

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Tuesday - January 22, 2019 8:30 A.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, Kevin Woodward, Tamara Robbins; Attorney Roy Johnson, Engineer Nate Rumschlag, Surveyor Jarrod Hahn, Secretary Diana Collins.

Determination of Quorum:
A quorum was present for the meeting.

Minutes:
Mr. Gerber opened the Drainage Board meeting with the first item on the agenda to approve the Board's regular meeting minutes on January 7, 2019.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on January 7, 2019 as presented. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Stotts Tile Drain-Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned he has sent out 6 quotes to area tile contractors to replace 3,300 feet with 24 inch tile on Stotts tile group project in Jackson Township, section 35, range 10E on 1100 south and east of State road 3. Mr. Hahn noted that he had received four quotes and two no bids as follows:

<u>Stotts Tile Drain</u>	<u>Install only 3300ft of 24in</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL<400 TNS</u>
Tri-County Exc. (Kevin)	\$7.25pr ft = \$23,925.00 (Completion Date 2-1-2019/4-25-2019)	0.00
Frauhiger Excavating (Grant)	\$00.00pr ft = \$0.00 (Completion Date)	NO BID
Ramseyer Excavating (Rick)	\$6.25pr ft = \$20,625.00 (Completion Date 1-21-2019/5-1-2019)	0.00
Bolinger Ag Drainage LLC (Andy)	\$8.86pr ft = \$29,238.00 (Completion Date 2-1-2019/5-1-2019)	0.00
Eads & Son Bulldozing (Tadd)	\$8.25pr ft-\$27,225.00 (Completion Date 6-20-2019/9-20-2019)	20 TONS MORE
Landis & Son Drainage Corp	\$0.00pr ft-\$ (Completion Date)	NO BID

Hahn mentioned that all contractors are qualified therefore recommends to go with low quote from Ramseyer Excavating of Montpelier, Indiana.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve Ramseyer Exc. the low quote of \$20,625.00 at \$6.25 per foot to install to 3,300 feet of 24 inch tile on Stotts tile group project in Jackson Township, section 35, range as recommended. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

2019 Spray Contract Program-North:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he received a letter from Chadd Baker of Right-Of-Way Management who wants to extend our contract for 2019 spray program for the northern portion of the county. Hahn noted that there is no increase in the cost this year to spray per foot will remain at .10 cents. Hahn mentioned that the price is still very good and lower than most counties cost per foot and is very pleased with his services, therefore recommends extending the contract for 2019. Mr. Woodward also noted that he has heard good comments about Chadd Baker of Right Of Way Management from counties in the State.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve to continue the extended contract at .10 cent per foot from Right-a-Way Management of Auburn Indiana to spray the north half of the county as recommended. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Prairie Creek Ext-Blackford County-Washington Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that Paul Schriver, Blackford County Surveyor had called about a property that will be split and the landowner wants to put in a stone driveway along the Prairie Creek Ext. joint open drain in Blackford County Washington Township, section 3, range 10E. Hahn noted that he is the surveyor of record, and surveyor Schriver mentioned that his department does not have a policy in place to record with deed for a structure to be within the 75 foot right-of-way. Hahn mentioned the land surveyor, Kirk Casterline of Lojek Surveyor Co. came in the office and is working on the property split who will work with the landowner where the stone drive will be located within the 75 foot right-of-way of the Prairie Creek Ext. Hahn mentioned the property of approximately 32 acres will be use as a recreational. Hahn is would like for our county to use our form "Petition for Approval to Locate Structures within a county Regulated Drain Right-of-Way and Approval by County Drainage Board" to be within the right-of way of the Prairie Creek Ext. but to be recorded in Blackford County. Attorney Roy Johnson believes that it can be done. Hahn noted that he will get the deed, drawing and signed forms to Mr. Johnson to be approved at the next Board meeting on February 4th.

Project Update:

Wm. Smith Tile Replacement Phase#4-Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that the contractor on the Wm. Smith tile in Jefferson Township, section 27, range 12E north of 700N and east of State Road 1 has finished up installing 3,100 feet of 30 inch tile. Hahn noted the contractor will cross the road in spring time when conditions are variable.

County Engineer Nate Rumschlag:

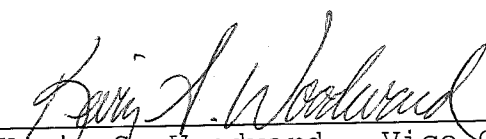
Mr. Rumschlag reported that he is working with Mr. Hahn on replacing several small structures at Wells and Adams County line at 900S and 800E area. Mr. Rumschlag noted that he will be working jointly with the Adams County Highway as well.

Adjournment:

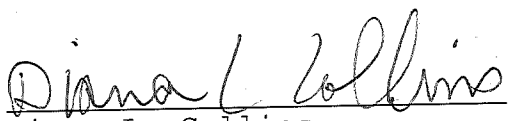
Mr. Woodward motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:47 a.m. Dr. Robbins 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-February 4, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.


Blake Gerber - Chairman


Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman


Tamara Robbins - Member
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST: 
Diana L. Collins
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY