

# 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 26, 2020. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Richard Cox and Pat Pinkerton were not in attendance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the May 12, 2020 minutes as presented; Seconded by Gordon Gough motion carried with support 3-0.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Jim Todd presented the claims as follows:

Himelick Gravel Co. \$936.79 Barren Creek; \$55,768.89 in the fund  
Enyeart Construction \$14,500.00 Pipe Creek; \$145,280.69 in the fund  
Kent McCracken \$1,059.50 Losure Ditch; \$10,910.71 in the fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried 3-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Hummel Creek – Obstruction  
There is nothing new to discuss

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Isaiah Wall Ditch (Lugar Creek & Tribs) – Jerry Soultz-maintenance request

Hodson & Farr Ditch is currently at \$2.00 per acre with a \$5.00 minimum, bringing in \$2,946.00 per year. Jerry Soultz is present today regarding his request to do some brushing and some extension of the work that we are doing now on the Isaiah Wall, but it is actually part of the Monroe Ditch. Jim added this would be work done this fall.

### Hodson & Farr Ditch

Jim Todd informed the Board that Harry Pearson had recently made a request and Enyeart Construction got the quote on that, and we have spent all the money on that. Gordon Gough asked if there is enough money in the fund; Jim Todd stated that most of the money will get used up with Harry Pearson's project. Jim added that there would be a little bit left over. Jim feels that this rate needs to increase to either \$5.00 or \$10.00 per acre in order to get the work done. Mark Bardsley stated that it would be up to the land owners to petition for a public hearing to raise this rate, not the Drainage Board. Jim said that he will also need to talk to Blackford County since it is a Joint drain; they would have the option to waive their rights.

Jerry Soultz stated the Hodson & Farr Ditch has never been brushed or dredged since he has lived there (1988). Mr. Soultz informed the Board that ever since the State came through and put the two new bridges in on State Road 18, he has had more of a water problem. Gordon Gough asked if the money would be in there and Jim responded that it will be in with the fall collection. Jerry Soultz stated that he is there to get his request in for the work that he needs done.

### Barren Creek – Lee Holloway-maintenance request

Jim Todd stated that when they did Barren Creek about a year ago, there is a branch drain that goes about a half of a mile that was not done. Jim added the trees are taller than the grass strips

and we would damage the crops now, so Mr. Holloway is getting his request in now so that we can do that section in the fall.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### Spray Program

Jim Todd told the Board that Chadd Baker from Right Of Way Management wanted to attend today's meeting, but he did not make it. Mr. Baker is going to mail spray quotes to the Drainage Board. Letters were sent to three ditch sprayers but Right Of Way Management is the only one that we have heard from. Kenny Cates stated that it will probably be too late this year to start the spray program due to crops; Gordon Gough agreed stating that he has received several complaints from other land owners that were concerned about whether the wind was in the wrong direction, are they going to spray both sides of the ditch. Mark Bardsley stated that the Board needs to get everything in line, including signing a contract with the sprayer, and begin spraying in 2021. Kenny Cates feels that if they can do some spraying within the next ten days, that would be okay, adding that some of these ditches really need sprayed.

### Area Plan Commission – appointment

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that the Area Plan Commission has an opening that the commissioners are supposed to appoint someone to fill in the opening. Mark added that the county surveyor can fill this position or a land owner that is a farmer. Mark Bardsley asked Jim Todd if he would like to be on the Area Plan Commission; Jim told him that he has already talked to Larry Strange and told him that he is not interested. Mark added that if the appointed person were to miss two meetings in a row, they would be removed from the board. The appointment is to be made between July and October.

## **ADJOURN:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 am; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 3-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be June 9, 2020 at 11:00 am and will be on the WebEx per the Governor's guidelines.

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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