

# GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 SOUTH ADAMS STREET  
MARION, INDIANA 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held March 10, 2020 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Richard Cox, Pat Pinkerton, Kenny Cates and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the February 25, 2020 minutes as presented. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried with support 4-0. Kenny Cates abstained since he was not present at the meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Jim Todd presented the claims as follows:

Grant County Treasurer \$264.00; Loan from GDIF to Maintenance  
CF Excavating \$4,136.01 Spurgeon Tile; \$4,136.01 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 5-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS: (cont.)**

### Hummel Creek – Obstruction

Jim Todd stated that he has talked with the drone operator (G3 Drone Solutions) this morning. He added that he heard back from the gentleman that bought Jose Perez's house and he gave us permission to sit in his driveway to operate the drone. Jim then added that he called the drone operator and informed them of the coordinates so that he may look at it; they will then get a quote together. Jim Todd stated that it had to be before the foliage came out. He added that Matt Mead from Christopher Burke Engineering needs to bring his photo as well.

### Spray Program – Discussion

Jim Todd told the Board that we have three sprayers that are available to us. There are detailed pictures that Jim's office have put together that he is going to send to the contractors. Jim will supply the name and the footage for the sprayers and an overview map so they know where to find it. Jim Todd will send this information out and request quotes from the three different ditch sprayers. Kenny Cates asked Jim if he wants to get someone to spray every two years; Jim said that is the plan but they need to get somebody on board to do it. Jim added that they did not put Deer Creek on the list or Back Creek where it has been kept clean. Also, Big Deer Creek does not have enough money and it needs to be brushed first.

### Farr & Ira Hodson Ditch

Jim Todd informed the Board that he has received quotes to clean out a section of the Farr & Ira Hodson Ditch. There is \$18,300.02 in the maintenance fund and it is not collecting this year. Jim added that he sent out about ten invitations for quotes to different contractors.

Jim opened and read the quotes as follows:

Project #1

Re-center the ditch bottom for approximately eighty-five feet downstream from Jadden Road Bridge and line the southern bank with rip-rap.

Project #2

Brush approximately 3,695 feet from Jadden Road to the Grant/Blackford County line.

Project #3

Dredge approximately 3,692 feet from Jadden Road to the Grant/Blackford County line.

Quotes were received and read aloud by Jim Todd as follows:

Enyeart Construction

Project #1	\$3,900.00	
Project #2	\$12,790.50	
Project #3	\$8,307.00	Totaling \$24,997.50

LC Contractors

Project #1	\$4,500.00	
Project #2	\$23,500.00	
Project #3	\$18,250.00	Totaling \$46,250.00

Keith Sullivan Excavating

Project #1	\$4,100.00	
Project #2	\$15,200.00	
Project #3	\$22,500.00	Totaling \$41,800.00

John's Repair Service

Project #1	\$2,070.00	
Project #2	\$19,200.00	
Project #3	\$6,351.40	Totaling \$27,621.40

Harry Pearson is present today before the Board. He feels that this is finally moving in the right direction. He added that it was around 1949 when he recalls anyone cleaning out this ditch. He is happy that this work will be done soon; he understands that they will have to wait for more funds in the maintenance fund for the dredging to occur. Jim Todd added that downstream a bit there is 85 feet of erosion that needs rip-rap. Gordon Gough asked if the Drainage Board can increase the rate of the ditch by 10% without a hearing, asking if that is something that the Board wants to consider. Mr. Pearson stated that he thinks they can increase the rate by 25%. Jim Todd informed the Board that the current rate is \$2.00 per acre, \$1.00 for forest land, \$10.00 per home site, \$2.00 per parcel with a minimum rate of \$5.00. A 25% increase would bring rates up to \$2.50 per acre, \$1.25 for forest land, \$12.50 per home site, \$2.50 per parcel with a minimum rate of \$6.25, changing the yearly collection of \$2,946.74 to \$3,683.43 (\$736.69 increase). Richard Cox stated that the people may want to hold a public hearing and raise the rate high enough to get all the work done. Jim said that there are 59 parcels in Grant County and 10 parcels in Blackford County and he will contact the Blackford County Surveyor and discuss options. They may possibly waive their right to a public hearing. Pat Pinkerton made a motion to have the erosion problem, rip rap and brushing awarded to Enyeart Construction. Seconded by Kenny Cates; motion carried with support 5-0. Richard Cox asked the Board whether they need to give Enyeart permission, by the hour, for any of the outlets that he may find; Jim Todd answered that they could do that, Gordon Gough agreed. Richard asked Mr. Pearson if he knew how many outlets that may need cleaned out; Mr. Pearson stated that he only knows of the one.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

There is no new business to discuss.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Wright Tile-Mark Hasty-Discuss Maintenance; \$9,352.72 in the fund Mr. Hasty stated that he was before the Board last fall regarding a new private drain that he installed that took about 90% of the water shed acreage off of the Wright Drain and into a private drain. Mr. Hasty stated that he is aware that there was about \$9,000.00 contributed to the Wright Tile maintenance fund. He added that he has talked to the contributing land owners regarding the acreage that he represents; he stated that they had no objections to Mr. Hasty using the fund to help pay for where he intercepted the extension drain and a portion of the cost for the new drain. He proposed about \$7,300.00, leaving approximately \$2,000.00 in the fund. He added that Mr. Presnell is going to put in a new outlet in the near future. Mr. Hasty said that only water that will be going into the tile in the future would be on the south end of the McCracken farms. Jim Todd asked Mr. Hasty if he knew approximately how much benefited acreage is going to benefit the old tile; Mr. Hasty stated that it is roughly 42 acres. Jim Todd suggested that the Board vacate the old county tile and make it a private tile; Mr. Hasty said that is what he was thinking. Mr. Hasty added that Terome Gough would like to leave the maintenance money in the fund so that it is there if needed. Gordon Gough stated that he went and looked at it the other day and the water is moving fast and it has never looked that good. Richard Cox stated that he thought, per State Board of Accounts, that we cannot reimburse money to land owners; Jim Todd informed Richard that most of this money is Mr. Hasty's anyway. Pat Pinkerton stated that he is concerned because the work done is for a private tile. Richard added that means they would be taking the public's money to pay on a private drain. Mr. Hasty added that since the work has now been done, the money in the fund will not be used; Richard Cox said that the way to get the money used would be to make his private drain a public drain, Mr. Hasty said that he did not want to give up control on something that he put a lot of money into and he does not want anybody else to tap into it. Richard Cox

made a motion to have an attorney review and see what the Drainage Board's options are. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried, with support 5-0.

**ADJOURN:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 am; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be March 31, 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

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KENNY CATES

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PAT PINKERTON