

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held January 31, 2023 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Gordon Gough, Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Other members present were Kenny Cates via WebEx, Richard Cox, Pat Pinkerton, Grant County Surveyor, Jim Todd, and Drainage Board Secretary, Mary Weesner. Vice-Chairman Mark Bardsley was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the January 10, 2023 minutes as presented; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 3-0 with Kenny Cates voting via WebEx and Gordon Gough abstaining due to not being present at the January 10, 2023 meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Chronicle Tribune \$47.52 Lumbo Tile; \$10,854.61 in the fund

Redman Excavating \$36,000.00 Potter Creek; \$68,276.93 in the fund

Redman Excavating \$3,040.00 Potter Creek; \$68,276.93 in the fund

Redman Excavating \$8,140.00 Potter Creek; \$68,276.93 in the fund

Redman Excavating \$8,400.00 Barren Creek; \$58,157.31 in the fund

Redman Excavating \$13,081.19 Barren Creek; \$58,157.31 in the fund

Kenny Cates made a motion via WebEx to approve the above claims as presented. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried 4-0, with Kenny Cates voting via WebEx.

Gordon Gough to Abstain

Sullivan Excavating \$1,800.00 Back Creek; \$97,710.68 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claim as presented. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried 3-0, with Kenny Cates voting via WebEx and Gordon Gough abstaining due to having land in the Back Creek watershed.

Richard Cox to Abstain

Drewry Simmons Vornehm \$1,577.50 Hummel Creek; \$231,767.76 in the red Mary Weesner informed the Board that this should be the last invoice regarding the litigation process of Gary Ott. Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the above claim as presented. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried 3-0, with Kenny Cates voting via WebEx and Richard Cox abstaining due to having land in the Hummel Creek watershed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond

There are no updates to report at this time.

Solar Ordinance

There are no updates as of right now.

Milner Moon - Vacation

Jim Todd stated that Gordon Gough and Mark Bardsley had talked to attorney Kyle Persinger about the vacation process for the Milner Moon. Jim added that we need to have a vacation hearing, but the question still remains if the money in the maintenance fund can be transferred back to the landowners. Gordon Gough stated that if that were to occur, then Steve Comer could get the work done on his portion of the Milner Moon, he doesn't understand that if they paid it in, they should be able to get it back. Jim Todd said that after he speaks with Kyle Persinger, then we could set a hearing date for the vacation process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Monroe Ditch of Lugar -Randy Thurman-Maintenance request; \$178,188 in the fund

Mr. Thurman is not present. Jim Todd informed the Board that Mr. Thurman is waiting to get quotes from Enyeart Construction.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Maintenance Billing for 2023 collections – Board approval needed

Mary Weesner asked for the Board's approval for the local, Grant County maintenance billing for 2023 collections.

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the maintenance billing as presented. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried 4-0 with Kenny Cates voting via WebEx.

Joint Maintenance Billing for 2023 collections – Board approval needed

Mary Weesner asked for the Board's approval for the local, Joint County maintenance billing for 2023 collections.

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the maintenance billing as presented. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried 4-0 with Kenny Cates voting via WebEx.

Lomax Ditch - Bob Tippey-Beaver issue; \$37,579.10 in the fund

Jim Todd explained that for the past two years, the Lomax has been having beaver problems adding that Mr. Bob Tippey is present today. Jim stated that he has talked to Mr. Tippey regarding the Drainage Board's responsibility. He told him about Morelock Wildlife Control to trap what is on the main line. Jim added that he can see a little dam from 38th street and that the other dams are in the back where the drain comes in from the east from the big pond that is behind the shopping center. Jim Todd said that the trapper would have to keep billing separate from when he is working in the easement so that he can bill us for easement work and the sub-division would be billed separately for trapping done outside of the easement. Kenny Cates said that we should quit at 38th street. Pat Pinkerton said that whether it is tile or not, he thought it all went down because one of the things the Drainage Board was not going to abandon this. Kenny Cates stated that there is a ditch that goes up towards the car wash and the beavers have a home up there, Jim informed Kenny that would be out of our easement. Kenny said that it would not make a difference if you don't get them all because they will be back. Mr. Tippey said that his Board has agreed to pay the bill for the trapper. Kenny Cates told Mr. Tippey that before a contractor goes there, he needs to let the trapper know so that they can get their traps out, otherwise their traps could get torn up. Pat Pinkerton made a motion to pay the trapper for our 75' easement; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 4-0 with Kenny Cates voting via WebEx.

Pond Ordinance

Ryan Malott, Director of Area Plan, is present via WebEx. Ryan informed the Board that he has emailed the first draft that he has put together for a pond ordinance. He is asking that the Board take a look at and see what they think. Ryan added that he will attend the next Drainage Board meeting and they can discuss it in more detail.

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion via WebEx to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m.; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be February 14, 2023 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
January 31, 2023 as presented:*

*****ABSENT*****

Mark Bardsley

Gordon Gough

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton