

# GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street  
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held June 29, 2021 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton, Richard Cox and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the June 8, 2021 minutes; seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried 4-0; Richard Cox abstained as he was not in attendance for the June 8th meeting.

## APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Seward Excavating \$2,100.00 Back Creek; \$101,787.28 in the fund

Seward Excavating \$483.00 Simmons Tile \$47,279.80 in the fund

Grant Co. Treasurer \$10534.73; Repayment from Maintenance to GDIF

Farley Ditch \$1,043.84; Loan Balance is now \$819.50

Keaton Ditch \$5,092.01; Loan Balance is now \$18,881.64

Massey Creek \$30.31; Loan is paid in full

Matthews Ditch \$3,062.05; Loan is paid in full

Potter Creek \$1,306.52; Loan is paid in full

Grant Co. Treasurer \$4,123.90; Loan from GDIF to Maintenance

Hummel Creek \$4,123.90

Wells County Auditor \$657.17; Spring collection on joint drains

Huntington County Auditor \$528.05; Spring collection on joint drains

Blackford County Auditor \$4,266.52; Spring collection on joint drains

Wabash County Auditor \$1,766.14; Spring collection on joint drains

Howard County Auditor \$2,962.39; Spring collection on joint drains

Enyeart Construction \$18,488.00 Sweetser Imprv/Enoch Lee;

\$61,963.41 in the fund

Cook Excavating \$510.00 Ten Mile; \$5,725.68 in the fund  
Spitzer Herriman \$80.00 Legal Services; \$5,000.00 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support, 5-0.

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

Christopher Burke Engineering \$4,204.80 Hummel Creek; \$180,424.95 in the red

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried with support, 4-0 with Richard Cox abstaining due to land in the Hummel Creek watershed.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

There is nothing new to report.

Hummel Creek

Jim Todd stated that we are really close to taking bids, adding that there was a legal notice in the Chronicle Tribune placed by DNR, asking if there were any objections. Mark Bardsley stated that we are at the point where we will get all of the bids and present that final package cost to our attorney, Joseph Leone, so that he may hand this information over to Gary Ott's attorney explaining that this is what it is going to cost. Richard Cox asked Mark if they are pricing this at the easy way or the hard way; Mark Bardsley stated that they are pricing this the hard way. Richard Cox asked whether or not we would have to take new bids if Mr. Ott allowed us to go in the easier way. Jim Todd stated that he did not feel we were taking bids on both ways since the judge ruled that we had to remove the obstruction through the longer route. Pat Pinkerton added that if Mr. Ott allowed access the easier route then maybe we would not have to take new bids and just do a change order on the bids received. Mark Bardsley

is going to clarify with Mr. Leone whether we would need to rebid if we are given the easier access to the obstruction.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

There is no new business to discuss

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Kenny Cates spoke regarding an email that came from Oak Hill School Corp. wanting the Drainage Board to participate in their sewage project. Mark Bardsley said that at this point, he has indicated to Shane Middlesworth that he is pretty sure that the school system actually has some of this ARP money that they could actually use on this project and he feels that the Drainage Board should not get into it. Pat Pinkerton added that there are probably some restrictions as to what they can use this on. Kenny Cates said that they found a 30" tile on the west side of SR 13 that had roots in it and then on the east side of SR 13, in Oak Hill's yard, there is a nice tree, but they do not want to remove the tree. Mark Bardsley stated that if they want to put money into portions of the Fadley & Owl that is fine with him when it comes to the ARP money, but to take care of their problem by just throwing money at it when we can use it elsewhere, he would say no. Kenny Cates said that this 30" tile will not even take care of half of Oak Hill School's water problem and that at some time they are going to have to put in a 48" tile.

## **ADJOURN:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried with support 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be July 13, 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

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Gordon Gough

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Richard Cox

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Kenny Cates

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Pat Pinkerton