

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 SOUTH ADAMS STREET
MARION, INDIANA 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held October 13, 2020 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton, and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Richard Cox was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the September 29, 2020 minutes; seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd presented the claims as follows:

Grant County Treasurer \$1,253.60 Loan from GDIF to Maintenance
John's Repair Service \$462.50 Galatia Tile; \$5,597.10 in the fund
John's Repair Service \$715.00 Little Black Creek; \$2,642.21 in the fund
John's Repair Service \$4,561.58 Matthews Ditch; \$10,210.75 in the fund-final draw on quote of \$16,661.58
Bragg Excavating \$690.00 Lugar Creek; \$158,675.93 in the fund
Bragg Excavating \$5,572.00 Isaiah Wall; \$9,360.52 in the fund

Jim Todd explained that they have waited two years to do the work on the Isaiah Wall Tile until the open ditch of Lugar Creek gets cleaned out; it dumps into Lugar Creek where Bragg's just finished up. They needed to fix the tile that got blown up in four or five different locations, and that is why the bill is so much.

Kenny Cates added that there may be another bill on the Matthews Ditch for extra work done, Jim is aware of the big hole.

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

*****Kenny Cates to Abstain*****

Cook Excavating \$4,825.00 Pipe Creek; \$152,746.68 in the fund
Bragg Excavating \$2,143.00 Pipe Creek; \$152,746.68 in the fund
Irving Materials \$2,936.90 Pipe Creek; \$152,746.68 in the fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 3-0; Kenny Cates abstained since he has land in the Pipe Creek water shed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that there is talk going between the attorneys for the Utilities and the Drainage Board. He added that the Drainage Board has signed off of the requested properties.

Hummel Creek – Obstruction

Jim Todd informed the Board that he has been talking with Matt Mead of Christopher Burke Engineering, adding that Matt will be at the October 27th meeting. He will have numbers regarding how much the engineering will cost and when the bid letting could be. Gordon Gough asked if we would be able to send this to a few contractors for a bid; Jim Todd responded stating that there are several local contractors he would like to see bid on this and he also plans to ask Matt Mead if he knows of any that may also be interested in bidding. Mark Bardsley asked Jim if he felt that they could possibly go to the council for a loan and then pay that back after we get the money back from Gary Ott. Mark Bardsley added

that when the Drainage Board first started, over 34 years ago, the council gave the General Drain Improvement Fund one million dollars. The Board has never asked for any kind of monies for any kind of work or appropriation since. Jim Todd stated, with the Board's permission, he would like to have Mary Weesner send out a letter to the land owners letting them know that an engineer will be in our easement gathering information and that we will need to use our easement to remove the obstruction off of Bocock. Gordon Gough inquired as to how soon we can put a lien on this property since we have accrued a lot of expense since we won our lawsuit; Jim Todd stated that once the work is completed, Mark Bardsley agreed. Mark would like to run this by the State since we won our case against Mr. Ott, we know that it is indeed an obstruction and we need to make sure we continue to do everything right. Kenny Cates stated that there are a lot of land owners on Hummel Creek that are waiting for us to get this obstruction out and he does not feel that it should be the responsibility of the other land owners to have to pay for one man's obstruction. Jim Todd added that he would like to put this on maintenance by the end of the year. Mark Bardsley asked if this work could still occur over the winter; Jim Todd stated that he feels they could get this done. Jim added that we can have a bid letting this fall and it could be winter work. Mark Bardsley added that if we can have a public hearing for maintenance by mid-January, we would be able to start collecting in 2021. Gordon Gough would like land owners to know that they are not being assessed for the removal of the obstruction. Kenny Cates stated that normally he likes to use local contractors, but this is an abnormal situation; Jim Todd agreed adding that you get a big outfit in there remove the obstruction and get out of there.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barren Creek Leach and Duling Branches; there is \$68,699.84 in the maintenance fund

Jim Todd stated that we still have the Leach and Duling Branches of Barren Creek to complete. Jim added that he has been talking with our engineer on this project, Brad Rayl of Rayl Engineering and

Surveying, adding that Brad has them both ready to do, but we do not have enough money in the fund to brush and dredge both of the branches. Jim Todd added Brad would like to know if the Board would like to brush both branches or brush and dredge one of them. Gordon Gough stated that he knows where this is at and he would like to go out to these and look at them. Jim added that Barren Creek collects \$43,485.00 per year. Kenny Cates added that if we do any brushing; he would like to have it treated with Tordon.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There is no other business

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 am; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be October 27, 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

*** ABSENT ***

RICHARD COX

KENNY CATES

PAT PINKERTON