

# GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 SOUTH ADAMS STREET  
MARION, INDIANA 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held October 27, 2020 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton, and First Deputy Surveyor Raymond Bair. Richard Cox and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd were not in attendance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the October 13, 2020 minutes; seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried 4-0.

## **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Raymond Bair presented the claims as follows:

Grant County Treasurer \$15,424.31 Loan from GDIF to Maintenance  
Bragg Excavating \$1,541.72 Isaiah Wall; \$3,890.89 in the fund  
Enyeart Construction \$7,600.00 Massey Creek; \$11,405.35 in the fund  
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Drewry Simmons \$170.00 Hummel Creek; \$140,676.77 in the red  
Gordon Gough 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 \$2,450.00 Pipe Creek; \$142,880.50 in the fund  
Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough. 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 stated that this is awaiting action from the attorneys; the attorneys were on vacation last week. There are some parcels that were given to Marion Utilities whom then turned them over to the City of Marion.

### Hummel Creek – Matt Mead, Engineer/Christopher Burke Engineering

Matt Meade is present before the Board. Matt stated that at the recommendation of the lawyers and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd, he has prepared an amendment to the original contract that covers additional scope of work to finalize the permitting design for the approval for removal of the crossing that was illegally placed over Hummel Creek. The original contract covered only the removal of the structure itself and access to be allowed through the driveway. This amendment covers going through the easement, which is significantly a larger scope because it is about 2,000 feet of easement in order to get back where the crossings are at. Matt added that there are many different tasks involved so they needed to expand the wetland delineation in order to put in the access road. He stated the Drainage Board attorney, Joseph Leone requested that Matt prepare bid packets for both options. Matt added that the additional cost for doing this is \$40,000.00, which brings the cost to \$83,400.00. Mark Bardsley added that this will again be presented to Mr. Ott and his attorney for them to evaluate the cost difference. If we have to proceed, we will start billing him. Matt stated that it is roughly \$350,000.00 to come through the easement; adding that not only is there regrading and restoration, there is wetland mitigation. The Board will follow through. Mark Bardsley does not feel that Mr. Ott will give up the land; but if he does, we will parcel it out and sell the land. This case has set State precedence and we cannot stop now. Mark reiterated that our beef has not actually been with Mr. Ott, but the

guy who start it. Kenny Cates stated that if we would have had cooperation over the past several years regarding this, it would all have been resolved by now and Mr. Ott would have a nice crossing in there.

Mark Bardsley stated that our first step to fund this project would be to go in front of the county council and ask for an appropriation of funds about \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00 or else the Board would need to take out a loan. Mark added that he had Mary Weesner talk to Joe Leone; Mr. Leone recommended that we get this done as Mr. Ott is talking to his attorney. Pat Pinkerton made a motion to move forward with Matt Mead of Christopher Burke Engineering. Motion was seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried 4-0.

Mark Bardsley signed the amendment to the original contract with Matt Mead. Mark added that we need to prepare to go before the county council and explain our situation to them to see whether they advise us to get a loan from a financial institution or arrange a loan through the council.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There is no new business

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Raymond Bair read the quotes as presented below.

Sims Franklin Ditch – Receive quotes; \$37,448.47 in the fund

Matthews Ditch – Receive quotes; \$5,651.76 in the fund

Doyle Ferguson Ditch – Receive quotes; \$17,027.67 in the fund

### **Sims Franklin Ditch**

Redman Excavating	\$14,680.35
John's Repair Service	\$21,300.00
Sullivan Excavating	\$26,500.00
Dave's Excavating	\$38,160.00
Bragg Excavating	\$39,913.00

Kenny Cates made a motion to award the job for the Sims Franklin Ditch to Redman Excavating; Seconded by Gordon Gough.  
Motion carried with support 4-0

**Matthews Ditch**

Sullivan Excavating	\$12,500.00
Redman Excavating	\$12,588.00
John's Repair Service	\$16,600.00
Bragg Excavating	\$21,513.00

Gordon Gough questioned if the Matthews Ditch is currently collecting since the work is more than what is in the maintenance fund (\$5,651.76 in the fund). It was explained to Gordon that this ditch is currently collecting and will bring in roughly \$5,700.00 in this year's fall collection. Kenny Cates added that this work needs to be completed. Kenny Cates recommended Redman Excavating do the Matthews Ditch for the difference of \$88.00 since they will already be at the Sims Franklin.

Gordon Gough made a motion to award the job for the Matthews Ditch to Redman Excavating for \$12,588.00; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 4-0

**Doyle Ferguson Ditch**

Enyeart Construction	\$28,158.40
John's Repair Service	\$33,878.00
Bragg Excavating	\$88,458.00

Kenny Cates made a motion to award the job for the Doyle Ferguson Ditch to Enyeart Construction; Seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 4-0

**ADJOURN:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 am; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be November 10, 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

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

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RICHARD COX

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KENNY CATES

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PAT PINKERTON