

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes

Monday - December 7, 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 November 16, 2020.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on November 16, 2020 as submitted. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Town of Murray Drainage-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that Mr. and Mrs. Halls are present today due to a water issue in the Town of Murray. Hahn noted that Mrs. Halls had contacted him on her water standing and not going down. Hahn mentioned that he has viewed the area and there are no county drains in the Town of Murray. Hahn has given Mrs. Halls the documents on IC 36-9-27-18 and IC 36-9-27-19 which both are the due process to petition the Drainage Board by one landowner signing, or by all owners signing. Mr. Gerber ask if there is a drainage map of the area to know the total acreage. Hahn mentioned that he does not. Hahn noted the landowners/interest in the land to include the County Highway and the State Highway to sign the petition but not sure has that authority for the State. Attorney Roy Johnson mentioned to contact the Attorney General or the Governor's office may be the way to find that question or at least give a direction. Hahn mentioned that the Halls water goes northwest the back south across Market St. Mrs. Halls noted that her crawl space under their house had water in it and water standing in her yard. Mrs. Halls mentioned that she hired a contractor to jet out the tile from her home and the contractor got as far to the edge of the road (Market street) and the tile was crushed and could not go any further. Hahn noted that he has received a couple of calls east of the Town of water from a farmer on water standing in his field and another from the Church wanting advise on another direction for their outlet but no calls from landowners inside of the Town then noted that most of the homes are rentals. Hahn also mentioned the Town of Murray is on schedule for a Sewage Project which may help to determined where the tiles are. Nate Rumschlag County Engineer mentioned on that Town of Murray RSD Sewage project is slated this summer 2121 and the design plans will be available soon and for questions/comment.

Hahn questions who the inspector of the project will be to make sure all hook-ups are made and to document the tiles location and provide a detailed map. Mr. Rumschlag mentioned that Choice One Engineering will be responsibility to document the projects all repairs, maintenance, condition, and objections. Rumschlag concerns are the landowners knowing that the sewage and storm water is separate pipelines. Hahn noted that the tiles condition and location in Murray is should be known before any petition process can be processed. Hahn and Rumschlag believe the tiles and locations maybe know when this RSD Sewage project is completed. Rumschlag mentioned that once all is known and settled on who is responsible the possibilities can be road and sidewalks improvement projects for the Town. The Board thanks the Halls for attending.

Dr. Robbins motioned to check condition and locate storm water tiles and collect all data to keep it updated on the RSD project. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Update:Breckenridge Open Drain-Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he had a contractor do a bottom clean out for about a mile, and also make rockchute/erosion repairs on the Breckenridge open drain in Jackson Township, section 20, range 10 in the area of 900S/1000S and 1000W in the Owl Creek watershed.

Dailey Open Drain-Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mention that he had a contractor do a bottom clean on the Dailey open drain in Lancaster Township, section 2, range 12 in the area of 450E between 500N and US224 in the 8-Mile Creek watershed. Hahn mentioned there have been a lot of tiling in the area and hopefully this will provide the drainage they need.


Adjournment:

Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:58 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 21, 2020 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