

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

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held September 25, 2018 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. Other members present were Kenny Cates, Gordon Gough, Pat Pinkerton and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Richard Cox was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the September 11, 2018 minutes as presented. Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd presented the claims as follows:

Chronicle Tribune \$33.85 Fadley & Owl Tile; \$24,586.09 in the red

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

There is nothing new to report

Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that he, Jim Todd and Mary Weesner have talked with attorney Joseph Leone. Mark added that the rest of the information requested by Mr. Leone was given and he is now working on the

petition to go before the court again to make sure we gain access to his road/easement. Mark stated that he and Mary Weesner received an email from Mr. Leone that he will send papers to them as soon as it has been completed for review. Mary Weesner asked if she should forward to the rest of the Board, Mark Bardsley instructed her to do so.

Ditch Maintenance Billing

Mark Bardsley asked Mary Weesner to inform the Board of her status to insure that the ditches that have had a maintenance increase are going to bill correctly. Mary explained to the Board that as the maintenance rates are changed, she goes into the ditch billing program and changes the rate there; including the number of years the ditch is to collect. Then that is down loaded by the Auditor office before billing. Mary Weesner informed them that she is in the process of checking the billing amounts of all the ditches, not just the ones that have recently been changed. She will have an update at the next Drainage Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pipe Creek – Wendell Cates – request for maintenance; \$105,901 in the fund Jim Todd stated that Wendell Cates informed him that he is talking to some of the land owners regarding cleaning out the creek to section 22 out by Roseburg and then just northwest of there to brush on Steve Pyle and Scott Winger. Mr. Cates was going to have someone talk to Scott Winger to make sure that he was on board with them being on his property. Jim Todd added that he is going to get this ready for quotes for later this year. Kenny Cates said that where it crosses 38th Street by Roseburg badly needs brushed. Jim reviewed a map of the area with the Board.

Little Black Creek – Jack Green – request for maintenance; \$9,716 in the fund Jim Todd has passed around pictures and explained to the Board that it is about 600 feet along the road. Jim added that he has talked to the land owner that lives in Missouri and they are okay with the work being done. Jack Green stated that the rest is just vacant land. Mr. Green stated that it is James and

Rhonda Gerardot that own the vacant land. Jim Todd said that he has talked with Mrs. Gerardot about the work needing to be done and she is okay with it. Mr. Green 9565 E 600 N, Van Buren, is present before the Board today. Mr. Green stated that he has had John Enyeart out there to give cost estimates. He stated that it would be \$3,200.00. Jim Todd explained that Mr. Enyeart has a cutter that fastens to his excavator and that enable him to do such a good job, adding that the creek will still need work. Jim told the Board that Greg Brankle had requested dredging on the end, but Jim explained to him that Mr. Green came to him requesting the work first. Mr. Green said that it will cost \$300.00 to spray when he gets it all cleared off. He added that down by the bridge it would cost \$34.00 per ton for the rip rap to be installed. Mr. Green added that there is an old house within the trees; adding that John Enyeart said he could just push it in a hole and bury it. Jim Todd asked if that was part of the price quoted by Enyeart; Mr. Green said that it is part of the price. Gordon Gough questioned how the Board can clean up a house that is sitting in our right of way legally. Jim Todd added that there is also a barn. He added that he does not feel that the Board should use the people's maintenance money to take down an old house; he feels that they just need to get the trees close to it as they can and clean up around that corner. Kenny Cates suggested that maybe they have the land owner with the house sign a release to remove the house. Mr. Green is concerned that the dead ash trees all around that house may come down onto the power lines; Gordon Gough stated that the power lines are not the Drainage Board's problem but the electric companies problem. Mr. Green informed Gordon that he has had the electric company out there to look at the situation but they told him that they cannot do anything. Gordon added that if the tree falls and takes out the electric line, it would be up to the electric company to come and make the repair. He added that if Mr. Enyeart knocks the power line down then they would charge him to fix it. Mark Bardsley asked if the house and the barn are in the easement; Jim informed him that they are. Mark Bardsley stated that he feels if the structures are not restricting the flow of water, then the Board should step away from it; Gordon Gough agreed. Kenny Cates made a motion for Jim Todd to call the home owner with John Enyeart regarding the house. If the land owner agrees to pay for the removal herself, then we can move forward. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

South Marion Peterson Drain

Jim Todd explained to the Board that Eric Bragg broke their cutter off in two different directions, one toward Stan Davis' house, 180 feet in they got caught on a piece of broken tile. Stan Davis has talked to the lady with the large maple tree and she was okay with it coming down as long as there is no cost to her, but when she talked to the contractor the other day she really likes the tree and doesn't understand why we have to cut that tree down. Jim explained to the Board that the root is about 18" in diameter, he does not want to create a liability problem by taking the roots out where they don't have an anchor and then we get a western wind and that tree will land on her house or driveway. The yards will need seeded after the stump is ground down. Jim Todd stated that even though the Board set a limit of \$2,000.00 to help them out until collections, it may go over that amount some.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 11:36 a.m.; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled meeting to be held will be October 9, 2018 at 11:00 am

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

ABSENT

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON