

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - January 7, 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.

Re-Organize Wells County Drainage Board 2019:
Mr. Gerber turned the floor over to Mr. Hahn to re-organize the Wells County Drainage Board 2019 officers. Mr. Hahn mentioned the nominations are opened for a chairman, vice-chairman, and then to appoint a recording secretary, attorney and engineer.

Dr. Robbins motioned to retain all officers in their current Drainage Board positions; Blake Gerber as Chairman, Kevin Woodward as Vice Chairman, Roy Johnson as Attorney, Nate Rumschlag as Engineer for general services, and Diana Collins as recording secretary. Mr. Woodward 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 17, 2018.

Mr. Woodward motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on December 17, 2018 as presented. Dr. Robbins 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Certify of 2019 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 this year as follows: Flatcreek, Jamison, Paxson, Poneto, Risley-Smith, Sprang, Char.Stinson, Stites, Tewell.

Hahn also mentioned the yellow highlights are drains that the assessment collections are already turned off and will remain off as follows: Gerber Art, Grames, Heckber, Lane, Mahlon Porter, Ed. McKinney, Walt. McKinney, McMullen, Middaugh, Ck Reid, Runkle, and Walter McKinney.

Hahn noted the red highlight is and recommends turning off assessment collections on the Wm. McClelland and Mulligan watersheds as they are over the 4 times annual assessment with no maintenance work scheduled to be done at this time.

Mr. Woodward motioned to turn off collections on the Wm. McClelland and Mulligan watersheds for 2019 as recommended. Dr. Robbins 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Hahn noted that all other drains not mentioned will remain on for collection of 2019.

Project Update:
Mounsey Open Drain-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor has started a bottom clean out on the Mounsey open drain in Liberty Township, section 32 and 33, range 11E in the area of 500 south to 450 west.

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 to be awarded on Tuesday-January 22nd. Mr. Hahn noted that he has already received two quotes from tile companies on 3,300 feet with 24 inch tile, Baughman for \$37,423.92 and Fratco \$39,147.20. Hahn recommends going with the low quote from Baughman Tile Company.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the low quote from Baughman tile Company of \$37,423.92 for 3,300 feet of 24 inch on the Stott tile replacement project as recommended. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

MRBC 2019 Meetings Dates and Time Schedule:

Mr. Hahn handed out the Maumee River Basin Commission 2019 meeting dates and time schedule as the commission meets every other month beginning January 31st meeting to be held in the Omni Room at Citizens Square, 200E. Berry St.; and on April 4th, June 6th, August 1st, October 3rd, December 12th starting at 6:30 p.m. in Fort Wayne just off of Dupont road at the USDA Service Center conference room. Wells County partner's with Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Noble and Steuben counties in the commission. Wells County has approximately 13,300 acres along the north and east in our county.

Walter Johnson Open Drain-Harrison Township-20/20:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that 20/20 Custom Molded Plastics, LLC have received all permits from IDEM, DNR and Corps to close in the Walter Johnson open drain in the Halls Creek watershed in Harrison Township, section 05, range 12E. Hahn noted that he has received a copy of all certified permits. Hahn mentioned that he attended a pre-construction meeting last week and believes the contractor will start putting in the 60 inch tile and closing up the open in the next couple of weeks.

Adjournment:

Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:45 a.m. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Tuesday-January 22, 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