

# GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

## 401 SOUTH ADAMS STREET

## MARION, INDIANA 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held March 26, 2019 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:06 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 March 12, 2019 minutes as corrected. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried with support 4-0.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Jim Todd presented the claims as follows:

Wakarusa Heavy Equipment \$3,219.70 Harper Ditch; \$26,627.65 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to pay the Wakarusa Heavy Equipment claim as presented; Seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 4-0.

#### **\*\*\*Richard Cox to abstain:**

Drewry Simmons Vornehm \$60.00 Hummel Creek; \$93,079.77 in the red

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to pay the Drewry Simmons Vornehm claim as presented; Seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 3-0; Richard Cox abstained due to owning land in the Hummel Creek water shed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

### Hummel Creek

Gordon Gough asked Mark Bardsley what is going on with this situation; Mark informed Gordon that Mr. Ott has filed for another extension. Mark Bardsley asked Mary Weesner to contact our attorney Joseph Leone of Drewry Simmons Vornehm to find out what is going on with this situation.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### Swartz Ditch – Er-Con Technologies: Pipeline Maintenance

Sandra Endlich and Ken Pittman representing Er-Con Technologies and Nathan Cloud of Energy Transfer are present before the Board regarding pipeline maintenance and the Swartz Ditch.

Jim Todd informed the Board that they are here today to ask for approval to work in the easement to lower the pipeline on the Swartz Ditch. Sandra Endlich stated that she is actually here to speak of an alternative. Ms. Endlich stated that she had submitted drawings in May of last year, adding that the project was removed from the schedule for last year. She added that the pipeline is getting worse; therefore it is back on the schedule. Ms. Endlich added that she and Mr. Pittman went to the area and took photos the previous day, showing the head cut. She explained that these are not pre-fabricated mats. They bring it out and roll it, it is like a large blanket and they prepare the area, lay it, and fill it in and then they pump it on site. Mr. Pittman added that the difference from may have been seen in the past is this is a fabric mat that when it is pumped with the grout, it is a structurally sound protection for the exposed pipeline. It goes right over the pipeline and there are no sand bags between it and the pipeline. He added that as a result the elevational increase is 3 ½" between the pillows. They are increasing cover over the exposed pipeline by 3 ½" to 4". He said that they don't feel, in this particular case, that it is detrimental for

field drains to be affected. Ms. Endlich added that there is a void in every other pillow, which is good for the vegetation to grow back through that and help with the velocity of the water. She said that at the current time, there is a lot of sediment which is not good and this could help that area and increase the flow. Jim Todd stated that he does not feel the additional 3 ½" will affect this area, Gordon Gough added that it won't help it any either. Gordon mentioned an area by State Road 22 where they did something and it actually cut down the flow; if the pipe is up out of the water you have to have less in the bottom to get rid of the water. Richard Cox added that this is a 3" dam, Gordon Gough agreed. Nathan Cloud informed Gordon that the width of the creek where the pipeline is exposed, it is exposed about 4' and the width of the creek is more than that, it is closer to 8' or 9'. Gordon Gough stated that if the pipeline would have been put in deep enough in the beginning, there would not be any exposed now. Ms. Endlich told Gordon the pipeline was buried with a minimum cover of 3'. Gordon asked how it could be exposed if it was covered in 3'; Mr. Cloud said that more farmers are tying into this drain and pushing more water down it causing erosion. Gordon added that when they reconstruct they only dig the old bottom. Mr. Pittman also suggested low flow culverts underneath the pipelines; Gordon Gough asked who would keep it cleaned out when it plugs up with stuff. Mr. Pittman said that they would. Pat Pinkerton added that he does not feel that the overall capacity will be affected, may be the depth because this will add another 3" or 4". Mark Bardsley asked if INDOT is involved in this at all since the state road is right there; he was told they are not involved. Richard Cox made a motion to allow them permission to work in the Drainage Board's right of way with low flow emergency pipes underneath, capped until further need. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 4-0.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Simmons Tile – Set hearing date (request for July 9<sup>th</sup>)

There is a rate requested for \$25.00 per acre, \$50.00 home site, \$25.00 parcel with a minimum of \$25.00 for 4 years. After the 4 year collection, in the year of 2024, the rate would change to \$5.00 per acre with \$25.00 for home site, parcel and minimum with a 4-year shut-off.

Hardy Tile – Set hearing date (request for July 9<sup>th</sup>)

There is a rate requested for \$5.00 per acre, \$50.00 home site with a minimum of \$10.00 with a 4-year shut-off.

Gordon Gough made a motion to hold public hearings for Simmons Tile and the Hardy Tile; both on July 9, 2019 with the rates requested. Seconded by Richard Cox, motion carried with support 4-0.

\*Mark Bardsley stated for the record that he appreciates, for the record, each of the Board members and feels that they worked well together negotiating with them regarding the pipelines. He added that he is pleased with the outcome. Hopefully they are establishing a better relationship with them for the future.

## **ADJOURN:**

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to adjourn at 12:01 p.m.; Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be April 9, 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