

# GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

## 401 SOUTH ADAMS STREET

## MARION, INDIANA 46953

Due to the Corona Virus quarantine, the Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held via WebEx May 12, 2020. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Pat Pinkerton, Kenny Cates and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Richard Cox was not in attendance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the April 28, 2020 minutes as presented; Seconded by Gordon Gough motion carried with support 4-0.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Jim Todd presented the claims as follows:

Irving Materials \$94.02 Sims Franklin; \$44,822.79 in the fund  
David Morgan \$350.00 Sims Franklin; \$44,822.79 in the fund  
John's Repair Service \$175.00 Barren Creek; \$58,173.89 in the fund  
John's Repair Service \$2,230.00 Barren Creek; \$58,173.89 in the fund  
L & W Cates Excavating \$187.00 Haw Run; \$667.05 in the fund  
LC Contractors \$1,500.00 Lugar Creek; \$139,069.54 in the fund  
Grant County Treasurer \$5,394.07 Loan from GDIF to maintenance  
Byron Cook Excavating \$694.00 Potter Creek; \$19,817.37 in the fund  
Byron Cook Excavating \$945.00 Potter Creek; \$19,817.37 in the fund

Gordon Gough asked what ditches are borrowing against the General Drain Improvement fund; Mary Weesner informed him that it is the Farley Ditch for \$3,488.24, the Leisure Branch for \$1,850.83 and Hummel Creek for \$55.00.

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried, with support 4-0.

## **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

### **\*\*\*Kenny Cates to abstain\*\*\***

Bragg Excavating \$8,702.00 Pipe Creek (Miami County); \$153,982.69 in the fund

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the above claim as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried, with support 3-0. Kenny Cates abstained due to having land in the Pipe Creek watershed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

### Hummel Creek – Obstruction

Jim Todd reviewed the photos of Hummel Creek that was taken by the drone hired to do a fly over. Jim stated that there is also a video of the fly over from the drone. The Board has been sent the links to watch the video and see the photos. Jim Todd told the Board that the owner of G3 Drones would be willing to explain in details his findings. Mark Bardsley stated that he would like the pictures and the video of the fly over sent to Drainage Board attorney, Joseph Leone; Mary Weesner will forward this information to Mr. Leone.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Drake Tile – Lana Shafer – Maintenance request from GDIF;  
\$1,294.70 in the Drake Tile fund

Jim Todd informed the Board that there is a maintenance request from Lana Shaffer. The maintenance fund will receive about half the money that is needed in the spring collection. This was brought up at a previous Drainage Board meeting, but the Board did not vote. Mrs. Shafer would like to borrow the remaining money needed from the General Drain Improvement fund. Jim stated that the fund will bring in \$27,948.00 this year. Jim Todd stated that it would be \$25,153.00, with another \$2,000.00 to cross the county road. Jim has talked to David White of the Grant County Highway Department; David has a plan to take care of crossing the county road. Jim will give David White the information to contact the contractor, Scott Rogers. Mr. Rogers has this scheduled to start in July, so Jim said that the Board needs to vote on borrowing the other half that is needed; it would be repaid with the fall collection. Mark Bardsley stated that he spoke with David White and the County Highway Department will do their part to make sure this gets done. Gordon Gough asked if we had a quote for this; Jim replied that it would be \$25,000.00 to replace the back part with a 15" tile. Jim added that their assessment roll will bring in \$27,948.00 and then with the fall collection, they would pay the GDIF back. Jim Todd stated that we will need to have a hearing this fall to lower the maintenance to \$5.00 per acre starting next year. Pat Pinkerton made a motion to allow Scott Rogers to get started, allowing the Drake Tile to borrow from the General Drain Improvement fund; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried with support 4-0.

Little Black Creek – log jam – Little Black Creek; \$282.52 in the fund. Collects about \$2,900.00 in the spring (\$4,900.00 yearly)  
Jim Todd informed the Board that there is a log jam close to the outlet. Currently, there is \$282.00 in the fund. This ditch only brings in about \$4,900.00 per year. There has already been a request to do some brushing, so it will be a while until there is enough money.

Jim added that this is the only time we have ever spent money downstream from Mr. Hodge and all this water is being dumped on him. Jim said it will be about \$1,000.00 to remove this log jam, but it brings in about \$4,900.00 yearly. Jim would like the Board's approval to remove this log jam. Kenny Cates recommended doing Mr. Hodge's first. All Board members consented. Gordon Gough feels that they need to have a public hearing to raise this maintenance. It is only bringing in \$1.00 per acre. Gordon would like to know what it could bring in at \$5.00 per acre; Mary Weesner informed the Board that at \$5.00 per acre it would bring in about \$26,000.00.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### Spray Program – Quotes

Jim Todd informed the Board that a couple of our requests for spraying bids were returned due to wrong address. Chadd Baker of Rightway Management had just received his packet. Jim asked that this be moved to our next meeting in order to give time for the contractors to get quotes together; the Board agreed to table this topic until next meeting.

### Matthews Ditch

Kenny Cates asked Jim Todd if he has talked to John's Repair Service to see when they will be starting; Jim stated that he has talked to the contractor and that he should be out there soon. Jim also informed the Board that the land owner and the contractor have talked and are on the same page.

### Middlefork Ditch

Jim Todd stated that he has talked to Karen Comer and she wants to do some digging on the ditch with her own excavator at her own expense. She wants permission to work in the easement at her own expense. Gordon Gough made a motion permission to work in our right of way at their own expense; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried 4-0.

## **ADJOURN:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 am; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be May 26, 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

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

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RICHARD COX

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KENNY CATES

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PAT PINKERTON