

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 June 9, 2020. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:05 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 May 26, 2020 minutes as presented; Seconded by Gordon Gough motion carried with support 3-0, Richard Cox and Pat Pinkerton abstained due to not being in attendance at the May 26th meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd presented the claims as follows:

Rayl Engineering \$465.00 Barren Creek; \$54,832.10 in fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 5-0.

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:

Barren Creek Leonard Hampton, Surface water issue; \$54,832.10 in the fund

Leonard Hampton is present before the Board regarding an issue of standing water on his property. Jim Todd informed the Board that he and Gordon Gough have went out to the area in question and looked at the issue. Jim showed Mark Bardsley photos of the surface water and Mark asked about the direction of the water flow; Jim Todd responded that he was not for sure because this is a flat area. Mr. Hampton stated that his neighbor (Mr. Payne) has brought in five loads of dirt dumped in, filling in the ditch. He added that there has always been a problem and that they have not done anything to the ditch going south. Mr. Hampton asked Gordon Gough if he is sure they didn't unhook his tile and Gordon stated that they did not unhook any tile. At the present time, Adam Worl is putting tile in by there. Gordon Gough said it is very possible that the old tile just quit. Kenny Cates asked if this is a private tile; Jim Todd said that it is a private tile. Richard Cox said that it is illegal to block the drainage. Mr. Hampton stated that he would like to bring in more dirt and get water to flow back to Mr. Payne's property. Mark Bardsley recommended that the Highway Department can go out there and see if the side ditch could be worked on. Gordon Gough said that he feels this is a private issue and not a Drainage Board issue; the Board agreed.

Little Crane Pond-Robyn Windle, maintenance request; \$43,949.93 in the fund

Jim Todd told the Board that Wendell Cates usually keeps it cleaned out in a part of it. Neighbor is having Redman Excavating come out and do some work. Mrs. Windle is asking to have this ditch brushed and dug out. Her house is on high ground but her yard is on low ground and she has water issues with her yard. Jim showed the Board some pictures of the area. Mark Bardsley recommended that Jim Todd send a letter to the land owners that we will be in our easement and gather information and move

forward at a later date. Jim said that he will get quotes. This water empties into DNR property after Harrold Road. Pat Pinkerton said that if there is water standing in the yard, is there a ditch they can move the water to. Jim added that it needs cleaned to the north. Jim will do some research and report back to the Board.

Lugar Creek-Butch Embree, log jam (dead tree)

\$137,569.54 in the fund

Jim Todd is speaking on behalf of Butch Embree. Jim stated that Mr. Embree has a log jam. There are a couple of dead trees that have floated down-stream and are blocking his creek. He is going to have Josh Carey clear this out. Jim Todd figures that it would be about \$1,000.00. The Board consents.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Spray Program

Jim Todd stated that the Board needs to vote to use Chadd Baker of Right of Way Management for the county ditch spraying. Mark Bardsley read Mr. Baker's quotes (attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office) to the Board. Kenny Cates stated that he has talked to a couple of farmers and they are for the spraying. Gordon Gough said that he is on three of these ditches and his wants this done. Kenny Cates made a motion to hire Chadd Baker of Right of Way Management for the county ditches listed on the quote; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried with support 5-0.

Little Pipe Creek

Kenny Cates informed the Board that Enyeart has been cleaning Little Pipe Creek at Roseburg. Wendell Cates has then sprayed the ditch banks, using six gallons of Crossbow Herbicide. Kenny inquired as to how we pay back for the herbicide used by Mr. Cates; Jim Todd stated that he can bill Little Pipe Creek from L&W Excavating. The Board consented to this repayment of the herbicide.

Area Plan Commission – appointment

Gordon Gough mentioned that he may know someone that may be interested in the opening on the Area Plan Commission. The man, Mr. Brian Lewis, would like to know the requirements since he is interested in the position. Mr. Lewis lives in Liberty Township. His phone number has been given to Mark Bardsley.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 am; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried with support 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be June 30, 2020 at 11:00 am and will be on the WebEx per the Governor's guidelines.

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

Minutes approved:

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON