

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held February 14, 2023 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates via WebEx, Richard Cox, Pat Pinkerton, and Grant County 1st Deputy Surveyor, Raymond Bair. Drainage Board Secretary, Mary Weesner and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd were not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the January 31, 2023 minutes as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried 4-0 with Kenny Cates voting via WebEx and Mark Bardsley abstained due to not being at the January 31st meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Raymond Bair read the claims as follows:

Rayl Engineering \$480.00 Barren Creek; \$58,157.31 in the fund

Oswalt Stone & Gravel \$481.44 Hollis Daughtery; \$5,123.43 in the fund

BE Powell Excavating \$17,780.00 Hollis Daughtery; \$5,123.43 in the fund

Kenny Cates made a motion via WebEx to approve the above claims as presented. Seconded by Richard Cox; motion carried 5-0, with Kenny Cates voting via WebEx.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Moriarty & McMahan-Amy Beebe- Maintenance request with quotes; \$19,262.17 in the fund

Raymond Bair had given the Board a map and reviewed this area with them. He added that this drain was taken to a public hearing and began collecting a maintenance in 2020. They now have enough money to get them from Big Black Creek to State Road 5. Raymond also added that Mick Roush ask that Amy BeBe make the formal request. Mark Bardsley stated that the next step is to receive bids, Raymond Bair said that he will take care of getting the bids. Kenny Cates asked if any of this water run through Van Buren; Raymond replied that it does, it goes into Big Black.

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

Raymond Bair reviewed a map of what was done last year. There are log dams blocking the ditch up and it needs to be dredged. John Enyeart gave them a price and did from State Road 5 downstream, brushed and then they had him dig it; they also had him do all the way down, pulling log jams that are indicated on the map by a pink line. Raymond added that Randy Thurman is here to request that we go upstream from State Road 5 (indicated by yellow on the map) all the way over until where it gets to State Road 18 again to the east. Raymond Bair added that there are 6 different land owners and John Enyeart gave a price on each one, passing the list around to the Board to view, totaling around \$91,000.00 and there is 178,188.00 in the fund, Mark Bardsley stated that, if he remembers correctly, there isn't much of a fall in the area of State Road 18; Raymond stated that must be the Farr Hodson that he is thinking of. We did not do a lot of dredging downstream since there is a lot of fall there, removing a lot of logs along the way. Pat Pinkerton asked Mark if we needed to take bids due to the higher amount; Mark Bardsley stated that it is over \$75,000.00. Raymond Bair stated that we could split it into six different prices; Pat responded by stating that he doesn't believe, per Indiana State code, that we can just split it. Richard Cox said that we could just do part of it and then come back and do the rest. Raymond Bair asked if the Board would be in favor of doing that; from State Road 5 over to CR 1000, doing just 3 of them. Kenny Cates asked if they all run together; Mark Bardsley stated that they do. Mark stated that he would prefer to air on the side of caution and put out the bid. Raymond asked if we could get the first section done since Mr. Thurman is here to request it? Mark Bardsley explained to Mr. Thurman that per the State Board of Accounts, over \$75,000.00 requires an advertise4 bidding, otherwise, the State Board of Accounts flags us as misappropriating money. Raymond again asked if we could do the first three and then at the next meeting present the next three. Mark Bardsley added that if we have anything over \$75,000.00, we have to have three quotes. Matt Taylor spoke up stating that if we broke it into two jobs, could that get around the State Board of Account. Kenny Cates stated that when you have the equipment out there, you just need to get it done while it is there; Mr. Thurman said that the equipment is already sitting there. Kenny said maybe we could get \$70,000.00 worth done now and then come back and finish at a later time. Raymond Bair

said that would be fine; that there are three parts from State Road 5 to CR 1000, and there are three more parts from CR 1000 over to State Road 18. Richard Cox made a motion to allow Enyeart Construction to do the work to CR 1000 east; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried 5-0 with Kenny Cates voting via WebEx.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Brushy Run

Raymond Bair stated that after a public hearing in 2020, this started to collect a maintenance. The fund is just short of \$15,000.00. Raymond added that Amy Losure is the one that pushed this through to get put on maintenance. She prefers Andy Rickner of John's Repair Service, which she has a price from. It is from the pink line, going downstream towards Interstate 69, a farm crossing for Frank Hix. Brushing and dredging up to CR 600 and then 450' west of CR 600; the price for this is \$17,000.00. Raymond Bair added that it pulls in \$6,653.00 per year so the spring 2023 collection should take it back from what they are going to charge for it. Richard Cox asked Raymond how soon he is able to do it; Raymond responded by stating as soon as weather breaks. Mark Bardsley asked if we have a quote in writing; Raymond Bair stated that he takes Andy for his word, it will not change. Pat Pinkerton made a motion to allow John's Repair Service to do the requested work for up to \$17,000.00; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 5-0 with Kenny Cates voting via WebEx.

Raymond Bair stated that just for information, he received a phone call from Chadd Baker at Right of Way Management touching base to see if the Board is still on board with the spray program this year. He told Chadd that the Board would like him to do more. Raymond went on stating that when Right of Way started that they would spray some of the ditches a couple of years, being able to skip a year or two. Raymond said that he needs to fine tune this and knock some off of the list. He was informed that the price would be going up 1¢ to 2¢ per foot. Raymond Bair asked if the Board would like to add more footage than they have been spraying. The first year was \$45,700.00, the second year was \$45,400.00. Mark Bardsley stated that the landowners that have already petitioned the amount for spraying need to be targeted first. Raymond asked Mark if we should pursue Deer Creek, adding that we cannot do a whole big area. Kenny Cates said asked about Taylor Creek and if the sprayers are spraying over by Muncie and we are second in line; Raymond responded that it would be about the same time frame as last year and that he starts in Madison County. Mark Bardsley added that it is safe to make the assumption that we will spend around the \$45,000.00 and see what that will get us. Raymond said that there are some that can come off.

Raymond Bair stated that on another topic, Amy Losure is working on the drainage up around Van Buren Township and we will hopefully have Buck Run come with a petition for a public hearing. We are going to have a portion of Baker Ditch with a public hearing. Steve Comer had Raymond work on a watershed for Middlefork with a petition, but he

has not hear anything else from Mr. Comer. Raymond also stated that we have a little work to do on Lugar Creek and Tributaries, but it is just hourly rates. We need to get a contractor to go level the dirt that Enyeart did not get moved last year. Kenny Cates asked Raymond if, on CR 600 at Phil Gents', how did they get the rip rap and gravel out from underneath that bridge; Raymond responded that he never heard back from Phil and he does not know what their conclusion was. He thinks that his brother in-law or Redman is going to go and get the blockage out of the way for now. He will get in estimate for putting in a surface inlet for surface water but right now there is too much water coming and the rip rap won't hold it and it will keep washing back into the ditch.

Raymond Bair stated that Area Plan Director, Ryan Malott has a pond ordinance for the Board. Ryan is present via WebEx. He reminded the Board that the last meeting or so he had given them a copy of what he had so far for a pond ordinance and wanted to check in to see if they have begun perusing it and if anyone had any input. Mark Bardsley informed Ryan that the Board has not discussed this at the time. Ryan added that what he has given the Board is just something put on paper so that the Board may begin molding it however they see fit. Mark Bardsley asked him if this is something that the Board would turn into him and then he would turn into the APC (Area Plan Commission) and then they would turn into the Commissioners or does the Drainage Board bring it directly to the Commissioners; Ryan Malott responded stating that is something that they will need to figure out. Mark Bardsley said that he would like to talk to Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd so that he may contact some of the surveyors that he is comfortable with, similar counties to us, and ask them what they are doing. Ryan informed the Board that he has pulled ordinances from ten different surrounding counties and that is the basis of what they now have on paper. Mark stated that he still wants our surveyor to ask them if they like what they got.

Richard Cox informed the Board that he will not be present at the February 28, 2023 meeting. Kenny Cates stated that if he needs to, he will fly home to attend the meeting in person; Mark Bardsley informed him that he has four meetings that he can attend via WebEx but then he would need to attend one in person and then it resets.

Kenny Cates asked Raymond Bair if anyone has talked to him regarding the Lumbo Drain, Raymond replied that he had H & S Farms call to tell him that they did not have a homesite on their property. Raymond said that they thought they had a homesite charge, but they do not. Kenny said that there was confusion when the public hearing was set regarding the amount of the proposed assessment whether it was \$15.00 or \$50.00 but they ended up making it \$15.00 which really won't do much.

ADJOURN:

Richard Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:am a.m.; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 5-0 with Kenny Cates voting via WebEx.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be February 28, 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 February 14, 2023 as presented:

Mark Bardsley

Gordon Gough

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton