

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held August 9, 2022 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton, Richard Cox, Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd and Drainage Board Secretary, Mary Weesner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the July 26, 2022 minutes as presented; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Grant County Treasurer \$2,662.06 Loan from GDIF to Maintenance
Grant County Treasurer \$13.70 Repayment from Maintenance to GDIF
Right of Way Mgt \$527.80 Big Black Creek; \$213,222.64 in the fund
Chronicle Tribune \$18.02 Doyle Ferguson; \$31,930.10 in the fund
Enyeart Construction \$18,000.00 Isaiah of Lugar; \$207,919.41 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley stated that we do have a statement from our attorney that states basically it is in regard to what we can and cannot be asking for. Mark added that our attorney did not answer the question that was asked by Kenny Cates regarding charging Mr. Ott interest on the money that is owed. He stated that we have to put as much of the billing together that we possibly

can; Mary Weesner informed Mark Bardsley that she already has given our attorney a statement and copies of all invoices. Mark ask that Mary contact our attorney and request a confirmation of the amount so that we may get the billing sent. Jim Todd added that from what he has heard, we need to send Mr. Ott a notice for a public hearing assessing him the money owed and then after the hearing it would be certified to the Auditor.

Solar Ordinance

Mark Bardsley stated that they are waiting to see what happens next Monday night at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business to discuss.

OTHER BUSINESS

Little Crane Pond – Maintenance-\$41,867.25 in the fund

Jim Todd stated that we have a request to maintain Little Crane Pond. Jim has received an estimate from Eric Bragg for \$50,000.00 and have \$41,867.25 in the maintenance fund. He added that the original plan was to haul all of that dirt out, but after talking to Wendell Cates, he feels that the last 500 feet is good farm sediment. Wendell is not interested in cleaning it out because he does not want to go farther north. There is a fence 13' from the top of the ditch bank; it is a 6' chain-link fence that goes for a couple hundred feet. Jim added that he did send a notice to remove the fence, but he got no response. He is asking approval from the Board today to send the landowner another notice. Jim Todd stated that he would take some quotes; leaving the spoil in our easement, working it down. Jim added that it will be a shallow cut about 1 ½ foot. Jim added that this ditch is narrow and is asking for the Drainage Board approval to send letters to contractors and accept quotes; he will also send out a letter to get the fence out of the way. Jim Todd said that we only need to take out enough of the dead trees to get the job done. He said that Wendell Cates thought that somewhere back in the corner of the property, in the woods, we could probably push the trees up and pile them; Jim added that he doesn't feel like we should burn them there as it is too close to houses. He said that we may have to add to the cost to truck the wood away from the north end. Jim stated that we had sent out letters regarding objects in the easement and we received no responses. Richard Cox made a motion to allow

the Grant County Surveyor to send out notices to the landowners regarding this problem; seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried with support 5-0.

Hineline Drain – Request for maintenance from Blackford County

Paul Shriver, Blackford County Surveyor is present before the Board. Jim Todd started by stating that regarding the Hineline Drain, a small portion is in Blackford County. They are requesting to take care of this project. Jim added that we do have the majority of the drain and watershed, but he is okay with Blackford County taking care of the project. Paul Shriver stated that they started out with the portion in Blackford County, they are looking to taking water over the hill and going into the nearest ditch. He added that this would cost about \$640.00 per acre and they could put on a \$32.00 a year pay-off until the project is paid off; which would be 20 years. Paul added that his Board is in favor of this assessment in lieu of a joint board. He stated that this will benefit Blackford so much that they are going to finance the project, but the money would need to be collected through Grant County Auditor. Paul said that his Drainage Board is on board with this and already has a contractor and a bid. He said that they will be having the hearing on the first Tuesday of September. Randy Atkins is present before the Board today. He informed the Board that this is a very old tile and that he is happy to see both counties working together to make this happen. He added that he has very large holes on his property. Kenny Cates made a motion to waive our rights and that Blackford County will move forward with the financing and public hearing on the Hineline Drain. approve the plan that is presented by Paul Shriver; seconded by Gordon Gough. Mark Bardsley asked Paul what they are doing for home sites and minimums; Paul stated that they do not charge home sites, but the minimum will be \$32.00. Motion carried with support 5-0.

ADJOURN:

Richard Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m.; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be August 30, 2022 at 11:00 am and will be held in the Grant County Council Chambers.

Minutes recorded by:
Mary R. Weesner
Drainage Board Secretary

The Grant County Drainage Board has approved the minutes for August 9, 2022 as presented:

Mark Bardsley

Gordon Gough

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton