

**GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**  
**401 SOUTH ADAMS STREET**  
**MARION, INDIANA 46953**

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held September 8, 2020 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:42 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Richard Cox, and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Pat Pinkerton was not in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the August 25, 2020 minutes; seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Jim Todd presented the claims as follows:

Chronicle Tribune \$53.82 Potter Creek; \$8,237.89 in the fund  
Grant County Treasurer \$3,496.61 Loan from GDIF to Maintenance

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 3-0 with support. Kenny Cates abstaining due to farming land in the Potter Creek water shed.

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

Drewry Simmons \$5,830.00 Hummel Creek; \$134,791.77 in the red

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claim as presented; seconded by Mark Bardsley. Motion carried 3-0 with support. Richard Cox abstained due to land in the Hummel Creek water shed.

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

John's Repair Service \$8,000.00 Matthews; \$18,204.21 in the fund  
Redman Excavating \$1,168.05 Leisure Ditch; \$1,251.94 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried 3-0 with support. Kenny Cates abstaining due to land in the Matthews Ditch and Leisure Ditch water sheds.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Hummel Creek – Obstruction

Mark Bardsley stated that the Board has received an update from Mary Weesner showing the costs to date for Hummel Creek litigation from the time of the judgement in our favor to the present. Mark informed the Board that he met with Jim Todd and Mary Weesner last Thursday to put together a game plan so that if the judgement to use the access to remove the obstruction is against the Drainage Board, we will immediately begin the process to build a road and will not take it down to the State; if the finding is in the Drainage Boards behalf, we are safe to assume that Mr. Ott will appeal the judgement. In summary, we will build the road, remove the obstruction, remove the road and Mr. Ott will be billed for this. Jim Todd informed the Board that he has talked to Matt Mead (engineer) and our permit has expired and could take up to six months to renew. Jim feels that it should be quick to renew permit since it has already been approved before. Mark Bardsley stated that he would like Matt Mead to go ahead and submit what he needs to for the permit. Mark added that the Board has tried to do the Christian thing and was met with resistance so now it is time to do what the County has to do to get the job done.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### Little Crane Pond-Steve Stalker; Erosion problem

Mr. Steve Stalker is present before the Board regarding an erosion problem on Little Crane Pond. Mr. Stalker has given pictures to the Board to review. Jim Todd stated that he and Raymond Bair has been out to look at the issue and he would like to meet. Mr. Stalker wants the Board's approval to proceed with a maintenance plan. There is a bad curve that would need rip rap to stop future erosion. Jim added that we would need to put this out for quotes. Mr. Stalker's neighbor is on board for this work, he has been present before the Board in the past regarding this issue and would add a few hundred feet.

There is \$41,826.00 in the Little Creek maintenance fund. Gordon Gough state that the majority of the money in the maintenance fund has been paid by the farmers due to the acreage. Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the maintenance request and to allow Jim Todd to obtain quotes. Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried 4-0.

Wendell Cates is present and stated that he would like to see this get dredged. He would like to run a camera through the tile from Virginia to New York. He added that he has talked to IDEM and Army Corp engineers. He would like for whoever dredges it to haul a lot of the fill to the back of the south side of Kem Road so that he may put a manhole in there and raise that side of the field back up. Mr. Cates stated that he does not like the service drain that the County Highway Department put in; he feels that it is lowering his field too much. Mr. Cates would like the water to come over the manhole to get to the creek. He added that IDEM and Army Corps informed him that as long as you are not dumping into a wetland, you do not have to have their permission to haul that fill across the road. Mr. Cates added that he had dredged this ditch 20 years ago and there are a lot more homes in there now then there was then. He added that there is a private ditch that goes west and wanted to know if he could dredge that; Jim informed him that that is a private ditch and that he cannot give him permission to dredge

it. Jim stated that he is not even sure how Mr. Cates will be able to get back there since there are a lot of things in the way.

### Shields Ditch-Wendell Cates

Wendell Cates is present before the Board  
He wants to dredge out east to the Lomax and dredge from the Lomax out; that would be about 4,000 feet. He would like to get this dredged because there is a 36" tile from Crane Pond that drains into this. Mr. Cates asked Jim Todd if there is any money in a maintenance fund for the Shields Ditch; Jim informed him that this ditch has never been put on maintenance and therefore, does not collect. Mr. Cates said that the last time he dredged this; he remembers meeting with Pat Pinkerton out there and telling him that they need to get the city sewer and city water down below the field. Mark Bardsley stated that since Pat Pinkerton is not present today to consent to this work that Mr. Cates needs to contact Pat and let him know what he is doing. Jim Todd informed Mr. Cates that since there is no money in a fund to pay for this work, with the Board's approval, it would be at his expense. Mr. Cates asked the Board if there would be any objection if they did this work at their expense, they said there is no objection whatsoever. Kenny Cates made a motion to allow Wendell Cates to run a camera on these; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 4-0. Jim Todd asked that Mr. Cates keep the invoices separate so that they may be properly invoiced to the proper ditch fund.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### Pipe Creek

Kenny Cates stated that they will need to clean Pipe Creek from 38<sup>th</sup> Street north. There is a ½ mile section there that is holding water back, not allowing it to go north.

## **ADJOURN:**

Richard Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 pm; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be September 29, 2020 at 11:00 am and will be held in the Grant County Council Chambers.

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

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

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PAT PINKERTON