

# GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street  
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held May 9, 2023 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:03 am. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Pat Pinkerton, Richard Cox, and Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd. Drainage Board secretary Mary Weesner was not in attendance.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mark Bardsley stated that the approval of minutes will be tabled until the return of the Drainage Board secretary.

## APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Powell Excavating \$2,465.00 Hollis Daughtery; \$20,784.86 in the red  
Chuck's Sewer & Drain \$2,050.00 Robb Tile; \$72,671.86 in the fund  
Bragg Excavating \$12,281.00 Fadley & Owl; \$96,436.04 in the fund  
Bragg Excavating \$9,281.00 Jocinah Creek; \$15,587.96 in the fund  
Bragg Excavating \$1,522.00 Herbst Tile; \$2,479.61 in the fund  
Bragg Excavating \$1,200.00 Back Creek; \$96,135.25 in the fund  
Bragg Excavating \$5,700.00 Berkhart Swagger; \$9,771.65 in the fund  
Bragg Excavating \$1,437.50 Big Deer Creek; \$45,762.52 in the fund  
Tom's Excavating \$5,155.00 Little Black Creek; \$14,667.53 in the fund  
IMI Aggregates \$1,290.58 Little Black Creek; \$14,667.53 in the fund  
H & W Ditching \$4,160.07 Elza Black; \$26,244.51 in the fund  
Cook Excavating \$2,970.00 Pipe Creek; \$159,390.08 in the fund  
Cook Excavating \$1,785.00 Pipe Creek; \$159,390.08 in the fund  
Cook Excavating \$2,295.00 Pipe Creek; \$159,390.08 in the fund  
Cook Excavating \$510.00 Pipe Creek; \$159,390.08 in the fund  
Cook Excavating \$1,530.00 Sweetser Tile; \$11,646.47 in the fund  
Cook Excavating \$742.00 Stoney Creek; \$15,904.99 in the fund  
Cook Excavating \$796.50 So Prong of Dry Fork; \$4,389.87 in the fund  
John's Repair Service \$2,240.00 Matthews Ditch; \$17,796.65 in the fund  
John's Repair Service \$1,545.00 Matthews Ditch; \$17,796.65 in the fund

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the Bragg Excavating claims for Back Creek and Big Deer Creek as presented; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 4-0, Gordon Gough abstained due to having land in the Big Deer Creek and Back Creek watersheds.

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the remaining claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Little Crane Pond

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Jocinah Creek

Jim Todd stated that two gentlemen are present today with a request. He added the Board had just paid \$9,281.00 bill out of the fund and there is \$6,306.00 left. He added that at the location of 761 W 600 N; Gary Burcham. The gentleman to the east has been replaced all the way across and they are requesting the same thing as the money becomes available. Traditionally this money has been spent down stream on the open ditch. The open ditch is in good shape. This watershed reached it's potential and is not collecting this year. A gentleman that is in attendance stated that three years ago, there was a broken tile that he replaced, not knowing there was an easement in there, adding that it still does need attention. Jim Todd stated that he would meet there with the landowner and see what it is going on and then he will report back to the Drainage Board. He added that he would like to let Eric Bragg continue to work on it. The landowner stated that he is in the process of putting a ditch down, just off, the fence line because there is no ditch on either side of the road. He is piling the dirt trying to catch the run-off, away from the house and building. Jim Todd stated that if he wanted to run a private line down to the county line, the county could pay for the tap-in and construction work that is done on the county line with the maintenance fund.

The landowner stated that there has been a culvert put in, but he is not sure when or by whom, he plans to do some research. Who ever put that culvert in that road has created a problem. There is a creek behind that culvert in that field and there has got to be a better way for that water to run as it is not fair for a homeowner to have to deal with everybody's water, this is about 40 acres of water draining into his yard. He added that, as a homeowner, that he should not have to bear the expense of handling everybody's water.

### Cart Creek Tile

Jim Todd informed the Board that he talked to Wendell Cates regarding Cart Creek Tile. Wendell told Jim that he agrees with the Board and does not want to down-size that tile. Jim said that Mitch Cook is ready to pull in on it. Steve Berry has a couple of laborers that he will throw in on it. For the 390' we want to bring that tile out about 10' and run it to the end of their property and tap it back in. Jim Todd added that Wendell Cates would like for it to be continued on through the field quite a few hundred feet, but we really can't do that right now. For Mitch to move the 390' with time and material, he figures it will be about \$11,000.00.

### Brumfield Blue

Jim Todd stated that there is \$2,265.00 in the maintenance fund. Jim reviewed the area on a map with the Board. He added that he sent Royce Rennaker a letter a few weeks ago that we needed to clear some trees and dip out the open ditch because this tile is in a hole, this tile drains about 500 acres. Brad Newhouse told Jim that he did not believe Mr. Rennaker would call him. Jim Todd is asking the Board's approval to write him a letter informing him that we need to get on the property, in the drainage easement, and cut some trees and dip the open ditch out. At least then he would at least know that we are coming. Mark Bardsley suggested sending a certified letter, but Jim said that it does not need to be certified. He added that Newhouse excavating would like to do the work since they have an interest in the tile.

### Nesbit Ditch

Jim Todd informed the Board that Doug Carey turned in a petition on the Nesbit Ditch for a maintenance of \$10.00 per acre; there are about 600 acres and that Mr. Carey's signature alone was enough acreage. Jim said that there is no rush to hold this hearing until this summer because it wouldn't collect until next spring. He would like to go over the assessment roll and wait until Drainage Board secretary Mary Weesner returns. The Board has accepted Mr. Carey's petition for a public hearing regarding the Nesbit Ditch.

### Doyle Ferguson

Jim Todd said that they pooled their money years ago and they have done all the work; they had \$2,430.32 in the account. Raymond Bair has talked to Mr. Turner and had told Mr. Turner to make the check out to the Grant County Treasurer Office but instead they made it out to the Drainage Board. The Auditor stated that they would accept it if the Drainage Board would endorse the check. This check would be deposited into the Doyle Ferguson maintenance fund. Mark Bardsley stated that the Drainage Board needs to accept this check in the amount of \$2,430.32 and he then would endorsed the check on behalf of the Drainage Board. Richard Cox made a motion to accept this check for the Doyle Ferguson people on behalf of their fund, with the Drainage Board Chairman, Mark Bardsley to endorse the check; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried 5-0.

### Pulley Ditch

Jim Todd told the Board that the Van Buren sub-station is working on draining, enlarging, and taking the water to the Pulley Ditch. They are willing to put up the money to redo the Pulley; they would have to ask the Drainage Board permission. They are already kind of in the watershed and they are going to put a retention pond in and an outlet. They will have to work with the landowners to cross their property. Jim showed the Board the area on a map. Raymond Bair said that the sub-station is by Interstate 69 and County road 450 N. Raymond added that they are willing to have local contractors put it in and have given Raymond a price that they thought it would cost and our contractors would be thrilled to have

that kind of money; \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00 to run  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile. Jim said that he informed them that when they get their engineering done, they would need to come and ask permission from the Drainage Board to redo the tile and outlet into our open ditch.

**ADJOURN:**

Richard Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 am; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be May 30, 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 9, 2023 as presented:*

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**Mark Bardsley**

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**Gordon Gough**

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**Richard Cox**

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**Kenny Cates**

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**Pat Pinkerton**