

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held September 11, 2018 in the Grant County Council Chambers. After a moment of silence in remembrance, Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Other members present were Kenny Cates, Richard Cox, Gordon Gough, Pat Pinkerton and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the August 28, 2018 minutes as presented. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Jim Todd presented the claims as follows:

Chronicle Tribune \$33.30 So. Marion Peterson Tile; \$18.99 in the red

Chronicle Tribune \$33.30 Steelman Tile; \$18.99 in the red

Right of Way Mgt. \$3,680.00 Weasel Creek; \$67,273.77 in the fund

Peerless Printing \$43.13 Office Supplies; \$185.16 in the fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

There is nothing new to report

### Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley stated that he has been in communications with Mr. Leone, Attorney regarding Hummel Creek. Mark is currently awaiting a response from him. Mark Bardsley informed the Board that Mr. Leone gave us two options; the first was to redo the process here in Grant County or the Board can appeal back to Huntington County; Mark stated that he feels they need to selection the second option.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There is no new business

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### Fadley & Owl – Public Hearing

Jim Todd informed the public that the current maintenance is \$1.50 per acre with a minimum of \$5.00, bringing in \$1,927.00 per year. Due to all the work that has been done, the maintenance fund is currently \$24,586.00 in the red. The proposed plan is to increase the rate to \$30.00 per acre, \$90.00 per home site, \$90.00 per hard surface acre and a minimum of \$30.00 for an eight year collection; this rate would bring in approximately \$40,526.00 per year. Jim added that at this rate, the fund would bounce back into the black next year. Jim Todd stated that if there are any small breaks, they would have to borrow more from the General Drain Improvement Fund; Mark Bardsley stated that even at this rate, we would only be able to repair small sections at a time. Jim added that he knows of some tile that need replaced on the Horner property, but that would be a decision of the land owners.

#### Tom Horner 13637 S 950 E, Converse, Indiana

Mr. Horner is before the Board. Mr. Horner asked the Board what the cost is to repair a sink hole. Jim Todd said that it depends on the size of the hole; it is at least \$500.00 to \$1,000.00. Mr. Horner would like to build up the fund in order to do repairs, he wonders if he should just farm around the holes or if he should get them repaired. Mr. Horner is in favor of the proposed rate. Jim Todd added that he would like to see a fairly good sized manhole on the Oak Hill property line and new tile running for 1,000 feet or so until it starts going up the hill.

Mike Mark 2251 N 700 W, Marion

Mr. Mark is also present today. Mr. Mark stated that this is a large increase and should have gradually been done years ago.

\*Discussion is now closed to the public.\*

Mark Bardsley asked Jim Todd if this is the water shed where Mr. Middlesworth stated that he was draining his water somewhere else; Jim answered that it is. Gordon Gough stated that if you haven't changed the surface water direction, you still need to pay; Richard Cox asked Gordon if he felt they should get a reduced rate, Gordon questioned how the reduced rate would be figured. Mark Bardsley added that if Max Middlesworth wants to hire an engineer to prove to the Board how much water he is diverting, then that percentage amount could be considered in the future. Kenny Cates stated that it is a shame that there is no stated participation in this deal. Kenny added that this is all only a Band-Aid and will not take care of the problems. Mark Bardsley asked if the state is planning on doing any work on State Road 13; Jim Todd and Kenny Cates replied that they are not. Kenny added that when the work was being done on the Keaton Ditch, they talked to the state highway department explaining what they wanted to do and then the state said that they would do that for them. The state shut the road down, put up signs and put new tile across there for them. Richard Cox made a motion to approve the proposed assessment on the Fadley & Owl for \$30.00 per acre, \$90.00 per home site, \$90.00 per hard surface acre and a minimum of \$30.00 for an eight year collection; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 5-0.

Mark Bardsley made a recommendation to have the chair person (himself) to write a letter to the State of Indiana to fix the culvert, making it larger prior to any major work north on State Road 18.

### Ditch Certifications

Mark Bardsley stated that in the past when the Board has done certifications in the past that sometimes they did not get filed in the Auditors office. Mark asked that Mary Weesner check with all the public hearings that the Drainage Board has had with an increase and make sure that the Auditors office can confirm that all of them have been put in.

### Grassy Fork Spraying

Jim Todd informed the Board that Right of Way Management had given Jim a price for Grassy Fork, but made a mistake and started spraying before the farmers realized that they weren't supposed to be there; adding that the sprayer had ran over some beans. Jim Todd stated that he had gone out there and did not see much damage. Right of Way Management has sent an invoice for this spraying; informing them not to send an invoice for the Kohlmorgan property since he has already sprayed it himself. They have sprayed 11,311 feet at 14¢ per foot. Jim said that he and Gordon Gough would like to wait to see what the results look like in the area (they sent a map of area sprayed) before the invoice is paid; there is \$18,000.0 in the Grassy Fork maintenance fund. Jim feels that if he has helped out some, then it would be fine to pay the invoice.

\*Gordon Gough informed the Board that he received a call from someone by Fowlerton stating that they have water problems out there. Gordon talked to Frank Payne and his mother. He added that what happened is that the cable was put into the tile. Gordon explained to the Payne's that this is not a Drainage Board issue, but an issue with them and Frontier and their contractor.

### **ADJOURN:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 11:37 p.m.; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 5-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held will be September 25, 2018 at 11:00 am

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

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MARK BARDSLEY

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GORDON GOUGH

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RICHARD COX

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KENNY CATES

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PAT PINKERTON