

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday-December 6, 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, Michael K. Vanover, Jeff Stringer; 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 15, 2021.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on November 15, 2021 as submitted. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Establish Electronic Communication Policy-Approval:

Mr. Hahn noted that Attorney Roy Johnson has a written resolution establishing an electronic communication policy for the Drainage Board to allow a member to use if needed. Mr. Johnson had e-mailed the draft resolution policy to be viewed by all Drainage Board members before today's board meeting. Mr. Johnson went over some legal formats to follow when using the electronic communication such as to verbally do a roll call and must provide the link for public view. Mr. Johnson noted to post the link on the agenda and on the County Surveyor's web page.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the resolution 2021-1 establishing an Electronic Communication Policy for the Drainage Board. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

The resolution 2021-1 establishing an Electronic Communication Policy for the Drainage Board was signed by Drainage Board members to be recorded in the Records Office.

Drain Projects Update:

Lockwood Tile Drain-Nottingham Township:

Hahn is asking for \$10,010.00 out of the Mulligan fund to help with the cost to replace a 12-inch and 14-inch with 1800 feet of 15-inch on the Lockwood tile regulated drain in Nottingham Township, section 21, range 12E south in the areas of 900S between 200E and 250E. Hahn mention that a landowner is systematically tiling his field and needed a good outlet which the Lockwood tile was old and breaking down. Hahn noted the landowner is also contributing funds to help with the cost.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the \$10,010.00 out of the Mulligan watershed fund to contribute towards replacing the Lockwood tile drain in Nottingham Township, section 21, range 12E Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Wm. Smith Continuous Tile Drain Replacement-Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the contractor who will be replacing the Wm. Smith tile in Jefferson Township, section 34, range 12E on south side of 700N east of State Road 1 expects the tile is to arrive on site this week and hopefully we do not any more rain or it will have to freeze up some. The Board members approved \$35,000.00 from the 8-Mile watershed fund to help with the cost at the last Drainage Board meeting on November 15th.

McAfee Tile Drain-Rockcreek Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor will continue replacing the McAfee tile drain in Rockcreek Township, section 20, range 11E 300 north and 500 west where we replaced about 300 feet last year. Hahn noted an additional 80 feet is needed to continue replacing the 18-inch with a 24-inch tile that is going through the fence row.

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R.O.W.M. Spray Contractor:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that Chadd Baker from Right-of-Way Management has pulled into our county to spray a few drains in the northern part of the county where the spring spray did not work well. Hahn noted that he will be spraying a dormant spray that soaks up through the bark of the tree instead of the leaves.

Town of Liberty Center Sewer Project Update:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he has been out at the Liberty Center sewer project and the contractors have found several old clay tiles that were not a regulated drain and also several culverts that were full of dirt that no one knew that were there. Hahn noted that so far all of our tiles have been found as the project moves along throughout the town.

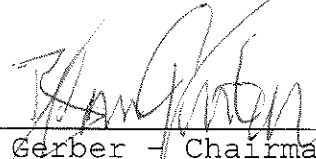
Detail Listing Sheet:

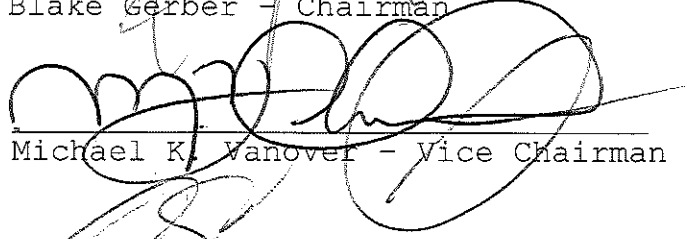
Mr. Hahn went over the Detail Listing Sheet explaining it includes our watersheds, joint watersheds from surrounding counties, unit number, per acre/minimum charge, if collecting, yearly assessment and the 4 or 8 times the annual assessment. Hahn noted that each watershed line having a detailed information on that same line across the sheet. Mr. Vanover asked Hahn if he could highlight the watershed's fund amount when there is a change. Hahn said, yes, he would.


Adjournment:

Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:53 a.m. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-December 20, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.


Blake Gerber - Chairman


Michael K. Vanover - Vice Chairman


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