

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held July 31, 2018 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Other members present were Kenny Cates, Richard Cox and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Gordon Gough and Pat Pinkerton were not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the July 10, 2018 meeting; they were seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried with support 2-0, with Mark Bardsley abstaining due to not being present at the July 10th meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd presented the claims as follows:

Sullivan Excavating \$7,006.65 Crane Pond Phase 1; \$13,429.11 in the fund
Chronicle Tribune \$18.99 South Marion Peterson; there is no fund
Chronicle Tribune \$18.44 Fadley & Owl; \$24,567.65 in the red
Spitzer Herriman - \$380.00 Legal Fees; \$5,000.00 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried with support 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Peterson Drain

Mark Bardsley asked if Peterson Drain has been set for a public hearing; Mary Weesner informed him that one had been set in August. Jim Todd added that they got through a plug and the water is flowing now and they have run a camera in it. Jim stated that he has talked to Stan Davis and that everything seems to be running pretty good. Jim will be getting together with Eric Bragg to check the water levels; they may need to run through with the re-cutter where the big maple tree is again. Jim Todd added that they would view again with the camera since they were going to do the east-west line.

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

There is nothing new to report

Hummel Creek

There is nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Sims Franklin – David Morgan 506-2381

Jim Todd informed the Board that Mr. Morgan is present today to make an official request regarding work needing to be done on the Sims Franklin. Jim has aerial photos showing where the work is needed. Mr. Morgan is also requesting that work be done on Pipe Creek; there is over \$100,000.00 in the Pipe Creek maintenance fund and over \$69,000.00 in the Sims Franklin fund. Jim added that he has talked to Kenny Cates and they feel that the Sims Franklin needs done up to Herbst past Phil Gentis; Kenny stated that Mark Glessner has kept his clean but when you get down to Phil Gentis, he has done nothing with it and it is going to need to be dug out because Herbst has ditches coming into this and it is mud. Jim Todd stated that there is not enough to do the entire ditch, so where do you decide on where to start and where to stop without dumping the water on someone else. Mr. Morgan stated that there is brush on both sides but the west side is the worst. Jim said that after the crops come off they could plan on some of the projects to be

done. Jim Todd added that the land owner wants all the trees left on the one side, they had to cut down a cottonwood tree and the wife was really upset. Mr. Morgan said that the west side is terrible in regards to the trees. Jim said that he will get a letter out to the land owners letting them know of the plan to take care of this and he will get some specs on this and get quotes for it. Jim asked Mr. Morgan where he wanted the dredging done on Pipe Creek; Mr. Morgan informed Jim SW 1/4 SEC 1 on IMI property. Mr. Morgan stated that there is a problem from limestone dust from IMI (IMI owns the land; Mr. Morgan is the cash farmer of the property). He added that there is a white sludge at the bottom of the ditch from the dust and he does not want that out in the field; he would like it hauled back into their quarry somewhere. Mr. Morgan feels that IMI should have to help pay for the dredging; Jim informed him that IMI pays a ditch tax. Mark Bardsley stated that by consent, the Board will allow Jim Todd to move forward on this issue and return at a later date to the Board to give his report on how soon this can be done.

Jefferson Ditch – Spencer O'Dell 734-272-6557-Upland Dollar General
Mr. O'Dell is present before the Board. Jim Todd has a larger map and the plans to show the Board what Mr. O'Dell is requesting. Mr. O'Dell reviewed the map and explained the plans to the Board. Jim Todd does not feel that there is water running into this site that would be contributing. Jim Todd stated that his only concern is how the water will get from the discharge to the ditch without erosion. Jim requested that a rip rap bank be made to avoid erosion; he does not want it going over the bank and cutting it out. There is not ditch tax on the Jefferson Ditch and it has a lot of natural fall. Jim added that someday, if the town keeps developing, they will need to come in and start a ditch tax to maintain and brush the ditch. Jim said that if the brush was all cut out, that would help.

Lois Jones 87 Berry Street, Upland is present before the Board. Mrs. Jones owns the laundry mat in Upland. Mrs. Jones is asking how this will affect their laundry mat, it discharges through that area. She added that she has been there ten years and never had a problem and is now concerned this may cause problems with her drainage. Mr. O'Dell reassured her that the water will not run that way and there should be no issues or changes in her drainage. She stated that all these years the ditch will get high but never has over flowed,

what will happen when this ditch is accepting more water; she was told that it will not be putting much more water into this ditch. Mark Bardsley asked Jim about the way the water moves down stream, are there any concerns about the water backing up; Jim Todd said that he does not think it will. Mrs. Jones asked that the Board not rush to approve these plans and to get all their facts. Jim added that he feels everything is in order. Mark Bardsley stated that he agrees with extending the 8" pipe all the way into our easement. Jim feels that the Board should approve this plan with the condition that they show they will protect the property from erosion on the outlet. Kenny Cates made a motion to allow them to work in our right of way and run the 8" tile all the way to the open ditch to protect from erosion and to approve these plans with this contingency. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried with support 3-0.

Lomax Ditch – Beaver dam and trash in ditch

Jim Todd informed the Board that he received a report of beavers, adding that he know that Gordon Gough uses a certain beaver trapper and would like to get the name and phone number from him. The beavers have blocked the whole ditch up and are backing water up. Jim added that Wendell Cates wants to spend some money north of 38th Street, but it will not be around this issue. Jim Todd informed the Board that there is \$46,000.00 in the Lomax Ditch maintenance fund. Jim showed the Board pictures of the Lomax and there are 4x8 sheets of insulation board lying in the ditch, they need to be removed as the beaver dams are removed after the beaver is trapped. The Lomax is only a five foot pipe at 38th Street and if we ever have record rains they will wash down and block the drain and that could cause the water to back up and go into people's yards. Jim Todd added that the neighbor kids have taken about five skids and built a bridge in the ditch that crosses to an area where they have put tables, chairs, etc.; these skids need to be removed as well. Jim said that he will talk with Gordon Gough to get the trapper's phone number.

Back Creek – Channel Clearing and Bank Protection Project; INDOT

Jim Todd said that he has received a letter stating that they are now wanting to work on Back Creek now because it has compromised the footers. Richard Cox made a motion to allow INDOT to work in Back Creek right of way to clear this channel; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Taylor Creek

Jim Todd informed the Board that his office is working on the assessment roll for Taylor Creek. He said that some of the properties have seven different water sheds on the property with the water going in different directions. Jim's question is regarding Rex & Cathy Riggs has two separate parcels with a building lying on both parcels; does the Board feel we need to charge them on each parcel or do we charge them for just one business site? Kenny Cates said this is the John Deere business and that we should just charge them for one business site. Mark Bardsley said that the Riggs' should come in and have the two parcels combined. Kenny Cates is going to recommend to them to combine but was unsure as to where to advise them to go; Mary Weesner told him that all they have to do is go to the Auditors office and they can take care of it there. Jim Todd told the Board that he has talked to Don Wimmer and Mr. Wimmer has accepted to be the contract deputy for Taylor Creek. Jim informed the Board that the Drainage Code states that if any of the Board members have land in the water shed; even though Jim is a non-voting member, he is still a member of the Board and Jim cannot have his chief deputy perform the duties since they are employed by him and they could be influenced by him. Richard Cox understands and agrees that Jim Todd should stand aside from any decisions on Taylor Creek, including the Surveyor report that is to be completed.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 11:53 a.m.; Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried with support 3-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held will be August 14, 2018 at 11:00 am

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

MARK BARDSLEY

ABSENT

GORDON GOUGH

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

ABSENT

PAT PINKERTON