

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday - December 21, 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 December 7, 2020.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on December 7, 2020 as submitted. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Michael Dailey Tile Drain- Liberty Township:

Hahn mentioned that he has been working with a couple of landowners on replacing the Michael Dailey tile in Liberty Township, sections 34 and 35, range 11E in the area of 200W and 500S. Hahn noted the tile was put in 1887 and currently is a 10-inch, 8-inch and 6-inch for a total of 3,500 feet replacement. Hahn mentioned the landowners want to increase each tile size to a 12-inch, 10-inch and 8-size. Hahn recommends contributing \$7,500.00 towards the project out of the Jamison Watershed.

Mr. Woodward motioned to approve \$7,500.00 out of the Jamison watershed toward the M. Dailey tile drain group project as recommended. Dr. Robbins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Update:

Owl Creek Open Drain-Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned on the Owl Creek open drain the contractor has completed taking out sandbars, repairing rockchutes and a bottom clean out in Jackson Township, section 20, range 10 in the area of 900S/1000S and 1000W. Hahn also mentioned a bottom clean out on the Breckenridge open drain has been completed which is in the Owl Creek watershed.

Geo. Beach Tile Drain-Union Township:

Mr. Hahn mention that a group of landowners are wanting to replace 800 feet of the Geo. Beach tile in Union Township, section 26, range 11E in the area 100W and 800N and in the Flat Creek Tributary watershed. Hahn mentioned the landowners are to pay for the installation and the Flat Creek Tributary will pay for the tile.

Geo. Bennett Tile Drain-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the contractor will be replacing Geo. Bennett tile in Harrison Township, section 29, range 12E south of 450S between 100E and 450S. Hahn noted the contractor will be replacing the existing 12-inch tile with 850 feet of 15-inch starting at the lower-end where it empties into the Neff open drain/watershed.

Town of Murray Drainage Issue Resolved-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn made mention of Mr. and Mrs. Hall's that came to the Drainage Board meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> reporting a drainage issue in the Town of Murray. Hahn contacted John Lancaster who had explored and confirmed that the tile was crushed under the road right-of way. Hahn then contacted the County Highway foremen to check the tile under Market street. The tile was repaired in the right-of-way on the west side of Market street. Hahn noted that Mrs. Hall had contacted him to let him know that last weeks rain there was no water in her crawspace or in yard. Hahn wanted to publicly thank the County Highway for responding.


Maple Creek Open Drain-Lancaster Township:


Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor had completed a bottom clean out on the Maple Creek open drain in Lancaster Township, section 1, range 12E in 600E and 500N and will be leveling the spoil by this spring as weather permits.

Adjournment:

Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:47 a.m. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-January 4, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

  
Blake Gerber - Chairman

  
Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman