

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday-December 2, 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 18, 2019.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on November 18, 2019 as submitted. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

2020 Drainage Board Meeting Dates and Times:

Mr. Hahn presented the schedule for the 2020 Drainage Board meetings dates and times. The Drainage Board meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m. except as noted. Dates are as follows:

JANUARY	6 - 21 (TUES)	JULY	6 - 20
FEBRUARY	3 - 18 (TUES)	AUGUST	3 - 17
MARCH	2 - 16	SEPTEMBER	8 (TUES) - 21
APRIL	6 - 20	OCTOBER	5 - 19
MAY	4 - 18	NOVEMBER	2 - 16
JUNE	1 - 15	DECEMBER	7 - 21

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the 2020 Drainage Board meetings dates and times as presented. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Update:

Kloppenstine Tile Drain- Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the contractor has completed replacing the Kloppenstine tile project in Harrison Township, section 36, range 12E east of 500 east and south of 500 south. Hahn mentioned they replaced a 20-inch tile with approximately 1,400 feet of 24-inch. Hahn noted this tile is a continuance replacement and will have at least replaced through the bad sections of Kloppenstine tile. Hahn noted that this project is in the 6-Mile watershed.

King Prong Tile Drain- Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned on the King Tile Prong project approximately 850-feet of 24-inch has been delivered on site in Jefferson Township, section 22, range 12E east of State Road 1 and north of 800 north. Hahn noted that stone will be delivered as soon as the ground freezes. Hahn noted this tile is in a waterway that 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.

McAfee Tile Drain-Rockcreek Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned a contractor will soon start replacing the McAfee Tile project in Rockcreek Township, section 20, range 11E south of 300 north and west of 400 west. Hahn mentioned they are replacing an 18-inch tile with approximately 408-feet of 24-inch. Hahn noted this tile is in a waterway and breaks down often.

Lesh Tile Drain- Rockcreek Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned a contractor will soon start replacing the McAfee Tile project in Rockcreek Township, section 16, range 11E north of 300 north and east of 400 west. Hahn mentioned they are replacing an 18-inch tile with approximately 200-feet of 24-inch. Hahn noted that stone will be delivered as soon as the ground freezes. Hahn noted this portion of the tile is in bad shape and breaks down often.

Sarah Smith Tile Drain- Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned on the Sarah Smith tile approximately 700 feet of 36-inch has been delivered on site in Jackson Township, section 22, range 10E east of 900 west and south of 900 south. Hahn noted that stone will be delivered as soon as the ground freezes. Hahn mentioned 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.

Sprang Tile Drain- Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned a contractor will start replacing the Sprang tile drain in Jefferson Township, section 29, range 11E that angles from 1200 north a crossed to 750 east. Hahn noted they will replace the 18-inch with 600 feet of 24-inch. Hahn mentioned that getting stone in this area will be much better since tile is close to both county roads.

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

Mr. Woodward and Dr. Robbins noted they attended the joint hearing with Huntington County on the Norris, Helms, Babcock and Blair that approved to increase the maintenance assessment to \$3.50 per acre and \$50.00 minimum on November 21, 2019 payable in 2020. The Wells County Norris, Helms, Babcock, Blair watershed is in Liberty Township, sections 7,8,17,18,19 and 30, Range 11E and this increase affects 1,277 acres with 43 parcels.

IC 36-9-27-45.5 Excess drainage maintenance fund balance:

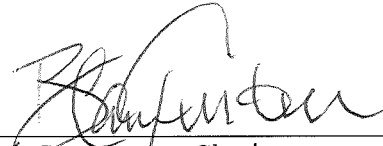
Hahn mentioned that a county in Indiana has been challenged in court on code IC 36-9-27-45.5 Excess drainage maintenance fund balance that is a transfer of funds. (a) This section applies when a county surveyor advises the drainage board that in the county surveyor's opinion a maintenance fund has a balance in excess of the amount reasonably needed in that fund for maintenance work in the foreseeable future.

(b) The board may transfer an amount up to a maximum of seventy-five percent (75%) of the money in the maintenance fund to a reconstruction fund that covers the same watershed as the maintenance fund from which the money is transferred. Hahn noted that so far the both courts systems has upheld the Drainage Board's decision to use the maintenance fund that was collected for the purpose of a reconstruction/project.

Adjournment:

Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:44 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 16, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.



Blake Gerber - Chairman

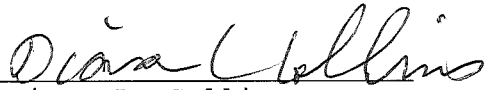


Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman



Tamara Robbins - Member  
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST:



Diana L. Collins  
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY