

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday-January 3, 2022 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, Michael K. Vanover, Jeff Stringer; Attorney Colin Andrews, Engineer Nate Rumschlag, Surveyor Jarrod Hahn, Secretary Diana Collins.

Determination of Quorum:

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Re-Organize Wells County Drainage Board 2022:

Mr. Gerber turned the floor over to Mr. Hahn to re-organize the Wells County Drainage Board 2022 officers. Mr. Hahn mentioned the nominations are opened for a chairman and vice-chairman.

Mr. Vanover motioned for all officers to retain their positions for 2022, Blake Gerber as the Chairman, Michael Vanover as Vice Chairman. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

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

Mr. Hahn asked to appoint Colin Andrews as the Attorney.
Mr. Vanover motioned to appoint Colin Andrews as the Drainage Board Attorney.
Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Minutes:

Mr. Gerber opened the Drainage Board meeting with the first item on the agenda to approve the Board's regular meeting minutes on December 20, 2021.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on December 20, 2021 as submitted. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber motion carried 3-0.

Certify of 2022 Drains-Detail Listing Sheet:

Mr. Hahn provided a detailed listing sheet on the watersheds and their assessment amounts. Hahn noted the orange highlighted areas are drains that are either at or close to the 4 times the annual amount but has plans to use the funds in upcoming projects for 2022 therefore remains to collect. Hahn also mentioned the yellow highlights are drains that the assessment collections are already turned off and will remain off. Hahn mentioned there are no red highlights to turn off the assessment collection at this time. Mr. Hahn noted that the green highlights are to turn on collection for the Middaugh located in Union Township in the areas of 1200N between 100W and Meridian Road, and the Mulligan watershed located in Nottingham Township in the area of 900S and 250E both watersheds maintenance fund assessments are under the 4 times and collects a small amount therefore recommends turning back on for collections. Mr. Hahn also noted that all other drains not mentioned will remain on for collections for 2022.

Mr. Vanover motioned turn on collections for the Middaugh and Mulligan watersheds for 2022 as recommended. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Vanover motioned to certify collections of watersheds for 2022 as recommended. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Updates:

Wm. Smith Continuous Tile Drain Replacement-Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the contractor has completed replacing the Wm. Smith tile in Jefferson Township, section 34, range 12E on south side of 700N east of State Road 1. Hahn noted the contractor replaced 1,140 feet of 24-inch tile and 190 feet of 15-inch that connected the old clay 16-inch into the new 24-inch. Mr. Stringer noted that a landowner had contacted him if any more of the tile along 700N will be replaced. Hahn said yes, on the north side of 700N the tile was replace about 40 years ago and is still in good shape, and the tile on the south side is an old clay and is in poor condition therefore will be replaced as we continue to replace this very long Smith tile.

Mr. Hahn mentioned that there are a few projects that are waiting for the ground to freeze up more before the contractors can get started.

MRBC 2022 Meetings Dates and Time Schedule:

Mr. Hahn handed out the Maumee River Basin Commission 2022 meeting dates and times schedule as the commission will only meet 4 times a year not 6 times, and on the 2nd Thursday instead of the 1st Thursday, and at 6:30 pm. The dates are on February 10th, June 9th September 8th, December 8th in Fort Wayne just off of Coldwater Road at the USDA Service Center conference room on 10347 Dawson's Creek Blvd Suite B. Wells County partners with Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Noble and Steuben counties as the MRBC commission. Wells County has approximately 13,300 acres along the north and east in our county.

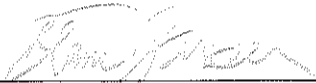
Hahn noted that Deputy Diana Collins has been his proxy for 10 over years and is the secretary of MRBC board, and now that Hahn will be able to attend the meetings is asking if Deputy Diana Collins could be Blake Gerber's proxy on the Commission's board so she can continue to attend. Mr. Gerber agreed for Diana Collins to be his proxy.

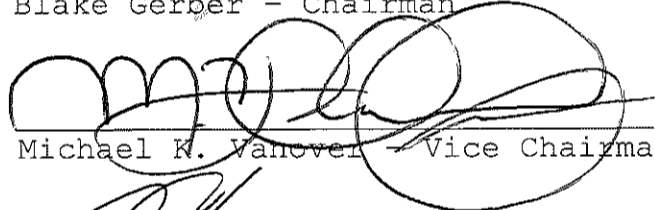
Mr. Vanover motioned to approve of Diana Collins to be Mr. Gerber's Proxy on the MRBC Commission Board. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber motion carried 3-0. Mr. Hahn will take this to the Commissioners meeting this morning for their approval as well.


Adjournment:


Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:54 a.m. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Tuesday-January 18, 2022.


Blake Gerber - Chairman


Michael K. Vanover - Vice Chairman


Jeff Stringer - Member
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ATTEST: 
Diana L. Collins
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY