

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - November 2, 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 October 19, 2020.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on October 19, 2020 as submitted. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Update:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that harvest is on its way with only a few tile repairs reported, and most projects are on hold until the crops are off those fields with either the landowner or tenant to let us know.

Valentine Joint Drain and Simmerman Joint Drain

Jefferson Township-Allen County Jurisdiction:

Mr. Hahn noted that he received a certified letter from the Allen County Surveyor's office who has rescheduled the Valentine Joint and Simmerman joint hearings set for Thursday-February 11, 2021 at 10:30am.

Russel Somers Prong #6 Tile Drain-Drainage Easement:

Mr. Hahn presented to the Board a "Petition of Approval to Locate Structures within a County Regulated Drain Right-Of-Way and Approval by County Drainage Board" form from owner Ruth Penrod for a 24'x 32' garage and porch structures of the Russel Somers Prong #6 tile drain and to be no closer than 25 feet from the center of the tile in Jefferson Township, section 4, range 12E south of U.S. 224 and east of Greenwood street in the Town of Kingsland. Hahn has provided a drainage map and noted this is and 8-inch tile. Hahn mentioned the fee for the permit has been paid, therefore recommends the approval of both structures within the Russel Somers Prong #6 tile drain and to be no closer than 25 feet from the center of the tile drainage easement.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve owner Ruth Penrod for a 24'x 32' garage and porch structure in the easement of the Russel Somers Prong #6 tile drain and to be no closer than 25 feet from the center of the tile in Jefferson Township, section 4, range 12E as recommend. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Charles Boyer Tile Drain-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he has been working with a landowner on replacing a portion of the Charles Boyer tile in Harrison Township, section 27, range 12E at 450S and State Road 1. Hahn noted the Charles Boyer tile is currently a 15-inch tile to replace with 1500 feet of 18-inch tile. Hahn did mention he is trying to contact INDOT to replace the structure at State Road 1.

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.


Bessie Porter Tile Drain-Harrison Township:

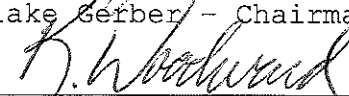
Hahn mentioned he met with the City of Bluffton leaders and landowner and interested parties a couple of weeks ago to discuss replacing the Bessie Porter tile in Harrison Township, section 9, range 12E in the area of Ellingham Pipe and 200S. Hahn noted that Kevin McDermit of Loughheed & Associates Fort Wayne will be designing the projected tile path, determine the size and cost.

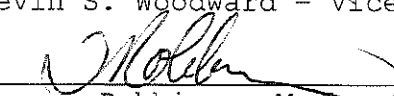
Adjournment:

Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:45 a.m. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-November 16, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.


Blake Gerber - Chairman


Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman


Tamara Robbins - Member