

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held September 14, 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, Pat Pinkerton, Richard Cox, Kenny Cates and First Deputy Grant County Surveyor Raymond Bair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the August 31, 2021 minutes as presented; seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried 3-0 with Gordon Gough and Pat Pinkerton abstaining due to not being present at the August 31st meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Raymond Bair read the claim as follows:

IMI Aggregates \$567.42 Brumfield Minnick; \$40,026.41 in the fund
John's Repair Service \$4,200.00 Lugar Creek; \$203,039.31 in the fund
John's Repair Service \$580.00 Lugar Creek; \$203,039.31 in the fund

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

*****Gordon Gough to abstain*****

Sullivan Excavating \$12,793.25 Back Creek; \$102,060.73 in the fund

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

There is nothing new to report.

Hummel Creek

There is nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Unthank Tile - Mick Roush – Revisit issue of road crossing

Raymond Bair informed the Board that they had previously approved Ramseyer Excavating to do the work for Mick Roush on the Unthank Tile, but Ramseyer is now out of business. Raymond added that the road needs cut but David White does not want to cut the road. He added that at the time, we do not know the condition of the tile under the road nor the size, but in 1906 it was a 10" tile and they are proposing a 15". Kenny Cates stated that we need to get someone to run a camera through the tile. Mark Bardsley said that if David White joins the meeting, he will ask him if he knows the size of the tile that runs under the road. Raymond Bair asked the Board if they want to use the maintenance fund to dig and see what it is like or do they want to let the Highway Department do it; Mark Bardsley responded that we need to try to save as much of their funds as we can and have the Highway Department check into it.

Pipe Creek – Kimberly Townsend-Queen 4009 South Troy Avenue - Reduction of easement

Michael Townsend is present today before the Board regarding the request for an easement reduction at 4009 South Troy Avenue. He stated that he had Dave's Excavating come out and showed him where he put the original stakes, that were too close to the embankment. He added that he has gotten a permit and the commissioners and Wendell Cates came out there and explained

to him that the building would have to be moved because it is too close. Mr. Townsend said that he moved the stakes back to 35' and Wendell Cates said that it is okay with him, as well as the commissioners as to where the stakes are now. He is present today requesting an easement reduction to 35'. Kenny Cates stated that the house there was put in too close to the ditch, but it was there before the Drainage Board existed. He added that we are going to have to clean Pipe Creek all the way to Peru, Indiana; which is 26 miles. He added that the minimum should be what the corner of the house is to the edge of the bank of the creek. Kenny estimated this to be about 45'. He said that the Board does not like to make reductions in that easement because if you have to come down through there with a crane or an excavator to clean those trees out you just cannot get through. Kenny Cates asked Mr. Townsend if this is going to be a permanent structure; Mr. Townsend replied that it is going to be a pole barn. Kenny added that if the easement reduction is granted, it will not be for the entire property, just for the pole barn. There was inaudible discussion. Kenny Cates expressed concern over some of the trees in that area; if they fall, they could land on his building. Raymond Bair stated that the Surveyor office will go out and measure from the corner of the house to the creek and report at the next meeting and then the Board can decide then. There were multiple discussions going on at one time and all were inaudible.

Mark Bardsley reiterated that Jim Todd or Raymond Bair of the Surveyor office will go out and measure from the top edge of the bank to get accurate numbers and then we will go from there.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Sweetser Improvement – Landowner requests Enyeart to dredge

Raymond Bair informed the Board that the Turners, Stollers and Swaggers are requesting Enyeart for the next stage of dredging. He explained that Sweetser Improvement is getting dredged in stages and the next stage they hope to be done. They are requesting that Enyeart does the work to complete the job instead of going out for

quote in order to speed the process along. John Enyeart gave Raymond a verbal quote of \$7,950.00 to resume from where they stopped last time to county road 1150. Mark Bardsley asked if there is any requirement to put this out to bid because of the amount; Raymond Bair replied no, not to his knowledge. Richard Cox made a motion to allow Enyeart Construction to do this part of the project on the Sweetser Improvement as requested by landowners. Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried with support 5-0.

Ludlum and Lugar Creek

Raymond Bair stated that Amy Beebee is on the Ludlum of Lugar. Raymond added that this spring, John's Repair Service gave a quote to brush. Mrs. Beebee informed Raymond that John's is doing a good job and that she is happy with the work that he had done, she would like him to do the dipping as well. Raymond Bair said that they are going out to probe it so that they know what the depth is. Raymond added that part of Lugar Creek main got hit by Enyeart last year and if John's could possibly go the rest of the distance to county road 500. Mark Bardsley told Raymond to bring quotes to the next meeting and the Board will take action.

Potter Creek

Raymond Bair informed the Board that landowners are requesting the side ditch dug at 900 west and 400 north. He added that the previous landowner plowed the side ditch in. Raymond added that instead of going through the side ditch now, the water comes across the road. Mark Bardsley told David White of the Grant County Highway Department that he will need to look at this situation.

(Various discussions; inaudible)

Unthank

David White of the Grant County Highway Department has joined the meeting regarding the Unthank. Mark Bardsley began stating

that Mr. White has paved that one road, asking if he knew the size of the culvert under the road; Mr. White replied that it wasn't really that big. Raymond Bair added that Mick Roush is wanting to run a 15" tile from what he understood. He stated that around 1890 the original tile was 10". David White stated that the way Mr. Roush talked, he was going to put a whole new tile in; Raymond said that he did not realize that either and that he knew Mr. Roush wanted to put in catch basins on both sides of the road. Mark Bardsley asked that they get clarification of what is being requested. Mr. White guesses that it would be under \$10,000.00 for a bore job; Mark Bardsley asked Mr. White how much just for the cut. Mr. White stated that with the double asphalt it will probably be \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 at least, adding that it could be closer to \$5,000.00, it all depends on how big the tile is. Mr. White stated that they replace the pipes when they pave the roads; he really does not like to tear up the road after they have already paved it, adding that he won't. Mr. White said that he can run a camera through it. Mark Bardsley asked Mr. White to see what the size and quality of the pipe is and then they can discuss with Mr. Roush what he is wanting to do.

On a different topic, Kenny Cates informed the Board that Needham Storey is wanting to reroute the tile so that they can put in a mausoleum. Kenny added that Wendell Cates does not want to do it and suggested the Bragg Excavating do the work. Mark Bardsley asked Mary Weesner to check the minutes to see if the Board has actually given them permission to redirect that tile. Mary will email the minutes to Mark regarding this previous discussion.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 a.m.; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried with support 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be September 28, 2021 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

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton