

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held January 8, 2019 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton, Richard Cox and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the December 11, 2018 minutes as presented. Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried 4-0; Richard Cox abstained since he was not at the December 11th meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Fullenkamp Excavating \$6,000.00 Little Black Creek; \$11,737.29 in the fund

Spitzer Herriman \$76.00 Barren Creek; \$146,166.45 in the fund

Peerless Printing \$37.80 Office Supplies; \$300.00 in the fund

Cates Brothers \$1,315.00 Sims & Franklin; \$69,693.29 in the fund

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the above claims as presented, seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried, with support 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: (continued)

Richard Cox to abstain

Drewry Simmons Vornehm \$785.55 Hummel Creek; \$91,637.12 in the red

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the above claim as presented, seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried 4-0 with Richard Cox abstaining due to having land in the Hummel Creek watershed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

Mark Bardsley stated that he has spoken to the Drainage Board attorney regarding this matter. He was informed by the attorney that he will review the paper work again and check with the utilities council to see what action they are ready to take next.

Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley reminded the Board that the motion has been made with the court. It is Mark stated that the litigants have asked for more time. Our attorney is talking with them about the reality of how much they are going to pay anyway. We are now waiting on the next court date or participation by that particular group.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crawford Ditch – Water shed issue

Jim Todd informed the Board that a land owner is present today seeking to change some of the acreage on the Crawford Ditch on the south. Jim presented an aerial photo to the Board of the area in question.

Crawford Ditch – Water shed issue (continued)

Scott Lasater 17287 N 500 W, Gaston, Indiana is present before the Board. Present with Mr. Lasater is Bob Clark of Clark Drainage, he is the contractor has done the exact proposal of what he wants to do. Mr. Lasater stated that he wants to move about 20 acres from the water going north into the Crawford Ditch. Currently there is a 10" outlet and he wants to go to a 12". Jim Todd added that there is currently a private tile that drains some of this ground. Jim added that this issue has occurred before and asked Mr. Clark if the surface water was still going to come from the north; Mr. Clark stated that it does and they are not going to change any of the natural flow of surface water, they are just adding about 27 acres rather than the 20 acres previously mentioned. Jim asked Mr. Lasater if he felt that if this project is done, should that acreage be added to the Crawford Ditch assessment roll for ditch tax; Mr. Lasater stated that they should be added. Jim Todd said that he can notify the one land owner and go there to take some shots of the woods to see how much drop we can get. Mr. Lasater would like Jim to do that, he feels that there is enough restriction, but it needs to be cleaned and dredged. Jim asked Mr. Clark if this is something that he would do when he put the tile in; Mr. Clark stated that he would do it. Jim then asked him how much he felt it would be per foot to do this; Mr. Clark responded that from what he can see from Wheeling Pike to the woods and it would only take a few hours. Jim Todd recommends that the Drainage Board should preapprove this request. Jim is hoping that in this process that they don't damage any trees if they don't have to. Richard Cox asked if there is a possibility if the rest of this can be added in to this tile someday. Mr. Clark said that the original plan was to add it in, but the new plan is to go back to the original arc, so his response to Richard was a no. Mr. Lasater added that they took the tile from an 18" and put down to a 12". Jim Todd asked Mr. Clark if he could get a drainage map too that would the additional acreage where the tile is going to be laid, Mr. Clark stated that he would give Jim a drainage map. Mark Bardsley asked if the 27 acres that are being tied in currently in the water shed and it just flows a different way; Jim Todd informed Mark that they are not part of the current water

shed. Mark noted that they will need to be added to the assessment of the Crawford Ditch. Richard Cox asked Mr. Lasater if he is paying for this; Mr. Lasater stated that he is paying for the tile and installation, but the maintenance will pay for the clearing of the open ditch. Gordon Gough asked if they were going to be cutting any of their neighboring land owner's tile off; Gordon was told that if they cut off any existing tile, they will hook it back in. Mark Bardsley asked what other water shed is being reduced; he was informed that it is the Hardy Ditch. Jim Todd asked if they would be able to get some of the rip rap that has trickled down in from the ditch; Mr. Clark said they could. Richard Cox made a motion to allow them to add in the 27 acres to the Crawford Ditch and for Clark Drainage to do the ditch cleaning that needs done. Seconded by Gordon Gough, motion carried with support 5-0.

Pipe Creek – Wendell Cates

Jim Todd informed the Board that he has an aerial photo that shows what Mr. Cates is requesting. Jim stated that by where 38th Street turns south has always been a bottle neck and has grown up with heavy trees and everything has slowed down. Mr. Cates reviewed with the Board on the aerial map where he would like to clear and dredge. Mr. Cates would like to have John Enyeart of Enyeart Construction do this work, costing about \$18,000.00. Mr. Cates stated that there are a lot of big trees that need to come off of the west side because the east side is all stone where it was dug out originally. Jim Todd added that Mr. Cates is present today with an estimate from John Enyeart Construction. Since this will take larger equipment, Enyeart is fully capable of this job. Mr. Cates added that with his equipment, he can't reach the middle from either side, where Mr. Enyeart has equipment for this type of job. Jim Todd stated that they could keep it to a minimum of 40'. Gordon Gough stated that this is going to need a larger excavator for this job.

Richard Cox made a motion to allow Enyeart Construction to do the work that Mr. Cates has requested, not to exceed \$19,000.000; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 5-0.

Lloyd Ditch

Mr. Wendell Cates informed the Board that he has been talking to the land owners about dredging the Lloyd Ditch. He asked if land owners wanted to donate to complete this work since the Lloyd Ditch does not collect maintenance. This is a county ditch, but does not collect an assessment. Mr. Cates is asking the Board for permission to dredge the Lloyd Ditch at his own cost. Gordon Gough made a motion to allow Mr. Cates to work in the Lloyd Ditch easement. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton, motion carried with support 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Barren Creek – Public Hearing

Jim Todd stated that Barren Creek has been on maintenance for many years. For the past several years it has been at \$10.00 per acre, Jim added that the Board said they would lower that when the main lines and got cleaned out, this includes a small line to the north. Jim is recommending that the Board lower this assessment to \$5.00 per acre with a \$10.00 per home site, \$10.00 commercial and at \$10.00 per minimum for an eight year collection, but Jim would like to see this reduced to 4 years. There are 8,278 acres and will generate roughly \$44,000.00 per year. At present time, there is over \$144,000.00 in the maintenance fund for Barren Creek. Richard Cox asked if it will collect just this year and then shut off; it will shut off after one more collection if it is set at 4 years.

Mark Bardsley opened the floor to the public to speak

John Selby P.O. Box 66, Fairmount, Indiana is before the Board regarding the proposed assessment on Barren Creek. Mr. Selby is questioning the Galatia Ditch clean up and dredging improves the overall quality of the environment. He does not understand a ditch in the wetlands as there is muck on both sides. Mr. Selby added that after the work, this land is still unproductive since it is still a wetland. He added that people still try to grow corn in it and he finally gave up. Mr. Selby added that his neighbor has still been trying to grow corn on this land and he has witnessed him getting stuck and having to be pulled out. He questions whether or not keeping the Galatia dipped and dredged is a good

use of the maintenance funds because it will just wash back in. Richard Cox asked Mr. Selby if it drains ground upground. Mr. Selby replied that it does, Richard said if so, then this is productive and worth cleaning out. Mr. Selby disagreed with Richard stating the tile outlets above. Mr. Selby told the Board that they are supposed to be good stewards of the funds. Jim Todd asked Mr. Selby if he felt a four collection would be good enough to raise the fund; Mr. Selby said four year collection would be enough; we don't need an eight year collection. Jim added that on the non-operating sides, they try to leave the trees; they prefer to leave on either the west side or the south side for shade quality.

Kathryn Ellis 3979 E 1200 S, Summitville, Indiana

Mrs. Ellis is present before the Board today the Harrison Sugar Grove. She said that they were told they would not get it dredged but was told that if there was a problem they would get it taken care of. Jim Todd informed her that this was the time that she needs to make the request for the Harrison Sugar Grove to be dredged. She added that she would like it dredged and told Jim that there are tiles broken down. She would like the problem of her standing water checked out; she worries that it is due to the neighbor's septic tank that was put in. Mrs. Ellis stated that there is a lot of standing water on the east side and the west side of 400E. Mark Bardsley asked her if she was fine with a four year collection instead of an eight year collection; she stated that if she can get hers done and still have money in the fund, she is fine with four year collection. Gordon Gough asked besides Harrison Sugar Grove and The Dulling, what tributaries have not been cleaned yet; Jim Todd told him that the Leach Prong has not been done yet. She asked how much is in the Harrison Sugar Grove fund, Jim told her that there is \$618.00 and it brings in \$308.00 per year, this fund shuts off at \$1,232.00, which isn't much to do anything. Jim Todd is going to contact Brad Rayl of Rayl Engineering and Surveying to prepare specifications for a quote. Richard Cox made a motion to set the rate for Barren Creek at \$5.00 per acre, \$10.00 for commercial site \$10.00 for home site with a minimum assessment of \$10.00 for a four year collection. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton, motion carried with support 5-0.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 12:27 p.m.; Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried with support 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be January 29, 2019 at 11:00 am

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON