

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held October 28, 2025, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Chuck Poling called the meeting to order at 10:58 am. Other members present were Pat Pinkerton, Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Drainage Board Secretary Mary Weesner and Grant County Surveyor Raymond Bair. Vice-Chairman Richard Cox was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from October 14, 2025, meeting; seconded by Kenny Cates. The motion passed 3-0, Pat Pinkerton abstained since he was not present at the October 14th meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Chuck Poling read the claims as follows:

IMI Aggregates \$505.12 Lugar Creek; \$84,855.30 in the fund

H&M Farm Drainage \$4,335.00 Lumbo Drain; \$65,506.31 in the fund

Bragg Excavating \$1,790.00 Little Crane Pond; \$29,216.32 in the fund

Montpelier Weekly \$77.61 Farr & Ira Hodson; \$3,375.77 in the fund

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Cook Excavating \$8,510.00 Pipe Creek; \$159,123.97 in the fund

Chuck Poling asked Raymond Bair if he had come to the Board for approval for the \$8,500.00 for work needed. Raymond responded that he and Richard Cox had went out there and Richard approved to do it. Chuck explained that they cannot do that. This could only be done in case of an emergency. He told Raymond that he can go up to \$4,000.00 and anything over that, he needs to come to the Drainage Board. Chuck went on to explain that if it was an emergency, he would have to reach out to the Drainage Board, and this is not an emergency, Gordon Gough agreed.

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claim as presented. The motion was seconded by Pat Pinkerton and passed 2-0; Kenny Cates abstained due to having land on the Pipe Creek watershed.

NEW BUSINESS

Solms Ditch – Trevis Bright - Variance

Trevis Bright is before the Board requesting a variance on the Solms Ditch. Mr. Bright gave the Board members a map of the area (a copy is attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office). He informed the Board that his daughter lives at this address and that the Solms Ditch runs adjacent to her property. He would like to put a carport in her yard so that they can put lawnmowers in there to free up room in her garage. Raymond Bair stated that he had gone out there and measured from the top of the bank to the corner of the house and it is 73'. He added that he also measured to where Mr. Bright had removed the dirt. Raymond added that he put a flag at 60' by where the dirt was removed and another flag at 75'. There is a tree there and if they are going to work on the ditch, there is probably 50' between the tree and the ditch and he does not see a problem with his carport. Gordon Gough asked how much variance Mr. Bright is asking for, Raymond Bair said to 60'. Mr. Bright stated that he does not think he will even come close to the flag that is marking 60'. Kenny Cates stated that if the Board gives Mr. Bright the variance, they should sign a hold-harmless agreement; Mr. Bright stated that they would do that. Pat Pinkerton made a motion to reduce the easement to 60' on this property, where the building is going to be located and a hold-harmless agreement signed by the landowner. The motion was seconded by Kenny Cates and carried 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Big Black Creek – Quotes - \$171,099.06 in the fund

The Drainage Board received two (2) quotes (copies of these quotes are attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office) for the requested job of brushing and dredging on Big Black Creek, they are as follows:

Xtreme Excavating \$38,237.75

John's Repair Service \$46,256.00

After a brief discussion, Gordon Gough made a motion to award the job to Xtreme Excavating for the quoted price of \$38,237.75. The motion was seconded by Kenny Cates and carried 4-0.

ADJOURN:

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 am. The motion was seconded by Gordon Gough and carried 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be November 25, 2025, at 11:00 am and will be held in the Grant County Council Chambers.

The Grant County Drainage Board has approved the minutes as presented for
October 28, 2025:

Chuck Poling
Chairman

Not Present

Richard Cox
Vice-Chairman

Gordon Gough

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton

Minutes recorded by:
Mary R. Weesner
Drainage Board Secretary