

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday-November 18, 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.

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 4, 2019.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on November 4, 2019 as submitted. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Update:

Foust Tile Drain- Chester Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the contractor has completed replacing the Foust tile group project in Chester Township, sections 20 and 30, range 11E west of 400 west and south of 900 south. Hahn mentioned they have replaced 1,340 feet of 24-inch. Hahn noted this tile is a continuance replacement and this will complete replacing the Foust tile project with the help of the upperend landowners contributing. Hahn noted that this project is in the Scuffle Creek watershed.

Merriman Tile Drain- Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the contractor has completed replacing the Merriman tile group project in Liberty Township, sections 29 and 30, range 11E in the area of 400 south at 500 west. Hahn mentioned there is approximately 2,000 feet of 24-inch, and 1,450 feet of 18-inch and about 1,000 feet of 15-inch. Hahn noted that this project is in the Spake watershed with landowners contributing to the cost.

Carnes Tile Drain- Chester Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor will be replacing a 12-inch tile with 600 feet of 24 inch on the Carnes tile in Harrison Township, section 31, Range, 12E located south of State Road 218 running along the westside of 400 west. Hahn noted that this project is in the Carnes watershed.

Markley Prong Tile Drain- Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the contractor has completed replacing the Markley Prong tile group project in Harrison Township, section 18, range 12E east of Meridian road just north of 250 south. Hahn mentioned they replaced an 18-inch tile with approximately 4,254 feet of 24 inch. Hahn mentioned this project is funded by landowners contributing and thru the Bills Creek maintenance fund.

Sarah Smith Tile Drain- Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned a contractor will soon start replacing the Sarah Smith tile drain in Jackson Township, section 22, range 10E east of 900 west and south of 900 south. Hahn mentioned they are replacing a 27-inch tile with approximately 700 feet of 36-inch. Hahn noted there are several landowners contributing to the cost to replace where the tile breaks down often. Hahn noted that this project is in the Custard watershed.

Compromise Tile Drain- Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned a contractor will soon start replacing the Compromise tile drain in Liberty Township, section 29, range 11E running along 500 south just east of 500 west. Hahn noted this tile is a continuance replacement project and is replacing an 18-inch with 1,500 feet of 24-inch. Hahn noted there are several landowners contributing to the cost and is asking \$15,000.00 out of the Stites watershed to contribute to help fund project.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve \$15,000.00 out of the Stites watershed to help contribute to the cost replacing 1500-feet of 24-inch tile for the group project on the Compromise tile drain in Liberty Township.

King Prong Tile Drain- Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned a contractor will soon start replacing the King Tile Prong project in Jefferson Township, section 22, range 12E east of State Road 1 and north of 800 north. Hahn mentioned they are replacing a 16-inch tile with approximately 850-feet of 24-inch. Hahn noted this tile is in a waterway which, breaks down often, and is at the very lower end of the King Prong. Hahn mentioned the King Prong project will be funded through the 8-Mile watershed.

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Norris, Helms, Babcock, Blair Joint Watershed-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn reminded Board members Mr. Woodward and Dr. Robbins who are the representatives to serve as joint board members with Huntington County who will hold the joint hearing on the Norris, Helms, Babcock and Blair to increase the maintenance assessment scheduled for this Thursday-November 21, 2019 at 11:00. Hahn mentioned the Wells County watershed is in Liberty Township, sections 7,8,17,18,19 and 30, Range 11E and affects 1,277 acres with 43 parcels.

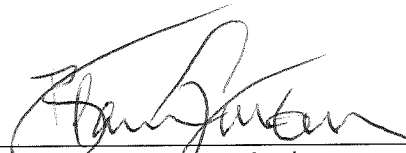
County Highway Engineer-Nate Rumschlag:

Mr. Rumschlag wanted to inform the Board members he is working with Adams County Surveyor and Engineer to address the bridge #170 on 900 south and west of 800 east in Nottingham Township. Rumschlag mentioned this in the John Thomas joint watershed which Adams County holds jurisdiction. Rumschlag noted that Adams County will be collecting data and doing a hydraulic analysis on the drain and bridge area.

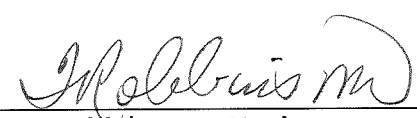
Adjournment:

Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:49 a.m. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-December 2, 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