

# GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

## 401 SOUTH ADAMS STREET

## MARION, INDIANA 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held February 11, 2020 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, Richard Cox, Pat Pinkerton and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Kenny Cates was not present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the January 28, 2020 minutes as presented. Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried with support 3-0; Pat Pinkerton abstained since he was not present at the meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Jim Todd presented the claims as follows:

Nolan Holloway \$8,430.00 Jocinah Creek; \$16,268.39

John's Repair Service \$1,850.00 Little Black; \$2,131.40 in the fund

Rayl Engineering \$470.00 Harrison Sugar Grove of Barren Creek;  
\$79,901.64 in the fund

IMI \$1,589.88 John Woods Ditch; \$6,512.55 in the fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 4-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

There is nothing new to report.

### Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley stated that the Board held an executive session today regarding the litigation with Bocock Land Development; aka Gary Ott. After a brief discussion, Pat Pinkerton made a motion to give permission to the Chairman to contact the attorney to move forward in pursuit of the court order; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 3-0; Richard Cox abstained due to having land in the Hummel Creek water shed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### Middle Fork Ditch –Steve Dickey Farms-Blockage (Ron Smith Campground)

Jim Todd stated that Jim Dickey contacted him about a blockage at the campground. Jim added that he called Ron Smith and explained the legalities of cleaning the blockage out. There are trash piles on the two private crossings. Jim Todd stated that he is going to send a letter as well letting him know that they will be on the property inspecting this obstruction. Since the crossings are both private crossings, they are his responsibility.

### Long Branch Ditch-Wade Banning, Engineer

Wade Banning was not present at today's meeting; therefore, this item will be tabled onto the next meeting February 25, 2020.

### Daniel Price-Daryl Hicks-Drainage Complaint

Jim Todd showed the Board some pictures explaining that Mr. Daryl Hicks is experiencing some water problems. Jim stated that he had talked to Ron Roush; Mr. Roush cannot figure what he did that made the problem worse. He had put a 12" tile in. Mr. Hicks showed the Board pictures that he had brought, explaining that there are three different flood areas there now. One is off of 650 N, another in the middle field and the road, which has never had water stand on it before. Richard Cox stated that this is two

operations and they have just put in the main line and now they will hook on to it with other tile. Mr. Hicks added that he has about two acres and over an acre of it is now under water. He stated that there is standing water all around his apple trees and he is worried that it will rot and kill his trees. Gordon Gough stated that he needs to get the water over to the open ditch; that sounds like a personal problem and not a Drainage Board problem. Jim Todd asked Mr. Hicks if he has a tile running through his property that may have been cut off; Mr. Hicks stated he was not sure, but there is a tile down by the road that goes over to the open ditch. Pat Pinkerton asked Mr. Hicks if this had been a problem before Mr. Roush ran his tile; Mr. Hicks said that this was not a problem before. (There are several conversations occurring and it is difficult to decipher any one conversation). Jim Todd asked Mr. Hicks whether or not Mr. Roush had talked to him about putting a tile in the wet spot and Mr. Hicks stated that Mr. Roush had not talked to him about it. Mark Bardsley asked if there is any recourse for the Drainage Board; Jim informed Mark that there is no county easement there. He needs to speak to the Huntington County Highway Department about his situation, possibly running under the road. Mark Bardsley advised Mr. Hicks to contact the Huntington County Highway Department and inform them that there is water collecting on the road.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

There is no Other Business to discuss.

## **ADJOURN:**

Richard Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 am; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be February 25, 2020 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