

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held September 28, 2021 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Pat Pinkerton, Kenny Cates and First Deputy Grant County Surveyor Raymond Bair. Richard Cox was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the September 14, 2021 minutes as presented; seconded by Kenny Cates; motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Raymond Bair read the claim as follows:

Grant County Treasurer \$2,006.03 loan from 1158 to 2700 account
Chronicle Tribune \$66.49 Barren Creek; \$99,333.57 in the fund
Christopher Burke \$170.50 Hummel Creek; \$188,641.81 in the red
Drewry Simmons \$985.00 Hummel Creek; \$188,641.81 in the red

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

There is nothing new to report.

Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley stated that we received an email from engineer Matt Mead regarding the flood plain. Kenny Cates asked if we would need to take bids on the removal of obstruction; if their group decides to do this, they will have to agree to do it per our specs and be inspected by our engineer and our county surveyor. If they do not agree to this, it will need put out for bid; Mark added that he believes that we are actually putting it out for bid to continue leverage. Mark Bardsley said that next week when Jim Todd is back from vacation he will get with Jim and Joe Leone to make sure that we have the exact timeline of what our expectations are.

Sloderbeck – Eric Bragg – Rerouting

Raymond Bair informed the Board that they are wanting to reroute the drain on the perimeter, on 26th Street, instead of crossed it, and putting in three (3) catch basins for inspection. Eric Bragg, Wendell Cates and Mark Storey are present before the Board. Eric has an aerial photo that has been passed out to each Board member. Raymond Bair added that there have been questions about taking out the old tile underneath the property or leaving it. Wendell Cates stated that he has farmland on the south side. He added that Mr. Storey has come to him and asked if he could move the tile and that is why they are here today. Wendell said that they want to move the tile outside of its easement, creating a new easement. It is a 15" tile and 5/10's grade, switching to 12" somewhere, they are not yet sure where. Wendell added that Mark Storey is putting in a 15" tile at 2/10's grade. He explained the map that was passed out to the Board (a copy is attached to these minutes in the Drainage Board office). Wendell stated that this would give them 149 acres of capacity on the south side of 26th Street; Raymond Bair said that it appears that there is less than 100 acres south of 26th Street, Wendell agreed. Kenny Cates asked if they intended to install catch basins; Wendell responded that Eric Bragg is going to put 30" manholes in so that if they ever need to put cameras in, they can. Eric Bragg added that he is open either

way; catch basins or manhole, whatever the Board is comfortable with, adding that he feels that there needs to be at least be a riser for breathing purposes and an access point. Pat Pinkerton asked if they are going to put 45's on them and will they put catch basins in as well; Eric stated that he would probably put T's, but he can do catch basins, either way he feels that there should be some access; Pat Pinkerton agreed adding that the 30" catch basin will give you access. Eric added that there is an 8" gas line on the north side of 26th Street; Wendell Cates stated that going by what Mark Storey has given them that staying north of the gas line will not be an issue. Wendell Cates added that this will run down Mark Storey and John McAdams property lines, Mr. McAdams is aware of what Mr. Storey would like to do and is on board with the idea. Mark Bardsley questioned if they would need to carry a petition to put in a new easement and to vacate the old one; Pat Pinkerton said that we would need a signature from Mr. McAdams. Pat added that the catch basins are going to be more acceptable, even with the 90 degree turn. Eric Bragg added that another benefit with a catch basin is that he will put a sump in it, which will allow it to catch sediment. When asked what the surveyor, Jim Todd felt about this, Raymond Bair stated that he is fine with it. Mark Bardsley added that we will probably need a petition with the landowners, including John McAdams, for their permission. Once permission is granted, the Board will need to record the new easement. Gordon Gough asked who would be financially responsible for the change in easement; Mark Bardsley stated that it would be Mr. Storey that would be bearing the cost; Mr. Storey confirmed that he would be paying the entire bill, adding that he and Eric Bragg have agreed on a price to complete the work. Mark Bardsley stated that he will have Kyle Persinger write up a form for Mr. McAdams and other landowners to sign. Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the relocation as presented, contingent on the receiving of signatures, vacating the old easement; Seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Storey asked the Board if they had to wait until they receive the signatures before they can move forward with their request; Mark Bardsley replied that since all involved parties are involved, they would be fine.

Barren Creek – Lee Holloway – Request bank work (pics available)

Raymond Bair informed the Board that Lee Holloway has a farm crossing and during the reconstruction some of the banks have slid back in. Mr. Holloway has been requesting this be fixed but Raymond stated that we have been holding him off because we know that the New Dulings and the Leach Prong still needed to be done and that we are trying to get the main trunk done before we go back. Raymond Bair explained that the claim mentioned above is for the advertising to accept bids for Barren Creek. Rayl Surveying and Engineering has gotten together a bid packet. Bids will be opened at the October 12, 2021 meeting, awarding on October 26, 2021. Raymond added that it does not appear that there is enough in the fund to do all that is entailed in the bid packets, so Mr. Holloway's request will still be in limbo. Mark Bardsley asked Raymond how much will we be short; Raymond responded in the area of \$20,000.00. Mary Weesner added that Barren Creek has \$99,551.53 in its maintenance fund and is collecting and brings in about \$43,500.00 annually.

Unthank – Mic Roush – Status of Highway Dept inspection

Mic Roush is present before the Board regarding the status of the Unthank. Mr. Roush stated that the Grant County Highway Superintendent does not want to cut the road, he prefers that it be bored. Mr. Roush added that he had received this message from David White's secretary; he said that he asked her to have Mr. White call him but he has never heard back from him. He stated that he has even left messages on Mr. White's cell phone, but still gets no response. Mr. Roush's question is this; if it was to be bored is the Highway Department going to cover that cost and not the ditch maintenance. Mark Bardsley responded that it is his preference that if they want to bore it, they can bear the cost. Mark added that Mr. White attended the last Drainage Board meeting, two weeks ago, and the Board discussed cutting versus boring. Kenny Cates asked what is under the road now; Mr. Roush stated that he pulled the grate and it is a 12" there now and they

would like to go to a 15" since the 12" will not carry the surface water that is coming from the neighbors and it is cutting across the property line and he is now having an erosion problem. Mr. Roush added that they have tried to build somewhat of dam to get the water down and it come down around the end of the dam. Mark Bardsley informed Mr. Roush that the biggest problem right now will be getting David White of the Highway Department to commit to the Board. Mr. Roush added that as he looked at the culvert pipe that goes under the road is sagging in the middle; he feels that if they are serious about correcting the issue, they should replace that culver pipe at the same time that the ditch is put in and that would take care of two problems. Mark Bardsley asked Mr. Roush if any of the erosion is near the road; Mr. Roush replied that it is not, it is maybe 70 yards off of the road. Mark Bardsley stated that when Jim Todd is back from vacation, he would like to schedule a meeting consisting of Mark, Jim, Raymond Bair, Mary Weesner and David White in order to come up with a resolution to this situation. Mark informed Mr. Roush that we will get back in touch with him after the afterwards.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crane Pond

Wendell Cates is present before the Board stating that at 9th Street and Buffalo Street and 13th Street. Wendell stated that right now they have a 28" tile and the water flows east down the north side of 13th Street. This tile goes clear to 9th Street where water runs across the road west of CR 200 W. Wendell added that there is a Metal Source LLC that is in the process of purchasing the blue building at the railroad tracks at 9th Street. They will be purchasing that building and about 4 acres in the city and then about 10 acres that is in the county. Wendell stated that this guy has a place in Wabash and it is very neat and orderly; but his concern is the 4 acres of pavement and where will they run that surface water other than backwards and it ends up on 9th Street and then the farmers will get blamed for too much water. Wendell described this place

as a modernized clean junk yard that recycles metals and junk cars. Wendell had spoken to the gentleman stating that he has a 12" tile the north of him that comes across his property. The guy informed Wendell that the county has no ordinance that can stop him from running car crusher and such, the noise ordinance cannot stop him from running this 24 hours a day. Wendell had gone to Pat Pinkerton and asked him about what point do they make him put in a retention pond so that he does not overload this ditch. Raymond Bair added that in the old books he has read, it states that this would take four to six tiles to drain that area. Pat Pinkerton stated that if the guy comes in there and just put asphalt down and directs anything into this tile, that would be illegal, and he would need to come to the Drainage Board first. Pat added that he would not be building anything, so he won't be going through Area Plan Department. Ryan Malott, Director of Area Plan has joined the meeting via WebEx. Mark Bardsley asked Ryan if they can do what they want without going through Area Plan or Drainage Board or is there any type of ordinance that would restrict him; Ryan responded that according to property laws, he is not in their jurisdiction but, as far as drainage goes, it would be the Drainage Board. Ryan stated that the City of Marion has sent him the information for a meeting with the Board of Works for that day; Ryan went on to read that all the parties are seeking to do on that day is a zoning change from I-1 Light Industry to I-3 Heavy Industry to convert the vacant building to a full foundry in a manufacturing facility. Ryan went on to say that the noise ordinance is 9410 which allows up to 75 decibels. Another issue is the hours of operation. Mark Bardsley stated that he wants to make sure that the Drainage Board is protected and that he knows that the Drainage Board has to accept water coming into our regulated drain. Ryan added that again, they are not in his jurisdiction, so there is no way that he can enforce his noise ordinance in the city of Marion. Wendell Cates asked Ryan about the 10 acres that are in his jurisdiction; Ryan informed Wendell that he has never received any plans regarding that. Pat Pinkerton stated that from what he understands is that he is only buying it now and not building anything so there is not much that he will need to do for the City.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There is no Other Business to discuss

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m.; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried with support 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be October 12, 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

*****ABSENT*****

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton