

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 SOUTH ADAMS STREET
MARION, INDIANA 46953

Due to the Corona Virus outbreak, the Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held via WebEx June 30, 2020. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:07 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 June 9, 2020 minutes after the name correction regarding the Area Plan Commission position; Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd presented the claims as follows:

Grant County Treasurer \$7,287.01; Repayment to GDIF from Maintenance Fund
Redman Excavating \$180.00 Sims Franklin; \$44,378.77 in fund
Redman Excavating \$1,953.75 Little Crane Pond; \$44,095.49 in fund
Bragg Excavating \$753.13 Gillespie Tile; \$4,574.08 in fund
Middlesworth Excavating \$405.00 Stoney Creek; \$12,727.97 in fund
Middlesworth Excavating \$497.88 Stoney Creek; \$12,727.97 in fund
Right Of Way Mgmt \$377.00 Big Black -Wells Co; \$213,938.93 in fund
Right Of Way Mgmt \$37,599.33 Various Ditches per quote
Peerless Printing \$50.91 Office Supplies; \$281.79 in the fund
Bragg Excavating \$220.00 Lugar Creek; \$176,709.47 in fund

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

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: (cont.)

*****Kenny Cates to abstain*****

L & W Cates Excavating \$5,126.50 Taylor Creek; \$64,485.69 in fund
Enyeart Construction \$5,000.00 Taylor Creek; \$64,485.69 in fund
Enyeart Construction \$12,350.00 Pipe Creek; \$150,314.49 in fund
Winger Farms \$2,137.50 Pipe Creek; \$150,314.49 in fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 4-0 with Kenny Cates abstaining due to having land in the Taylor Creek and Pipe Creek watersheds.

Kenny Cates stated that on Taylor Creek, they had a guy from Monticello that has rotary cutters up to 30" came and ran a camera and the rotary cutter, Kenny said that this guy did a wonderful job. The tile is plastic with joints and rubber O-ring; roots had grown through the O-ring. Jim Todd said that Wendell Cates mentioned a shed that was on top of the tile; adding that the tile is not broke down under the shed. Kenny added that the guy still needs to move his shed because he is right on top of the tile. There is also a land owner that does not want the trees cut back because she does not want to look at the railroad tracks or trains.

*****Richard Cox to abstain*****

Drewry Simmons \$55.00 Hummel Creek; \$134,284.27 in the red

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claim as presented; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried 3-0 with Richard Cox abstaining due to owning land on the Hummel Creek watershed. Pat Pinkerton's connection had been interrupted and he was not online to vote on this claim.

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:

Drook Tile Max Middlesworth, Tile repair; \$20,282.37 in fund

Jim Todd informed the Board that they found out this spring that part of the Drook Tile is blocked and in bad shape. Jim added that Max Middlesworth has plans to fix the problem. Mr. Middlesworth stated that he and Phil Gentis had dug up part of this and at the end of the 20' tile, back in 1998 they had put fill dirt around it and it just cannot support the weight. He added that they had walked further down into the woods and found another depression, so they dug it up and found that it had collapsed on the end too.

Mr. Middlesworth added that since they used fill dirt and no stone, that the roots would get in tile as well. He stated that he would like to leave the old tile where it is at and try to go in between the old clay that has been abandoned and the new one that was put installed in 1998. Mr. Middlesworth had measured the distance through the weeds and it is about 1,200', Scott Winger is going to mow this and then he will measure again, hopefully he can get it to about 1,000'. At 1,200', it would take \$7.00 per foot to dig it with 16 man hours with a backhoe and to put stone in. Mr. Middlesworth added that the 24" tile would be \$9.84 per foot, adding that this is a good price. He added that the total bill would be \$26,670.50, which there is not enough in the fund to do it. He stated that if it is not the 1,200', it could be less than the price stated. Kenny Cates asked where this tile is at; Mr. Middlesworth informed him that it is in Scott Winger's woods on State Road 13; Jim Todd added that it is Jim Woodmansee's old place. Mr. Middlesworth added that they

put this tile in 1998 and Scott Rogers put in the other side in 2004. Richard Cox asked about the money in the fund and if there is enough to do this work. Jim Todd stated that it would recover in a year. Currently the maintenance rate is \$1.50 per acre with a minimum of \$5.00, bringing in about \$5,400.00 per year. Mr. Middlesworth said that there are a lot of breaks on this tile and that he would like to see the rate increased. Gordon Gough asked who is going to do the work; Mr. Middlesworth stated that Middlesworth Excavating would do the work. He asked if the Board can increase the maintenance rate; Jim Todd explained that they would have to hold a public hearing. Jim suggested they pass around a petition for a hearing. Mary Weesner will gather all information needed and mail to Mr. Middlesworth so that he may begin the hearing process. Mary explained that if the hearing is held in 2020 that the rate increase would begin collecting in the spring of 2021. Kenny Cates feels that the Board should move forward with Mr. Middlesworth request for tile repair since Baughman's is discounting the tile. Gordon Gough said that he doesn't mind doing this, but would like to see a hearing for the Dook Tile to increase the money coming into the fund. Mark Bardsley explained that basically the Board would be loaning the Dook Tile about \$6,000.00, knowing that another \$2,500.00 will be coming in this year with the fall collection. Mark added that if the rate is raised to \$5.00 per acre, this would pay back next year. Kenny Cates made a motion to allow Mr. Middlesworth to have the work done and then when the money comes in, it will pay back the General Drain Improvement Fund the money that was loaned. Seconded by Gordon Gough, motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Matthews Ditch

Kenny Cates asked Jim Todd if they are going to wait until it gets muddy again? Jim asked Kenny if they have pulled in yet, Kenny stated that he has not seen him. Jim Todd informed Kenny Cates that Raymond Bair spoke with the contractor and that they will be starting very soon. Kenny said that if they do not get started while it

is dry, they should re-let the work. Jim said that he informed the contractor to do the work when it is dry, they cannot be driving through those yards when it is muddy.

Spray Program

Gordon Gough stated that he can tell that they have been out and sprayed, it appears to be working, and the leaves are all burnt. Gordon stated that he has check Little Creek and Grassy Fork and it appears that the spray has really burnt the stuff and it continues to die. He feels that they did a great job.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that if the Governor does not extend the state of emergency by July 14th, which is our next meeting, it will be in the council chambers and members will be present.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 am; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be July 14, 2020 at 11:00 am and will be held in the Grant County Council Chambers.

Minutes recorded by Mary R. Weesner

Minutes approved:

MARK BARDSLEY

GORDON GOUGH

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON