

# GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street  
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held May 25, 2021 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Other members present were Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Gordon Gough and Richard Cox were not in attendance.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the May 11, 2021 minutes; seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried 3-0.

## APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Peerless Printing \$37.48 Office Supplies; \$300.00 in the fund  
Middlesworth Excavating \$354.50 Lumbo Ditch; \$10,962.47 in the fund  
Middlesworth Excavating \$709.00 Clark Ditch; \$27,688.31 in the fund  
Christopher Burke Engineering \$4,123.90 Hummel Creek; \$176,301.05 in the red  
Grant County Treasurer \$8050.47 From GDIF to Maintenance Fund

- Hummel Creek \$7,535.65
- Matthew Ditch \$ 484.51
- Massey Creek \$ 30.31

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried with support, 3-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

There is nothing new to report.

### Hummel Creek

Kenny Cates asked Jim Todd if we can start the removal of the obstruction after 60 days; Jim replied yes. Mark Bardsley added that once we get the bids back for removal, the Board will give Gary Ott one last chance to do the right thing before we have to move in from the road, which is more costly. If Mr. Ott does not, he will then be billed for the obstruction removal. Jim Todd informed the Board that Shane Middlesworth had asked him if this is something the Grant County Highway Department could do; Jim said that he told Shane he was not sure because there are many stipulations. Jim added that he would prefer to have a company that has dealt with environmental management. Mark Bardsley stated that the Highway Department has not done the extent of the work that needs to be done within the wetlands and he would not encourage this at all.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### Puckett of Lugar – George Atkins-request for brushing.

Jim Todd stated that Mr. Atkins is present today. Mr. Atkins has cleaned his part of the Puckett of Lugar. Jim added that with the Board's approval he would like to have Drainage Board secretary Mary Weesner send out a letter to the neighboring landowner stating that he would like to meet him out there, sending him a copy of the pictures that Mr. Atkins has brought with him today. The gentleman lives on the west side of the ditch. Mr. Atkins added that the neighbor owns over to the east side of the ditch. Jim Todd added that he would like to meet him and reassure him that the ditch has a good fund and that they do not want to cut down any good trees, they just want to go in and remove the piles. Mr. Atkins informed the Board that a couple years ago he got that area cleaned up he was going to go across there, but the neighbor would not let him in.

Kenny Cates made a motion to have Jim Todd contact the landowner to meet on the property, Jim will report back to the Board his findings. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried 3-0.

Fadley & Owl-Kyle Miller of Schmidt & Assoc. = For Oak Hill

Kyle Miller is present in front of the Board, alongside Brad Powell from Oak Hill Schools and Liming Zhang, civil engineer from Schmidt & Associates. Mr. Miller stated that Oak Hill Schools is building a new baseball field north of where their softball field is now, installing a synthetic turf. Mr. Miller reviewed with the Board from his plans where detention ponds would be placed. He added that once the new field is completed, the old field will become an asphalt parking lot. Mr. Zhang added that there will be a small detention pond put in by this parking lot. He showed the Board the direction of the drainage pipes and where the water will go. Kenny Cates asked about the hard surface area, questioning the amount; adding that there are 22 acres of hard surface that has to go through this 30" tile and then goes under the state highway. He added that a smooth-core will handle 350,000 gallons of water per hour, while regular, not smooth-core will handle 220,000 gallons of water per hour. Kenny added; regarding the 22 acres of hard surface are, with an inch of rain, which produces 27,000 gallons of water. The 22 acres of hard surface area are producing roughly 550,000 gallons of water; if we were to get a two inch rain this 30" tile wont even handle half of the water. Kenny Cates stated that there needs to be a 48" tile there but the people do not want to spend the money to get rid of the water, but they will spend all this money for a ball diamond. Mr. Zhang stated the by adding the detention, this will reduce the flow going into the tile. Mr. Powell informed the Board that he plans to revisit the idea of a 48" tile in the future. Jim Todd recommends that the Board approve the drainage plan presented. Pat Pinkerton stated that he would really like to see detention going into the rest of the school, adding that even if the tile was replaced with a 48" tile, detention would still be a good idea. Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the drainage plan as presented; seconded by Mark Bardsley. Motion carried 2-0 with Kenny Cates abstaining. Mr. Miller left the drawings for the Board to review further, adding if they had any questions or comments that they could contact him.

Commented [MW1]: Tile

## OTHER BUSINESS:

### Electronic Means of Communication

Mark Bardsley spoke in regard to the Resolution of the Drainage Board of Grant County, Indiana of Electronic Participation at Meetings. Mark explained that the basis of this is in case we have other emergencies in the future. Mark Bardsley added that if we had power outages from snow or ice storm, we could continue to do our meetings, no matter what. He added that if a Board member is present via WebEx, they can speak on the issues but cannot vote regarding raising ditch assessments; they also would not be able to adopt a budget, make a reduction in personnel, they cannot initiate a referendum nor can they impose or increase new fees unless they are present. Pat Pinkerton asked if they are not able to vote if not physically present, can the member speak for or against the topic; Mark Bardsley stated that yes, they can speak for or against, but if it is in regards to raising taxes, imposing fees or dismissing someone they just vote unless present. He added that the County Commissioners and the County Council have already adopted this plan, all Boards such as Health Department and Area Plan will need to adopt this as well. Mark Bardsley said that this would be Resolution number one for 2021. Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2021; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried 3-0. The Board will need to sign this resolution, Mary Weesner will attest to it and have it recorded at the Recorders office, keeping a copy and giving a copy to the commissioners.

In other business, Mark Bardsley asked that they bring the Fadley & Owl engineering and the Robb Tile engineering out and send them out to be reviewed and see if we can bids on them. Mark is not certain if we had any engineering for the Robb Tile. Pat Pinkerton stated that there was some preliminary that John Darrow did and some preliminaries that the Marion Utilities did. Mark Bardsley added that he would like to bring these projects up so that they can look at any bidding they can do because in the discussions with the County Council some of the ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds can be used for water sewer projects and we fall into that category. We can do some work on the Fadley & Owl, Robb Tile and Stoebe Ditch. If we can get prices on what this work will

cost us, then we can get that much money out of the ARP fund for drainage.

**ADJOURN:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m.; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 3-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be June 8, 2021 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

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

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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