

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - November 7, 2022 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, Michael K. Vanover, Jeff Stringer; Attorney Colin Andrews, 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 17, 2022.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on October 17, 2022 as submitted. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

2023 Drainage Board Meeting Dates and Times:

Mr. Hahn presented the schedule for the 2022 Drainage Board meetings dates and times. The Drainage Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. except as noted. Hahn noted that there are 5 dates that are on a Tuesday due to a Monday being a holiday, and in the month of July the meeting date is on the 2nd Monday and 4th Monday. Dates are as follows:

JANUARY	3 (Tues)-17 (Tues)	JULY	10 (2 nd Mon.)-24 (4 th Mon.)
FEBRUARY	6-21 (Tues)	AUGUST	7-21
MARCH	6-20	SEPTEMBER	5 (Tues)-18
APRIL	3-17	OCTOBER	2-16
MAY	1-15	NOVEMBER	6-20
JUNE	5-20 (Tues)	DECEMBER	4-18

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the 2023 Drainage Board meetings dates and times as presented. Mr. Springer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Drainage Board Meeting Cancelled-November 21st:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the Drainage Task Force meeting scheduled is for on Monday November 21st to begin at 10:00am and was notified today the meeting time has been changed to 12:00. Hahn noted this being the first meeting it is not known how long these meetings will last therefore is asking the Board members to cancel the Drainage Board meeting on November 21st due to the Drainage Task Force meeting and no drainage board matters at this time. The next regular Drainage Board meeting will be on December 5th.

Mr. Stringer motioned to cancel a regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting on November 21st due to Drainage Task Force meeting and no drainage board matters at this time. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Update:

King Prong Tile Drain- Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned a landowner is wanting to replace the upperend of the King Prong tile in Jefferson Township, section 28, range 12E west of State Road 1 and south of 800N. Hahn noted that last winter a small portion of the King Prong tile was replaced which is a branch of the Smith tile that has been replaced over the last 10 years. Hahn also mentioned that the State Highway will be replacing the culvert pipe under State Road 1, and the County Highway will replace the pipe under 800N in the future. Hahn mentioned this King Prong tile project is a share-cost between the landowner and the 8-Mile watershed fund to pay for the tile replacement.

Paxson Tile Drain-Harrison

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor had completed replacing approximately 1,250 feet of the Paxson tile in Harrison Township, section 02, range 12E south of State Road 124 and east of 450E due to a landowner wanting to increase the tile size and reroute a small portion for a home to be built. Hahn received a bill for \$16,181.20 with the Paxson watershed to contribute \$5,000.00 and the landowner will pay the rest.

Geo. Essnor Tile Drain Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a landowner is wanting to replace a portion of the George Essnor tile in Lancaster Township, section 6, range 13E south of US 224 and east of 600E south of Tocsin. Hahn mentioned the landowner has hired Landis and Sons Drainage to systematically tile his farm and would like to replace the existing 15-inch with 700 feet of 18-inch starting at the Essnor open ditch. Hahn noted that he told the landowner the 8-Mile watershed fund could contribute \$10,000.00.

J.C. Bell Tile Drain:

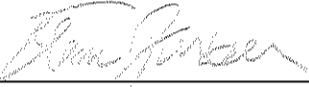
Mr. Hahn mentioned that a landowner has contacted him on continuing to replace the J.C. Bell drain in Lancaster Township, section 19, range 13E west side of Craigville. Hahn noted that contractor Landis and Sons Drainage Corp had replaced 600 feet of 10-inch tile last year, and the landowner wants to continue to replace for a good outlet for his farm as he will be systematically tiled his farm. Hahn mentioned the landowner has hired Landis and Sons Drainage to tile his farm and is getting a quote to replace a portion of the J.C. Bell tile. Hahn mentioned that the J.C. Bell is in the 8-Mile watershed and will keep the Board informed as details come in.

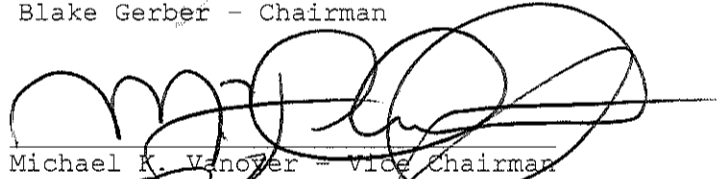
Adjournment:

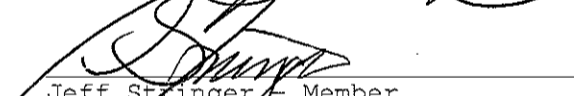
Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 4:41 p.m. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.


Cancelled - Next regular scheduled meeting for Monday-November 21, 2022 is cancelled due to Drainage Task Force meeting and no drainage matters.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-December 5, 2022.


Blake Gerber - Chairman


Michael K. Vanover - Vice Chairman


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