

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - November 20, 2023 4:30 P.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, Jeff Stringer; Attorney Ted Storer, Engineer Nate Rumschlag, Surveyor Jarrod Hahn, Secretary Diana Collins. Michael K. Vanover was absent.

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 6, 2023.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on November 6, 2023. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0

Russel Somers Prong 6 Drain Easement-Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that landowners Donald Springer, Gladys Springer and Andrew Springer on property address 2513 E US Highway 224 (Kingsland)Ossian in Jefferson Township, section 33, range 12E has filed a "Request for Variance agreement and covenant" to be in the easement of the Russel Somers Prong 6 drain to build a pole barn 32 feet x 56 feet. Hahn presented a detailed map of the area and explained the pole barn will be 15 feet from the Russel Somers Prong 6 drain. Hahn therefore recommends the pole barn 32 feet x 56 feet to be in the easement no closer than 15 feet from the center of the Russel Somers Prong 6 drain.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve landowners Donald Springer, Gladys Springer and Andrew Springer on property address 2513 E US Highway 224 (Kingsland)Ossian in Jefferson Township, section 33, range 12E to be in the easement of the Russel Somers Prong 6 drain no closer than 15 feet from the center of the tile as recommended. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Update Drainage Projects:

Carnes Tile Drain-Chester Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a tenant representing a landowner is wanting to continue to replace another portion of the Carnes tile in Chester Township, section 5, Range, 11E located south of State Road 218 and west of 400 west. Hahn noted to the tenant that the Carnes watershed has limited funds but is willing to contribute approximately \$5,000.00. The tenant mentioned he is fine with that amount and noted that he and the landowner are both contributing the rest of the cost towards the replacement.

Harnish Tile Drain-Rockcreek Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a landowner contacted him to replace a portion of the Harnish tile drain in Rockcreek Township, section 24, range 11E starting 300N west side of Meridian Road. Hahn noted to the landowner the Harnish watershed has limited funds to contribute to the project's replacement and will contribute most of the cost. Hahn mentioned the contractor has not started yet but will be soon. Hahn noted that he has talked to the County Highway Supervisor Shawn Bonar about crossing county road 300N to replace the tile but the hot oil tank is empty therefore will wait until spring to replace the tile and repair the road at that time. Hahn mentioned the current size under the road is a 12-inch and the landowners are putting in a 15-inch therefore should be fine until the county can get the pipe across the road and repair the road.


County Engineer-Nate Rumschlag:

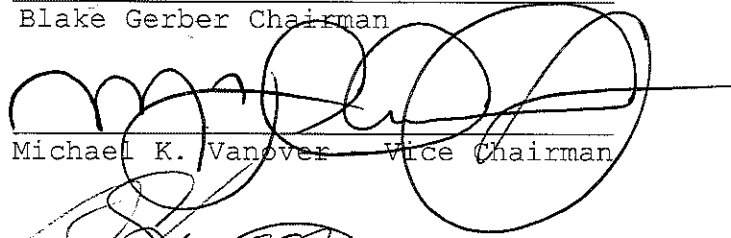
Mr. Rumschlag reported that he is stepping down from his position on the Drainage Board and wanted to thank all for the support he has been receiving in the last 8 years. The Board members thanked Mr. Rumschlag for his dedication and service and wish him well.

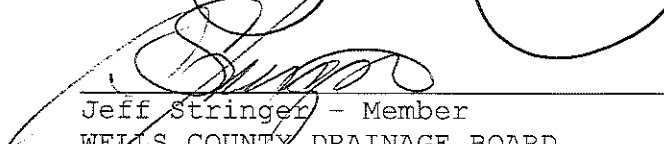
Adjournment:

Mr. Stringer motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board regular meeting at 4:40 pm. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-December 4, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.


Blake Gerber Chairman


Michael K. Vanover Vice Chairman


Jeff Stringer - Member
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