

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held November 9, 2021 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Other members present were Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Richard Cox and Pat Pinkerton were not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the October 26, 2021 minutes as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Redman Excavating \$9,541.80 Sims Franklin; \$29,960.84 in the fund
Grant County Government \$275.00 Loan from GDIF to Maintenance

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

Mark Bardsley stated that the money they have from the ARP fund the utility company seems a bit more communicable, but it is a matter of reworking the paperwork and then passing it through.

Hummel Creek – Obstruction

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that the paperwork, Owners instructions to engineering concerns on bonds and insurance, was completed and given back to Matt Mead by Mary Weesner. Mark added that there will be one more packet come through and that should allow us to go into the bidding process. Mark Bardsley asked that when the packet comes, that she forward to Kyle Persinger for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is no new business to discuss.

OTHER BUSINESS:

New Duling, Leach & Unnamed Tribs of Barren Creek – quotes

Jim Todd informed the Board that we only received one quote and that was from Redman Excavating.

New Duling	\$63,376.11
Leach Prong	\$53,859.48
Un-Named	\$ 8,764.41

All quotes have been broken down as requested.

Gordon Gough asked how much money is in the maintenance fund; Mary Weesner stated that there is \$90,420.00 and it brings in roughly \$43,500.00 yearly. Mary added that Barren Creek is currently collecting and should bring in about \$20,000.00 this fall.

Jim Todd added that he would like Brian Rayl of Rayl Engineering look over the quotes that were submitted. Jim would like to award this today, but he would like to make sure the money is there. Jim said he feels that we could go ahead and award the New Duling

Kenny Cates asked Rhonda Redman when she felt that they could start on this project; Rhonda stated that they are currently doing a large job in Kokomo at the time, planning to be done in the next two weeks. Rhonda added that Jeff was planning to, weather

permitting, in November. She stated that since their previous bid was denied, she is not exactly sure when they can begin, most likely in December. Mark Bardsley stated that they can select two of the three quotes today without question. Gordon Gough agreed, adding that the quicker we can get started then the quicker it can be done by spring. Jim Todd informed the Board that there is enough money to award the New Duling and the Un-Named tributary today. Rhonda Redman asked Jim if he was taking the alternate bid into account; Jim stated that he thought the amount included the alternate numbers too; Rhonda stated that they do not. Jim said that in that case, we can probably do the base price on the New Duling and the alternates. He added that we do not know how much dirt will need hauled off in Fowlerton or if the old railroad pipe will need removed. We also do not know how much rip-rap will be needed. Jim Todd said that he feels that we can still do the New Duling and the Un-Named, with the alternates, and still be ok. Jim advises that the Board take the Leach Prong under advisement until we see how much money is left over. We could always borrow from the GDIF and pay back with the spring collection. Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the quote from Redman's for the New Duling and the Un-Named tributaries of Barren Creek as presented, holding off on the Leach Prong for now. Seconded by Gordon Gough; motion carried 3-0.

Solar Farms

Mark Bardsley stated that he has handed out a preliminary check list from the Area Plan Department regarding the solar farms. The Drainage Board will come up with their own. Kenny Cates asked drainage approval; Mark informed Kenny that our (Drainage Board) check list will need to be completed before it can go before Area Plan. Mark Bardsley stated that he would like the solar ordinance completed before the end of this year. Kenny Cates expressed concern over the age of the Zirkle tile; if they were putting solar panels that the properties that it would travel through, it would probably need replaced. Kenny added that up at the top it is not as critical as when you get down by the creek, tying up the whole

farm. He said that when they come in, they may only put in 35 acres down in the corner. If the main tile is coming through there, they are going to have to do one of two things; they will have to lie back 75 foot on each side. Mark Bardsley agreed stating that if it is our property and there is a tile there, they are not going to put anything on it. Jim Todd said that they need to come look at the drainage plat before they start leasing the property to see what the drainage is like. Mark Bardsley asked Jim Todd about them using GIS, Jim responded that it usually off up to several hundred feet and they would be better off looking at the drainage plat. Kenny Cates asked about if they try to by-pass the Drainage Board; Mark responded that if they do not have our check list completed and go to Area Plan, they will not get their permit. Ryan Malott, Director of Area Plan, is present vis WebEx. Ryan agreed with Mark Bardsley's statement.

ADJOURN:

Gordon Gough made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m.; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried with support 3-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be November 30, 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

*****ABSENT*****

Pat Pinkerton