

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - November 16, 2020 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.

Minutes:

Mr. Gerber opened the Drainage Board meeting with the first item on the agenda to approve the Board's regular meeting minutes on November 2, 2020.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on November 2, 2020 as submitted. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Update:

Charles Boyer Tile Drain-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a portion of the Charles Boyer tile in Harrison Township, section 27, range 12E at 450S and State Road 1 was replaced with 1,500 feet of 18-inch tile. Hahn will be collecting data on the exact location.

Miller Prong Tile Drain-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a portion of the Miller Prong tile in Harrison Township, section 27, range 12E at 450S and on the east side of State Road 1 has been replaced. Hahn has been on site to discuss with landowners on the sizes and will be collection data on the exact location.

Adam King Open Drain-Nottingham Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he has a contractor clearing some brush along a woods and the Adam King open drain to have a good access beyond the woods to spray the open. Located in Nottingham Township, section 11, range 12E at 700S and East of State road 1.

Geo. Beach Tile Drain-Union Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he has been working with a landowner on replacing a portion of the Geo. Beach tile in Union Township, section 25, range 12E on 800N between Meridian Road and east of 100W. Hahn noted the current 12-inch tile will be replaced with 600 feet of 15-inch and is in a waterway. Hahn did mention he will pay for the tile and the landowner will pay to install and is in the Flat Creek Tributary watershed.

Maple Creek Open Drain-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor will begin next week to bottom dip approximately 4,500 feet of the Maple Creek open drain in Lancaster Township, section 1, range 12E in 600E and 500N.

Dailey Open Drain-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor has begun to bottom dip approximately 1,800 feet of the Dailey open drain in Lancaster Township, section 3, range 12E along 450E north of 500N.

2021 Drainage Board Meeting Dates and Times:

Mr. Hahn presented the schedule for the 2021 Drainage Board meetings dates and times. The Drainage Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m. except as noted. Dates are as follows:

JANUARY	4 - 19 (TUES)	JULY	6 (TUES - 19
FEBRUARY	1 - 16 (TUES)	AUGUST	2 - 16
MARCH	1 - 15	SEPTEMBER	7 (TUES) - 20
APRIL	5 - 19	OCTOBER	4 - 18
MAY	3 - 17	NOVEMBER	1 - 15
JUNE	7 - 21	DECEMBER	6 - 20

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the 2021 Drainage Board meetings dates and times as presented. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Liberty and Buckner Tile Drains/Sewer Project-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the Sewer Project for the Town of Liberty Center next phase for the Liberty tile drain project in Liberty Township, section 15, range 11E will be to go across 300W and then go south across 300S but this will not be for a few years to build up the watershed's fund.

Bunn and Sommers Prong tile Drains-Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned he was contacted by Brent Kaehr, Manager of FHG Development LLS on Bunn tile and Sommers Prong on Crosswind Lakes Subdivision project regarding letter from the surveyor's office on the relocation of the Bunn Tile as part of the Crosswind Lakes Subdivision and that it remains a regulated drain by the County. Hahn said he sent a letter to Mr. Kaehr, the Town of Ossian and the Towns Attorney of several approvals by the Drainage Board of relocation, construction, classification to Urban drain and easements of the Bunn tile and the Sommers Prong that drains into the Bunn tile. Hahn also stated in the letter that by law, we are obligated to maintain the Bunn tile and Sommers prong in its new location and have approved by the Board.

Liberty Center and Murray Sewage Improvement:

Mr. Hahn and the County Engineer Nate Rumschlag touched on that Town of Murray has no regulated drains and Liberty Center has a regulated tile system and the design is close to being complete. Mr. Rumschlag mentioned he should have it before the next Drainage Board meeting.

APC Comprehensive Plan Open for Review:

Mr. Hahn and the County Engineer Nate Rumschlag Hahn also mentioned that the APC Comprehensive Plan is open for review and suggests for the county. Hahn and the County Engineer Nate Rumschlag both expressed their concern of the APC Comprehensive Plan to have wording for someone be responsible for subdivisions stormwater/drainage infrastructure in rural areas on to have an association maintenance fees or petition the Commissioners or petition the Drainage Board to be a county regulated tile drain. All members agree there should be some language in the APC Comprehensive Plan. Dr Robbins asked if this would be a Commissioner motion when approving the plat. Hahn said yes but is also a Drainage Board concern as well.

Dr. Robbins motioned to require language in the APC Comprehensive Plan that there be a language for subdivisions in rural areas on their drainage infrastructure to have an association maintenance fees or petition the Commissioners or petition the Drainage Board to be a county regulated tile drain. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment:

Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:55 a.m. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

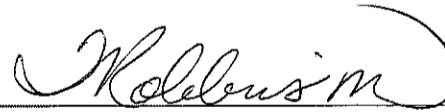
Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-December 7, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.



Blake Gerber - Chairman



Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman



Tamara Robbins - Member
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST:

Diana L. Collins
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY