

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held August 8, 2023 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Chairman Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 11:02 am. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Gordon Gough, Pat Pinkerton, Kenny Cates, Richard Cox, Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd, and Drainage Board secretary Mary Weesner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the July 11, 2023 minutes as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 4-0, Richard Cox abstained as he were not present at the July 11, 2023 meeting.

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to approve the July 25, 2023 minutes as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried 3-0, Pinkerton and Richard Cox abstained as they were not present at the July 25, 2023 meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Sullivan Excavating \$4,816.30 Little Crane Pond; \$14,465.99 in the fund
Enyeart Construction \$30,000.00 Monroe of Lugar; \$187,706.91 in the fund
Enyeart Construction \$28,614.00 Monroe of Lugar; \$187,706.91 in the fund
IMI Aggregates \$1,381.23 Doty Ditch; \$4,683.33 in the fund
IMI Aggregates \$1,010.75 Doty Ditch; \$4,683.33 in the fund

Gordon Gough made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 5-0.

Gordon Gough to Abstain

IMI Aggregates \$916.54 Powers Drain; \$74,617.25 in the fund
IMI Aggregates \$933.26 Powers Drain; \$74,617.25 in the fund
Rogers Farm Drainage \$57,480.00 Powers Drain; \$74,617.25 in the fund

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 4-0. Gordon Gough abstained due to owning land on the Powers Drain watershed.

*****Kenny Cates to Abstain*****

IMI Aggregates \$3,237.25 Pipe Creek; \$153,375.61 in the fund

Cook Excavating \$1,840.00 Pipe Creek; \$153,375.61 in the fund

Cook Excavating \$1,640.00 Pipe Creek; \$153,375.61 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Pat Pinkerton. Motion carried 4-0. Kenny Cates abstained due to owning land on the Pipe Creek watershed.

Kenny Cates stated that we buy a lot of stone from IMI. He would like the Surveyors office to call and request a discount. Jim Todd said that Mary Weesner deals with the girls a lot at IMI and maybe she would have better luck. Jim also mentioned Kevin Holcomb as someone that they could talk to as well. Mark Bardsley added that the Highway Department is buying gravel all the time. He said that he will put Jim Todd, David White and himself on an email and ask about how we would go about getting a stone discount from IMI.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond

There is nothing new to discuss

Hummel Creek

Mark Bardsley informed the Board that we are supposed to receive the payment as of today. He went on to tell the Board that the Drainage Board secretary would like to put that money into the Hummel Creek maintenance fund and then transfer it towards a loan repayment into the General Drain Improvement Fund. Mark Bardsley stated that he had Mary Weesner call Kyle Persinger to inquire the best way to handle this and Kyle agreed that it needs to go to Hummel Creek maintenance and then transferred over the General Drain Improvement fund towards a loan repayment; in processing the payment this way, there is the proper paper trail. Mark added that once this repayment has been done, we will have to write-off the remaining balance. Kenny Cates made a motion to give Mary Weesner permission to start the process with the funds

by putting into Hummel Creek and then repay General Drain Improvement Fund. Seconded by Pat Pinkerton; motion carried 4-0 with Richard Cox abstaining since he has land on the Hummel Creek watershed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Little Creek Don Hill-Maintenance request; \$53,493.03 in the fund

Jim Todd informed the Board that Don Hill had Rick Sullivan out to look at the issue the other day. Jim added that when he talked to Rick the other day that he told him to haul the wood off. Mr. Hill has dead trees standing and quite of few down in the channel. Rick Sullivan had given Jim Todd a price. Jim said that he was worried about the smoke because there are houses there, but after looking at it and talking to Mr. Hill this morning he does have some locations where the piles could be smaller and probably burn on site. The price to haul it all off was \$15,050.00; there is \$53,493.03 in the maintenance fund. Jim Todd stated that Mr. Hill has bush hogged an access to the property running south of the property. The rest is all a real nice green strip that he keeps mowed. Jim passed the estimate around to the Board stating that the amount would be different if Rick Sullivan burn it on site. Pat Pinkerton inquired as to whether this watershed is on the spray program, Jim Todd stated that part of it is. Jim asked Mr. Hill how he felt about spraying the banks; Mr. Hill stated that he has a few really nice walnut trees. Richard Cox made a motion to allow Rick Sullivan in to clear the dead trees by an hourly rate and burned on site. Motion was seconded by Pat Pinkerton and carried 4-0 with Gordon Gough abstaining since he has land in the Little Creek watershed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Nesbit Tile – Public Hearing

Jim Todd informed the Board that we have been petitioned to raise the ditch tax on the Nesbit Tile. The current maintenance is \$1.50 per acre, \$1.50 per homesite with a minimum of \$5.00. He added that due to the increase in drain maintenance, they would like this drain assessed at \$10.00 per acre, \$25.00 homesite and a minimum of \$10.00 for a four year collection. Jim Todd stated that the new

rate would bring in \$7,568.65 per year. There are three homesites on the Nesbit on 746 acres. Currently it brings in \$1,058. Mary Weesner added that there were no objections for the proposed rates. Mark Bardsley opened the floor for public comments, no one was present for the hearing and no one attended on-line. Mark closed the public input to the hearing and gives to the Board for comments. Pat Pinkerton made a motion to change the assessment on the Nesbit from its current rate to the proposed rate of \$10.00 per acre, \$25.00 homesite and a minimum of \$10.00 for a four year collection. Seconded by Gordon Gough, motion carried 5-0.

Long Branch Ditch

Jim Todd informed the Board that he has been with Jorge Camacho and they have sized a pipe for Henry Olinger, and he will probably need to be at the next Drainage Board meeting. There is currently a 5' round pipe there north of Farmington Road. Jorge has a recommendation that matches the span of 14.2' wide and has a rise of 7.85' and the load restriction liability would be on the property owner of the stream crossing. Gordon Gough added that it would be the property owner's responsibility to maintain the crossing.

ADJOURN:

Pat Pinkerton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 am; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 5-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be August 29, 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 August 8, 2023 as presented:

Mark Bardsley

Gordon Gough

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

Pat Pinkerton_