

**GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
401 SOUTH ADAMS STREET
MARION, INDIANA 46953**

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held December 27, 2016, in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton, Richard Cox and Jim Todd, Grant County Surveyor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Richard Cox made the motion to approve the December 13, 2016 minutes as presented. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd reviewed the claims as follows;

Grant County Treasurer \$288.70 Rogers Tile; \$288.70 in the fund
Grant County Treasurer \$1,735.65 Lugar Creek; \$43,833.22 in the fund

John Buck Landscaping \$100.00 Solms Ditch; \$14,345.30 in the fund
Middlesworth Excavating \$2,477.00 Pipe Creek; \$152,063.53 in the fund

Chronicle Tribune \$31.63 Weasel Creek; \$129,839.61 in the fund
Kyle Persinger \$513.00 trenching Ordinance; \$4,496 in legal fund

Gordon Gough made the motion to pay the claims as presented. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hummel Creek

Gordon Gough asked Mark Bardsley what the current status is for the Hummel Creek obstruction; Mark stated that he is trying to coordinate a meeting with Matt Meade (Engineer), IDEM and DNR.

Once he can get this coordinated, he will contact Mr. Ott to invite him to the meeting so that we may all come to an agreement.

Little Crane Pond

Gordon Gough asked Mark Bardsley if there are any updates on turning over the residential portion of Little Crane Pond to the City of Marion; Mark stated that there is no status updates at this time. Mark Bardsley added that it is a matter of getting the utilities and the Drainage Board attorney Kyle Persinger together. Gordon added that he wants to follow through with this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Little Creek

Jim Todd informed the Board that Terome Gough is present requesting that the trees be cut off the open ditch on the south end; it is still left from the reconstruction and needs to be addressed. Jim added that we would keep him on the agenda and the next time the money is available we can get this done. Jim stated that we did have money in the fund, but there were arrears on the reconstruction that had to be paid back, that is why the fund is -\$5,063.97 in arrears. Mark Bardsley asked Jim Todd if there would be more money coming in May; Jim stated there would be, but not enough to make up the deficit, but, there would probably be enough after the fall collection. Mark Bardsley asked that Little Creek remain on all future agendas under "Old Business" until the brushing has been completed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Barren Creek

Mark Bardsley stated that when we assessed Barren Creek in Fowlerton, to help the people, we assess less than a total acre would be a five dollars \$5.00 minimum or \$10.00 per acre. According to State Board of Accounts, we cannot do this any longer; each parcel must be charged the minimum. Therefore, we must have another public hearing in order to comply with the state directive. Jim Todd added that it would be beneficial for land owners to combine parcels if possible that would save on their

assessment. Mark Bardsley stressed that this public hearing is only regarding the minimum charge, there are no other changes. After a discussion, Gordon Gough made a motion to hold a public hearing for Barren Creek to address the minimum charge on April 11, 2017. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried 5-0.

Out of County Maintenance Billing

Mary Weesner turned into the Board the ditches that are to be billed and is needing approved and signed by the Board. Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the out of county maintenance billing. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 5-0.

Robert Renbarger Ditch

Mary Weesner presented to the Board the assessment roll for Robert Renbarger Ditch, informing the Board that it only brings in 10¢ per acre, with about 84 acres. After a discussion, the Board wants to speak with a few land owners to see if they would like to vacate the drain or raise the maintenance rate. This issue is tabled for now.

Richard Cox made the motion to reappoint the two members that are up for reappointment (Gordon Gough and Pat Pinkerton) for another four year term. Seconded by Kenny Cates; motion carried with support 3-0 with Gordon Gough and Pat Pinkerton abstaining.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 11:43 p.m.; Seconded by Gordon Gough, motion carried with support 5 -0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held January 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON