

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes

Tuesday - January 2, 2024 4:30 P.M.

The Wells County Drainage Board met in a regular scheduled meeting at the Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223W. Washington St., Multi-Purpose Room 105, (Lower Level), Bluffton, Indiana.

Drainage Board members present: Voting members Blake Gerber, Michael K. Vanover, Jeff Stringer; Attorney Ted Storer, Jarrod Hahn, Secretary Diana Collins.

Determination of Quorum:

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Re-Organize Wells County Drainage Board 2024:

Mr. Gerber turned the floor over to Mr. Hahn to re-organize the Wells County Drainage Board 2024 officers. Mr. Hahn opened the nominations for a chairman and vice-chairman, and to reappoint the secretary and attorney.

Mr. Stringer motioned to retain Blake Gerber as the Drainage Board President and Michael Vanover as the Drainage Board Vice-President. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Hahn asked to re-appoint Diana Collins as secretary.

Mr. Stringer motioned to re-appoint Diana Collins as the Drainage Board secretary. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Hahn asked to re-appoint Ted Storer as the Attorney.

Mr. Vanover motioned to appoint Ted Storer as the Drainage Board Attorney. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Minutes:

Mr. Gerber continued the Drainage Board meeting to approve the Board's regular meeting minutes on December 18, 2023.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on December 18, 2023. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber motion carried 3-0

2024 Certify Collection of Watersheds-Detail Listing Sheet:

Mr. Hahn provided a detailed listing sheet on the watersheds and their assessment amounts. Hahn noted there are 5 orange highlighted areas are drains that are either at or close to 4 times the annual amount but has plans to use the funds in upcoming projects this year therefore remains to collect. Hahn also mentioned there are 13 yellow highlights are drains that the assessment collections are already turned off and will remain off. Hahn mentioned there are 14 red highlights to turn off and not collect assessment for the following watersheds for 2024; Gregg, Griffin, Hunnicutt, Hupp, Kasler, Lee#1, Messick#2, Prairie Creek Ext, Simmerman, Solomon First, Somers, Sprang, Tewell and Upper Somers.

Hahn noted that if a landowner comes in wanting to do a project on one of the drains that we are planning to shut off we have until the end of February to notify the Auditor to turn it on for collection. Hahn also mentioned that all other drains not mentioned will remain on for collections for 2024.

Mr. Vanover motioned to shut off collections on the Gregg, Griffin, Hunnicutt, Hupp, Kasler, Lee#1, Messick#2, Prairie Creek Ext, Simmerman, Solomon First, Somers, Sprang, Tewell and Upper Somers, and to certify collections of remaining watersheds for 2024 as recommended. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

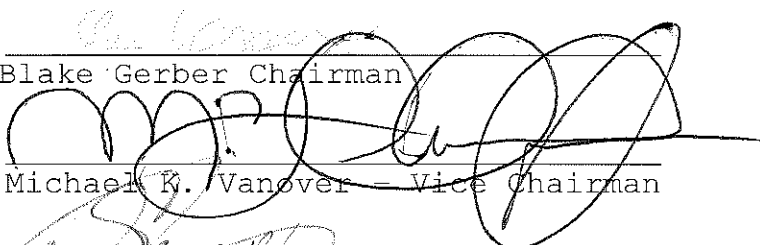
Update Drainage Project:Walter Johnson open Drain Easement-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn reported on the Johnson open drain in Harrison Township, section 5, range 12E the contractors from Ohio have done the 2-stage ditch and have moved dirt to put in a cement and building pad. Hahn noted the contractors are waiting for a excavator to be on site, and also had talked to the contractors to give a quote on doing a bottom clean out behind the Wells County jail property to where it enters the main Johnson open drain.

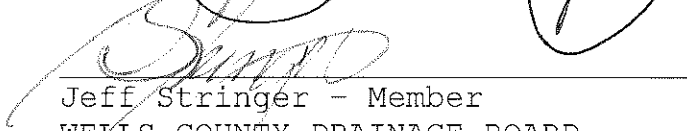
Adjournment:

Mr. Stringer motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board regular meeting at 4:44 pm. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber motion carried 3-0

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Tuesday-January 16, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.


Blake Gerber Chairman


Michael K. Vanover - Vice Chairman


Jeff Stringer - Member
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST: 
Diana L. Collins
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY