

# GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street  
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held January 29, 2019 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Pat Pinkerton, Richard Cox and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Kenny Cates was not in attendance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the January 8, 2019 minutes as presented. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried with support 4-0.

## **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Chronicle Tribune \$30.64 Barren Creek; \$146,166.45 in the fund  
Bragg Excavating \$8,011.08 South Marion Peterson Tile; \$4,702.29 in the red should bring in \$8,200.00 for spring collection, \$16,430.00 per year.

Enyeart Construction \$5,057.50 Little Black; \$5,737.29 in the fund  
CF Excavating \$130.00 Pipe Creek; \$105,423.89 in the fund  
CF Excavating \$512.00 Gossom Tile; \$25,665.09 in the fund  
Grant County Treasurer \$1,067.20; Transfer GDIF to Maintenance

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claims as presented. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried 4-0.

\*\*\*Gordon Gough to abstain\*\*\*

Sullivan Excavating \$4,473.48 Back Creek; \$113,300.73 in the fund

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the above claim as presented. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried with support 3-0, with Gordon Gough abstaining due to owning land on the Back Creek water shed.

\*\*\*Richard Cox to abstain\*\*\*

Drewry Simmons Vornehm \$492.10 Hummel; \$92,422.67 in the red

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the above claim as presented. Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried with support 3-0, with Richard Cox abstaining due to owning land on the Hummel Creek water shed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution  
There is nothing new to report.

Hummel Creek

There is nothing new to report, we are currently in litigation at this time and it is in the hands of our attorney.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Simmons Tile – Scott Lasater - \$5,580.00 in the fund

Scott Lasater 17287 N CR 500 W, Gaston, IN

Mr. Lasater is present before the Board regarding the Simmons Tile. Jim Todd informed the Board that there is \$5,580.00 in the Simmons maintenance fund at this time. Jim added that there is an interest at this time to replace the lower end outlet tile to State Road 26. He showed aerial photos. Jim Todd said that there are two ways to handle this; one way would be to have a higher maintenance, but the money would not be available until next year, or if they

borrowed money out of the General Drain Improvement Fund. He added that for this job and for its cost, there will need to be some engineering done. Jim has talked to Brad Rayl of Rayl Surveying and Engineering about being a contract deputy to do the minimum amount to get an engineer's specification together to proceed with the work on this ditch.

Mr. Lasater is before the Board requesting to reconstruct a new 24" tile from the head wall up to across State Road 26. Bob Clark of Clark Farm Drainage, 2055 S 125 W, New Castle, Indiana is present today with Mr. Lasater. Mr. Lasater stated that Mr. Clark is putting together an estimate to run the new tile that he is requesting. This does not include the bore under the road, which could be taken care of by the state. Mr. Lasater stated that after constructing the new 24" tile would be to the west of the existing 24" tile. He said that a 24" drain would handle about 455 acres of the nearly 1,000 acres in the Simmons Tile water shed, that is not even half, so two 24" would certainly take the pressure off and stop all the blow outs. Jim Todd stated that per Indiana Code, since they proved that one crossing is bad, if they replace it in the same place, they would pay all of the cost. Jim added that if the location is moved, then they would only pay half the cost. Gordon Gough added that several years ago there was a hearing that was defeated because an individual land owner came in and had a whole group of people opposing the increase; there was no other choice than to turn it down. Jim Todd explained that this could be a slow process because they are dealing with the State. Bob Clark of Clark Farm Drainage addressed the Board stating that he has a price for going under State Road 26, the price does not include the bore, about \$70,000.00 including cross connecting on the other side. Mr. Clark stated that the worst problem with this is the south side of State Road 26 where all this water comes from the interstate and the surrounding lands. Gordon Gough added that the Chastain family has a lot of acres going into this and he would like to know how they are feeling about all of this, pointing out Andy Chastain in the Council Chambers.

Andy Chastain, 3284 E 1800 N, Summitville, Indiana

Mr. Chastain stated that as soon as they know how much this project is going to cost, they would like to see it done.

Adam Sieber, 3101 E County Road 700 N, Muncie, Indiana

Mr. Sieber is present today stating that he has talked to several land owners and they seemed very favorable to fixing this tile.

Gordon Gough stated that it was Mr. Moorman who was opposed many years ago to this project; Gordon asked if they have spoken with him. Mr. Sieber stated that he has not and Mr. Lasater said that he wanted to wait until after this meeting and he had more facts before approaching Mr. Moorman about this. Gordon added that Mr. Moorman came in very well organized and overwhelmed the people that wanted the work done. Mr. Lasater stated that he though he understood if there is a minority interest that is not in favor of the work doesn't necessarily nix the project; Gordon Gough agreed. Mr. Lasater stated that people are now realizing that there is a problem now. Gordon Gough asked if there is any possibility to reconstruct on the north side of State Road 26 and not have that big expense of going under State Road 26; Mr. Clark stated that there is always that wet spot and it seems to always be on the south side of State Road 26, so they just need to bring it underneath the road to where the water wants to accumulate and tie these two together and cut down the frequency of these issues and the duration. Gordon told Mr. Lasater that he needs to talk to Mr. Moorman; Mr. Lasater stated that he plans on it. Mark Bardsley asked the Board what they felt should be done at this time; Richard Cox stated that either way, sounds like they need an engineer. Jim Todd said that there are two options; he stated that there is \$189,000.00 in the General Drain Improvement Fund available, Richard and Gordon were opposed to this idea. The other option is to raise the maintenance fund by having a public hearing this year, charging a high maintenance. Jim added that if there is a group of land owners willing to support it, then the Board could give their permission to put the additional tile in the easement and accept it as county tile when it is done. There was discussion regarding holding a public hearing to raise the maintenance. The Board stated that they should get together with other land owners and try

to determine which alternative would work best. Mr. Lasater later asked about the land owners paying for the work and then getting reimbursed as the money was collected; the Board informed him that per State Board of Accounts, that is not permitted, therefore it is not an available option.

Fowler Ditch – Mark Mitchener - \$17,955.00 in the fund

Mr. Mitchener, 6371 E 1050 S, Fairmount, Indiana is requesting maintenance clean out. Jim Todd has an aerial photo showing the area, showing that the area is on the east side of Interstate 69. Mr. Mitchener stated that about three years ago it was cleaned from the county line to County Road 1125. Jim Todd added that the landowner on the west side would like the dirt to be put on the east side this time, Mr. Mitchener has no problem with this. Mr. Mitchener added that the entire community drains very slowly. He would like it deep enough so that when they dig it out, it will drain. Mr. Mitchener showed the Board on the aerial map where the issues are. Jim said that he will get out there to probe it with a tile probe and see how much sediment is there; he added that he will need this information to include in his letters going out to the contractors so that he can take some quotes.

Goff Ditch – Marvin Corey - \$125,625.00 in Lugar Creek fund

Marvin Corey Jr., 7120 E 200 N, Marion, Indiana is present today regarding the Goff Ditch of Lugar Creek and Tributaries. Jim Todd informed the Board that Marvin Corey has made a request. He added that there is \$125,625.00 in the maintenance fund for Lugar Creek & Tributaries. Mr. Corey is requesting that John Enyeart of Enyeart Construction do the necessary work. Enyeart's cost is \$1.25 per foot plus there are some trees up on the south end, Jim Todd stated, that would be \$3,500.00; bringing the total to \$12,643.75 to clean out the Goff Branch. Gordon Gough asked how many feet is this; Jim told him it is 7,315 feet total. Jim Todd added that there are some concerns over the crossing that was put in by Roush, Gordon Gough asked if they came in and asked for permission before putting it in; Jim said no, he didn't. Jim stated that the whole ditch backs up water and a lot of water sits at the northern end. He said

that he has seen water over 200 N, just east of Interstate 69. Richard Cox made a motion to allow the Corey's to do this work on the Goff Ditch with Enyeart Construction; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 4-0.

Farley Ditch – Set hearing date - \$186.33 in the red

Jim Todd informed the Board that they have spent all the money on the Farley. The Farley ditch is a little open ditch that drains into Pipe Creek at Roseburg. Jim stated that they have had Mitch Cook and Josh Carey work there on George Richey's part. Jim informed the Board that the Farley is only 541 acres. The rate is currently 50¢ per acre with a minimum of \$5.00 and the fund is in the red by \$186.33. Jim told the Board that Mary Weesner has put a couple different rates to this assessment. Jim would like to talk to several of the land owners first to see what rate the land owners may want. Jim would like to get support of the land owners first. Mark Bardsley agrees with Jim and this will be tabled for now. Mark said we could set a date at our next scheduled meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

2019 Maintenance Billing – Board approval

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the maintenance billing for 2019 that has been presented; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 4-0.

2019 Meeting Dates – Revision

There was an error on the previously Board approved meeting dates for 2019. This error has been corrected and is presented for Board approval.

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the amended meeting dates for 2019 as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 4-0.

**ADJOURN:**

Richard Cox made a motion to adjourn at 12:12 p.m.; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be February 12, 2019 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

\*\*\*ABSENT\*\*\*

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KENNY CATES

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PAT PINKERTON