

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday-October 21, 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; Engineer Nate Rumschlag, Surveyor Jarrod Hahn, Secretary Diana Collins. Attorney Roy Johnson was absent due to vacation.

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 October 7, 2019.

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

Art Gerber Tile Prong Drain Utility Easement-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn presented the drainage utility easement on the Art Gerber tile prong for DLZ Engineering designing for the City of Bluffton to install sanitary sewer lines in Lancaster Township, section 33, Range 12E. Hahn mentioned that one line will cross and the other will cross but to hook up an existing line, and will be approximately 2 to 3 feet in depth which is normally at 5 feet in depth but the easement document allows case by case to allow a lesser depth if need be. Mr. Gerber asked for Hahn or Mr. Rumschlag to be on site as this project begins. Hahn mentioned that the utility company/contractor must give a 48-hour notice before starting the project. Hahn recommends to the Board to allow DLZ Engineering/City of Bluffton to be in the Art Gerber tile prong drainage easement to install sanitary sewer lines.

Mr. Woodward motioned to approve DLZ Engineering/City of Bluffton to be in the Art Gerber tile prong drainage easement to install sanitary sewer lines in Lancaster Township, section 33, Range 12E. Dr. Robbins 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Update:

Fryback Open drain-Union Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that the contractor has put in a 60-inch pipe drop box and 48-inch barrel in the Fryback open drain in Union Township, section 12, range 11E. Hahn appreciates Andrew Pursifull from NRCS of Fort Wayne did the free analyses and design the two structures. Hahn noted that some concrete will have to be place in the bottom to complete the work.

Drum Open Drain-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned he and County Engineer Nate Rumschlag worked together with a contractor who has completed replacing a 80-foot culvert pipe that needed to be lowered on the Drum open drain in Lancaster Township, section 29730, range 13E on 700E (old SR301) just south of 200N. Hahn noted that plans to bottom dip the Drum open this fall or next spring.

Tile Projects:

Hahn mentioned since half the fields are not planted this year it has been a good year for landowners to systematically tile their fields, therefore needing good outlets. Hahn noted that the tile companies are making tile sizes as fast as they can and barely curing out before they are shipped out to be installed. Hahn mentioned we are currently waiting for some short length 15-inch tile to be delivered on one of the projects. Hahn mentioned that contractors are coming available to begin on the tile projects.

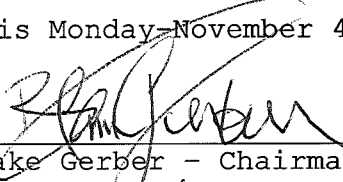
A. Gordon Tile Drain-Proposal Cost of Design-Rockcreek Township:


Mr. Hahn mentioned that he talked to Ben Deichmann P.E. of SJCA Engineers and Surveyors who is the Project Manager on the design and plan preparation fee of \$7,950.00. Hahn noted that Mr. Deichmann did not want to lower the cost and mentioned that they are very busy and reaffirm that the State Highway will work with the county's design on this project. Hahn mentioned this is to open a portion of the Andrew Gordon tile ditch along SR 124 in Rockcreek Township, section 35, Range 11E. Hahn mentioned that he will be collecting the data, and INDOT's date of their culvert structure replacement isn't until 2021, so there is time to prepare the design and get a contractor in to open the tile.

Adjournment:

Mr. Woodward motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:44 a.m. Dr. Robbins 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

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


Blake Gerber - Chairman


Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman