

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 SOUTH ADAMS STREET

MARION, INDIANA 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held June 25, 2019 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Richard Cox, Pat Pinkerton and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the June 11, 2019 minutes as presented. Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried with support 3-0; Richard Cox and Pat Pinkerton abstained due to not being at the June 11th meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd presented the claims as follows:

Chronicle Tribune \$15.75 Drake Tile; \$714.05 in the fund
Bragg Excavating \$2,757.36 Gillespie & Thomas Thompson; \$4,891.46 in the fund
Grant County Treasurer \$15.18 Loan from GDIF to Maintenance fund
Grant County Treasurer \$72,637.55 Loan repayment to GDIF from Maintenance
Wells County Treasurer \$623.32 Joint Drain Collections-Outbound
Wabash County Treasurer \$1,750.29 Joint Drain Collections-Outbound
Huntington County Treasurer \$836.77 Joint Drain Collections-Outbound
Howard County Treasurer \$3,140.95 Joint Drain Collections-Outbound
Blackford County Treasurer \$4,406.35 Joint Drain Collections-Outbound

Enyeart Construction \$7,150.00 Pressler/Lugar Creek; \$154,326.54 in the fund

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Eads & Son Bulldozing \$426.40 Massey Creek; \$25,080.62 in the fund

Eads & Son Bulldozing \$513.80 Carey Tile of Brushy Run; \$189.19 in the fund

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Byron Cook Excavating \$367.00 Burge Tile; \$1,571.99 in the fund

Byron Cook Excavating \$1,147.50 Ten Mile; \$7,374.66 in the fund

Byron Cook Excavating \$717.50 Winger Ditch; \$8,428.77 in the fund

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Byron Cook Excavating \$644.00 Stoney Creek; \$14,352.18 in the fund

Byron Cook Excavating \$857.50 Potter Creek; \$24,813.08 in the fund

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

*****Kenny Cates to abstain*****

Enyeart Construction \$3,000.00 Taylor Creek; \$6,042.73 in the fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to accept and pay the above claim as presented, seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 4-0, Kenny Cates abstained due to having land in the Taylor 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Long Branch Ditch – Wade Banning-Banning Engineering-solar panels-Gas City

Mr. Banning is before the Board stating that he is working with Indiana Municipal Power agency; they are going to be installing a solar park in Gas City, just east of the Long Branch Ditch. They will take what is currently an agricultural field and converting it to solar park. It will be grass everywhere underneath the panels and everywhere that is not access drives. The access drives will be gravel, but they will be minimal compared to the area of the property itself. Mr. Banning stated that he is here today to ask for the Drainage Board's approval of their drainage plans. Kenny Cates told Mr. Banning that there is a 75' easement; Mr. Banning stated that they are building a fence that is approximately one foot off of the easement. Jim Todd reinstated that the 75' easement will still be clear and be able to be accessed. Jim added that he has looked over the plans and he sees no problems with it. Pat Pinkerton asked if any of this will be in our right of way; Mark Bardsley stated that it will not. Richard Cox made a motion to approve Banning Engineering's request to approve their drainage plan for this acreage, seconded by Gordon Gough. Jim Todd asked Mr. Banning if they will keep this area mowed and maintained, Mr. Banning stated that they would keep it mowed. Motion carried with support 5-0.

Lugar Creek & Tribs –George Atkins–excavation-\$154,326.54 in fund
Mr. George Atkins is before the Board. Jim Todd showed the Board his location on the map and Mr. Atkins passed some pictures out to the Board. Jim added that a couple years ago he looked at this property with Mr. Atkins. It appears that nothing has been done here in years and Jim Todd believes it is called the Puckett Branch of Lugar Creek & Tributaries. Jim informed the Board that Mr. Atkins has a request to rent an excavator; he has some prices with him. Mr. Atkins stated that about a mile and half south of State Road 18. Mr. Atkins said that his understanding that after talking to Colby Gray that he gets a lot of water rushing in from the south and it goes

all the way down between roads 300 S and 400, where it kind of peaks. Mr. Atkins added that there is another creek which is unidentified after talking to Raymond Bair. He says that he has three waterways come into one big one that goes under 100 S there at the bridge. Mr. Atkins added that he is fighting the ash tree thing. Since he has bought the property in 1992, he has seen them get wider and wider. He added that there are trees falling down. Mr. Atkins stated that his son has worked for MacAllister and he will be his operator. Mr. Atkins wants to rent a 320 CAT with substantial reach with a thumb on it to grab it; the rate is 7 days for \$2,000.00. The quote is attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office. Fuel will bring this up to about \$3,601.11. MacAllister had insurance that was about \$300.00, but he talked to Gary Odle (insurance agent) and he said that he can get a certificate of insurance through a rider on his farm policy. Kenny Cates added that if we are getting an excavator, we don't want to clean just his, Richard Cox agreed. Mr. Atkins stated that for a couple more days of rent, he could work with his neighbor and go down farther. Gordon Gough asked what Mr. Atkins is going to do with the stuff that he pulls out; Mr. Atkins replied that he wanted to get it pulled out and stacked for now. He added that firewood is not worth much right now because of all the dead ash trees. Mr. Atkins will not let them roll back into the ditch. Gordon Gough requested that Mr. Atkins sign a hold harmless agreement so that if something happens, Mr. Atkins stated that he has no problems signing a release. Mark Bardsley agrees that there needs to be a hold harmless agreement. Mark asked what the bottom line needs to be with the extra day's rental and gasoline; they figured it would be about another \$2,000.00 to clean this up. This would be not to exceed \$6,000.00. Mark Bardsley will contact the Drainage Board attorney to get a hold harmless agreement together for this. Mark will also request a blank template for future Drainage Board needs. Richard Cox made a motion to allow Mr. Atkins permission to work in our right of way, not to exceed the amount of \$6,000.00 to clear the brush out of this ditch; Seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 5-0. Mary Weesner advised Mr. Atkins to email any invoices to her so that she may process the claims to pay them.

Mr. Atkins is to remit an invoice for the fuel so that he may be paid back.

Aaron Newby – Indiana Code 36-9-27-46 –Obstruction of drains
Jim Todd reported that we have an issue on the Aaron Newby that he is trying to resolve with the land owner. The Board scheduled this for the next agenda and has given him two weeks to work on this.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Potter Creek – Visual inspection by Byron Cook Excavating-
\$24,813.08 in fund
Byron Cook Excavating did a visual inspection of the Drook Tile of Potter Creek. The tile is in good shape but will need dirt put in some erosion holes.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn at 11:48 a.m.; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried with support 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be July 9, 2019 at 11:00 am

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

MINUTES APPROVED:

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON