

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday-December 20, 2021 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, Jeff Stringer; Attorney Roy Johnson, 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 December 6, 2021.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on December 6, 2021 as submitted. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Town of Liberty Center Tile/Sewer Project Update:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he has received a quote from VTF Excavation, LLC who is the contractor out at the Liberty Center sewer project to relocate the Liberty tile #1 for \$24,784.50 for approximately 450 feet of 18-inch tile. Hahn mentioned the existing Liberty Center tile #1 goes under a house, garages, and a few very large trees. Hahn presented a detailed map of where the new tile will be along the east side of 300W starting at the Buckner tile going south just north of the Railway crossing over 300W going west to connect the two existing tiles. Hahn also mentioned that price may be lower due to having too much footage. Hahn mentioned that he will be meeting with the contractor on the specifics of how much tile and its location this week.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve the quote from VTF Exc., LLC up to the \$24,784.00 to relocate and install the Liberty Center tile #1 in Liberty Township, section 15 and 22, range 11E. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Wm. Smith Continuous Tile Drain Replacement-Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the contractor replacing the Wm. Smith tile in Jefferson Township, section 34, range 12E on south side of 700N east of State Road 1 has open a few test holes to see where exactly the existing tiles are and will need to add approximately 100 more feet to get to an area where connections will be made to tie two tiles together to service one tile line. Hahn noted the contractor probably started this morning early to replace 1250 feet of 24-inch tile.

Woodward Tile Drain-Union Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he was contacted by a landowner who will be systematically tiling his farm which the regulated Woodward tile in Union Township Section 25, range 11E is the outlet, and is not in very good shape and is undersized. Hahn noted the landowner would like to replace the existing tile with a 10-inch tile, and Hahn would like the landowner to increase the tile size to a 15-inch therefore paying the cost difference from a 10-inch to a 15-inch. Hahn mentioned that the landowner does not know how much he will be replacing until he talks to a neighboring landowner to see if he would want to replace through his property and cost-share. Hahn noted this tile is in the Flat Creek Tributary watershed and will be able to pay the tile increase cost difference. Hahn noted no motion is needed today until the landowner talks to the other landowners on specifics.

Lee Tile Drain- Nottingham Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he was contacted by a landowner who just purchased a farm and will be systematically tile this farm himself and is willing to replace about 700 feet of the regulated Lee tile in Nottingham Township, Section 5, range 12E. Hahn noted the adjacent landowners are fine with the replacement as this tile break down and tree roots are partly the blame as being too old and undersized. Hahn noted this tile is in the Lee-Sellers watershed and will just be buying the materials.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve buying the materials out of the Lee-Sellers watershed on replacing the Lee tile in Nottingham Township, Section 5, range 12E. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

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Detail Listing Sheet:

Mr. Hahn noted the Detail Listing Sheet has fall collections and interest added in watershed amounts which means that all amounts had increases. Hahn wanted to clarify when highlighting a watershed amount is when there is an adjustment in the assessment from a claim. The Board members said yes, that would be fine.


Roy Johnson-Recognized Service and Dedication:


Mr. Hahn presented a card to Mr. Johnson from the Drainage Board members appreciating his service and dedication to the Board and the Surveyor's office. Mr. Hahn mentioned that it will be hard to replace Mr. Johnson as he always quickly responded on emails for permits and/or questions, even on the weekends. Mr. Johnson noted that he still will be around and looks forward not getting up as early.


Adjournment:

Mr. Stringer motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:53 a.m. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-January 3, 2022


Blake Gerber - Chairman


Michael K. Vanover - Vice Chairman


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