was called and informed of wetlands. Doug reviewed the packet with Board about IDEM's findings, also the findings of the Army Corps of Engineers. Doug also discussed the east open ditch and the mitigated wetlands, and they cannot be cut, mowed or sprayed. The ditch itself cannot be dredged, cut, mowed or sprayed. He reviewed the IDEM report and inspection report. Doug stated that IDEM or Army Corps of Engineers did not find any violations. Bob Tippey asked in the future when they will be doing any work on the Lomax to let him know so that he may inform the landowners. Doug Kingseed reviewed the copy of the sales disclosure for the landowners that shows that the homeowners were aware when they bought the home that there are easements. Doug stated that he would like the permission of the Drainage Board to mow and spray the easement, and maintain it, either this fall or next spring. Raymond Bair informed Doug that there will be a few landowners that will not be happy. He added that he would like to recommend allowing Doug to run a pipe across the old Lomax to access the big pond area by 38th Street. Raymond added that he thinks the Lomax has quite a bit of money in the fund, asking Mary Weesner how much; she informed him that there is \$54,158.23 in the maintenance fund. Raymond said that with over \$50,000.00 in the fund, there should be plenty to put in an access farm crossing and the brushing and dredging from 38th Street south with no problem. Doug Kingseed is asking that the Drainage Board give him approval to mow and spray the drainage easement behind the houses. Doug will return later with a dollar figure for a pipe to put in a crossing. Richard Cox made a motion to give L&W Excavating permission to work in our easement to maintain the Lomax Ditch. The motion was seconded by Gordon Gough and passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

McCain Brothers Excavating – Andrew Schwinn

Andrew Schwinn of McCain Brothers Excavating is before the Board. He asked to be present today to introduce himself to the Board and tell the Board about McCain Brothers. He added that he has been with McCain Brothers since January and he lives in Grant County. He informed the Board that they do drain reconstruction projects, brushing, dredging and have recently hired another operator here in Grant County. Andrew asked the Board if they would like to see some of their other projects, adding that they have been working in the Marion area for the past five years. He would be more than happy to supply the Board with references and/or contacts. He would like an opportunity to quote on projects.

OTHER BUSINESS

Maddox Ditch – Quotes; \$55,329.26 in the fund

The Board received the following quotes for the Maddox Ditch:

Penrod Excavating \$15,329.60

Xtreme Excavating \$44,592.00

John's Repair Service \$45,136.00

After a brief discussion about the quotes, Richard Cox made a motion to go with Penrod Excavating on the Maddox regulated drain pending all the insurance and bond has been submitted. The motion was seconded by Gordon Gough and passed unanimously 4-0.

Stoebe – Set Shut off

Mary Weesner informed the Board that at the last meeting when the Board voted on a public hearing date and proposed rates for the Stoebe, we did not set a collection shut off of either 4 years or 8 years. She informed them that the notices were mailed out with an 8-year shut off because we can always lower it to 4 years at the hearing. Richard Cox informed the Board that I spoke to him regarding this matter. Richard Cox made a motion that we set the shut-off for the Stoebe Drain for an 8-year collection; seconded by Gordon Gough. The motion carried 4-0.

Clymer Coleman – Set Shut off

Richard Cox made a motion that we set the shut-off for the Clymer Coleman Drain for an 8-year collection; seconded by Chuck Poling. The motion carried 4-0.

2026 Meeting Dates – Discussion/Approval

Mary Weesner had given the Board a copy of the proposed 2026 meeting dates for the Drainage Board to review. Gordon Gough made a motion to accept the 2026 meeting dates as presented. The motion was seconded by Chuck Poling and carried 4-0.

Pipe Creek

Raymond Bair informed the Board that Cook has been working over on Wimmer and Kendell's on the county line. Renbarger farms over the county line on the Agnus property and Mitch went downstream and looked at the log jam which is way more than \$4,000.00. He asked Mitch to give him an estimate on the removal. Mitch told him that he does not like to give estimates on log jams because you don't know what you are going to get into until you start pulling them apart. Raymond added that he has talked to the Miami County surveyor, and he has no problem with us sending Mitch downstream, into Miami County, to take out a log jam. He asked if Richard Cox oversees this with Mitch on the log jam if it is

over \$4,000.00. Raymond informed the Board that another part over by Sweetser they have a beaver dam south of 200 N. Again, this will be over \$4,000.00 but he can get Richard involved and have him come look at it, and do we need to hire a beaver trapper?

Back Creek

Raymond Bair informed the Board that Mike Burton's wife in Fairmount is requesting that we work on Back Creek. She said that the water is not moving like it used to north of Fairmount. Richard Cox told Raymond to go check it out.

Thompson Branch

Raymond Bair informed the Board that he has a bill from IMI for rip rap that is not on the agenda for today.

Cleopas & Haines

Raymond Bair informed the Board that he has received the two quotes for tile work over in Sims from Bragg Excavating. Option #1 is for \$3,384.00 for the two areas, replacing up to 10' of 8" tile and option #2 is for \$7,421.00 and that is for up to 200' of 8" tile replaced, including 2 risers. He will return after settling to level and seed. Gordon Gough asked Raymond if there is enough money in the maintenance fund to cover this; Raymond replied that there is. Richard Cox stated that we would be ahead to fix it now rather than returning every couple of years "putting another band aid on"; Chuck Poling agreed. Gordon Gough made a motion to approve Bragg Excavating for option #2. The motion was seconded by Richard Cox and carried unanimously 4-0.

Belleview Tile

Gordon Gough stated that the Board needs to have a hearing on the Belleview Tile to have the rate increased since it is in the red. Chuck Poling informed the Board that Mary Weesner remembered and found in the past minutes where Jim Todd had told the mayor that they needed to put manholes in if we are going to maintain it; they never did put them in. He added that he is having Mary Weesner send them a letter informing them that until they put in manholes, we will not maintain the tile.

Raymond Bair asked Mary Weesner what has become with the Haw Run, she responded that she has not heard back from anyone.

Gordon Gough made a motion to hold a public hearing for the Belleview Tile following the regular session of the Drainage Board December 30, 2025, for the following proposed rates of \$10.00 per acre, \$150.00 per homesite, \$450.00 for commercial, \$100.00 per parcel with a minimum or \$10.00 for an 8-year collection. The motion was seconded by Richard Cox and carried 4-0.

ADJOURN:

Richard Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 pm. The motion was seconded by Gordon Gough and carried 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be October 28, 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 October 28, 2025:

Chuck Poling
Chairman

Richard Cox
Vice-Chairman

Gordon Gough

Kenny Cates

Not Present

Pat Pinkerton