

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - October 2, 2023 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, 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 September 5, 2023.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on September 5, 2023 as submitted. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber motion carried 3-0.

Walter Johnson open Drain Easement-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that landowner Sarah J. Reed on property address 1703 Western Ave Bluffton in Harrison Township, section 5, range 12E has filed a "Request for Variance agreement and covenant" to be in the easement of the Walter Johnson open drain to install a cement parking lot. Hahn presented a detailed map of the area and explained the cement parking lot will be 55 feet from the Walter Johnson open drain. Hahn noted that the landowner has paid their easement fee therefore recommends the parking lot to be in the easement no closer than 55 feet from the top of the Walter Johnson open drain.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve Sarah J. Reed on property address 1703 Western Ave Bluffton in Harrison Township, section 5, range 12E to be in the easement of the Walter Johnson open drain no closer than 55 from the top of the bank as recommended. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Walter Johnson open Drain 2-Stage-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn also mentioned a portion of Sarah J. Reed property along the Walter Johnson open drain in Harrison Township, section 5, range 12E. Ms. Reed will be splitting up the property into two parcels. Hahn noted on one of the parcels approximately 3.50 acres along the southeast side of the ditch would like the Board's approval to put in a 2-stage ditch approximately 750 feet along the Walter Johnson as the detention pond. Hahn mentioned that he will be supervising the construction and supports putting in the 2-stage ditch.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve the property address 1703 Western Ave Bluffton in Harrison Township, section 5, range 12E to 2-stage the Walter Johnson open drain under supervision of County Surveyor Hahn. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

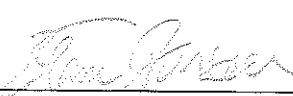
Project Update:

Hahn mentioned there are no projects to update as we are waiting for crops to be harvested before a few projects begin.


Adjournment:

Mr. Stringer motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board regular meeting at 5:13 pm. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-October 16, 2023 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