

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday-November 15, 2021 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 Michael K. Vanover, Jeff Stringer; Attorney Roy Johnson, Engineer Nate Rumschlag, Surveyor Jarrod Hahn, Secretary Diana Collins. Blake Gerber was absent.

Determination of Quorum:

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Minutes:

Mr. Vanover opened the Drainage Board meeting with the first item on the agenda to approve the Board's regular meeting minutes on November 1, 2021.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on November 1, 2021 as submitted. Mr. Vanover 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Establish Electronic Communication Policy:

Mr. Hahn asked Attorney Roy Johnson to draft a resolution establishing an electronic communication policy for the Drainage Board to allow a member to use if needed. Mr. Johnson will draft the resolution to be viewed by all members before the next board meeting on December 6, 2021 for an approval.

New Drain Project:

Wm. Smith Continuous Tile Drain Replacement-Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he was contracted by a landowner who will be systematically tile his farm and wanted to continue replacing the Wm. Smith tile in Jefferson Township, section 34, range 12E on south side of 700N east of State Road 1. Hahn provided a detailed map of the current replacement project and a timeline map of the past replacements of the Wm. Smith Tile Project that started in 2008. Hahn mentioned the landowner would like to replace one of the 16-inch tiles with 1150 feet of 24-inch and hook the other old 16-inch into the new 24-inch. Hahn noted that he received 3 tile quotes as follows; Fratco at \$24,773.18, Springfield Plastics, Inc at \$27,495.22 and Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc (ADS) being the lowest amount of \$20,470.00 for 1150 feet of 24inch tile and has it in stock. The landowner's contractor Bolinger Agricultural Drainage LLC is who will be systematically the farm and will also install the Wm. Smith 24-inch tile for \$18,517.50 and that includes stone as he is already on that farm ditching. Hahn is asking for \$35,000.00 from the 8-mile watershed fund to help in the installation and tile replacement cost of the Wm. Smith tile. Hahn did mention that there will be some added material cost that is unseen at this time.

Mr. Stinger motioned to approve \$35,000.00 from the 8-Mile watershed fund to help with the cost on the Wm. Smith tile drain continuing replacement in Jefferson Township, section 34, range, 12E. Mr. Vanover 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Drain Project Update:

R.O.W.M. Spray Contractor:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that Chadd Baker from Right-of-Way Management who is our spray contractor had stopped in the office to go out and look at a few drains in the northern part of the county where the spring spray did not work well. Hahn noted that he will be spraying a dormant spray that soaks up through the bark of the tree instead of the leaves.


Other Mentions:

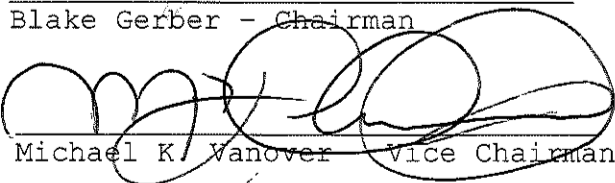
Mr. Hahn noted it is with great sadness to mention the passing of one our contractors, Ron Ramseyer. Hahn mentioned that Ron had worked probably on every open ditch in the county over the last 40 years, he will be missed.

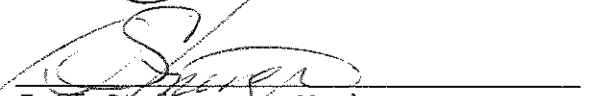
Adjournment:

Mr. Stringer motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:45 a.m. Mr. Vanover 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-December 6, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.


Blake Gerber - Chairman


Michael K. Vanover - Vice Chairman


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