

# **GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

**401 South Adams Street**  
**Marion, Indiana 46953**

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held May 30, 2023 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Vice-Chairman Gordon Gough called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. Other members present were Kenny Cates, Richard Cox, Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd, and Drainage Board secretary Mary Weesner. Mark Bardsley and Pat Pinkerton was not in attendance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the **March 28, 2023** minutes as presented. Seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the **April 11, 2023** minutes as presented. Seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried 2-0 with Richard Cox abstaining due to not attending this meeting.

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the **April 25, 2023** minutes as presented. Seconded by Kenny Cates. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the **May 9, 2023** minutes as presented. Seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 3-0.

## **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Cook Excavating \$340.00 Lumbo Ditch; \$10,789.20 in the fund

Cook Excavating \$1,192.00 Lumbo Ditch; \$10,789.20 in the fund

John's Repair Service \$2,867.00 Matthews Ditch; \$17,796.65 in the fund

John's Repair Service \$452.50 Matthews Ditch; \$17,796.65 in the fund

John's Repair Service \$2,835.75 Sims Franklin; \$23,160.90 in the fund

IMI Aggregates \$174.07 Sims Franklin; \$23,160.90 in the fund

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

**Kenny Cates to Abstain**

Cook Excavating \$2,935.00 Pipe Creek; \$128,675.08 in the fund

Cook Excavating \$2,715.00 Pipe Creek; \$128,675.08 in the fund

Cook Excavating \$637.50 Pipe Creek; \$128,675.08 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried 2-0 with Kenny Cates abstaining due to owning land in the Pipe Creek watershed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Little Crane Pond

There is nothing new to discuss

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Little Creek – Don Hill – Trees in ditch; \$56,587.62 in the fund

Jim Todd stated that he has talked to Don Hill in the past and we had given him \$60.00 per tree to pull them out onto his property. Mr. Hill is requesting that Jim go and take pictures. Gordon Gough said that Mr. Hill did not want us to mess with the trees when we dredged it, but now he is wanting us to come back to get the trees since they are dead. Gordon added that the Board needs to make a stand one way or the other. Richard Cox agrees with Gordon that this needs to stop. Kenny Cates made the motion that we will not pay to remove these trees anymore. Motion was seconded by Richard Cox and carried 2-0 with Gordon Gough abstaining as he has land on the Little Creek watershed.

Walnut Creek (Long Branch Ditch) Garon Losure-Log jams

\*This is not on maintenance

Jim Todd informed the Board that Garon Losure is present today. He has Walnut Creek and Long Branch coming into his property and neither drain is on maintenance. Mr. Losure is present, wanting the Board's help in the removal of fallen trees in the ditches. Jim Todd explained that we do not have the money at the time in our General Drain Improvement fund at this time. He told Mr. Losure the process have holding a public hearing to collect money into a

maintenance fund for the ditches. Mr. Losure stated that he is very busy and does not have time to do the necessary steps for a public hearing.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### Ditch Balances

Mary Weesner explained to the Board that she is unable to print out the ditch balances for them because the treasurer is three months behind on posting the interest and the balances are not true at this time. She added that she is also not able to do loans for the drains that are in the red at this time, for the amount of \$26,479.10, because when the interest is finally added to the 2700 account, the balances for the loans need will most likely change since they did not go into the red until March and/or April and when the February interest is added, the balance of the loans needed will be different. Therefore, a loan cannot be done with accuracy until the treasurer gets the interest posted and up-to-date.

##### Pond Ordinance

Ryan Malott, Director of Area Plan, is present today via WebEx. Ryan stated that he has the pond ordinance going in front of the Area Plan Commission on Monday for the first reading. He added that Raymond Bair had some things he wanted to discuss with one of the Drainage Board members and then he will get back with him. Jim Todd stated that in Article #4, he would like the dirt to be put in that area where it needs to be put. Raymond Bair said that he talked to Pat Pinkerton, but Pat is not present today. Ryan would like to know any desired changes before the reading because if the APC votes unanimously, it could actually be adopted Monday. He added that if it does not get voted unanimously, it would move on to the second reading. Raymond Bair stated that a lot of it does not make sense to him by putting the elevation back to what it was before you built the pond, having an extra septic area besides what a person might have already put in; he feels that it is too detailed to give a blind permit for something that you don't know what you are looking at. Raymond feels it would be better for a cheap \$25.00 preliminary review to look at the location to see if it is feasible or not, if there is a tile going through there, then no. Raymond asked Ryan who would have the time to critique it. Ryan

stated that all the counties, except Grant County, have pond ordinances.

**ADJOURN:**

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 am; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 3-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be June 13, 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  
May 30, 2023 as presented:*

\*\*\*Absent\*\*\*

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Mark Bardsley

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Gordon Gough

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Richard Cox

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Kenny Cates

\*\*\*Absent\*\*\*

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Pat Pinkerton