

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Tuesday-February 18, 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, Tamara Robbins; Attorney Roy Johnson; Engineer Nate Rumschlag, Surveyor Jarrod Hahn, Secretary Diana Collins. Kevin Woodward 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 February 6, 2020.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on February 6, 2020 as submitted. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Project Update:

Morris Tile Drain-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the contractor has completed replacing the Morris Tile in Liberty Township, section 31, range 11E east of 600W and north of State Road 218. The contractor replaced the existing 20-inch with 1,700 feet of 24-inch stopping at State Road 218.

Derry Tile Drain-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned a contractor has started moving equipment over to the Derry Tile in Liberty Township, section 31, range 11E west of 500W and north of State Road 218. The contractor will replace the existing 18-inch with 1,300 feet of 24-inch stopping at State Road 218. Hahn mentioned this is the last of the tile replacements that affects the INDOT project resurface project scheduled in 2021-22.

INDOT-State Road 116-HNTB Company Infrastructure Solutions:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that HNTB Company Infrastructure Solutions has mailed out to him and has past on to the Drainage Board members the proposed correction of State Road 116 along the Wabash River in Harrison Township, section 18, range 13E. Hahn mentioned the project would be to move State Road 116 75 feet south to line up with existing bank alignment, stabilize the bank and soil excavation replaced with riprap. Hahn noted that HNTB Company is asking to review the information and provide any comments on the project area within the next 30 days. Hahn mentioned that he will be writing a letter as the County Surveyor and will pass the letter on to Board members if, as Commissioners would want to send a letter.

Legislature Bills:

Mr. Hahn highlighted on some legislative language from the House and Senate bills that are important to the Board members as follows:

SB229-Maintenance of Regulated Drain. No required permit from IDEM concerning wetland on regulated drains for reconstruction or maintenance. Currently in the House-Envirmental Affairs Committee with no scheduled hearing yet. Possibly new verbiage added.

SB46-Storm Water Fee Exemptions. If county has user and stormwater fees not to collect on drainage fee for School corporation used for education or where religious services are held. Interim study committee.

HB1415-Regulated drains and environmental concerns. Concerning of locating underground utility if installed after June 2020. Hahn noted that it did not pass, but one to watch to make sure it doesn't get added in.

HB1218-Locating underground utility infrastructure. Concerning of locating underground utility if installed after June 2020. Hahn noted no mention of regulated drains. Passed through the Senate.

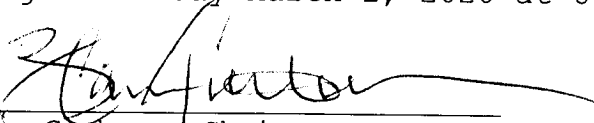
Odle Tile Drain/Bridge#303 Project-Nottingham Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor has started repairing the Odle tile drain blockage in Nottingham Township, section 19, range 12E on 1000S just east of Meridian road. Hahn noted he and Mr. Rumschlag was out on sight yesterday with the contractor, and Hahn will be back out on site today with the contractor to finish up.

Adjournment:

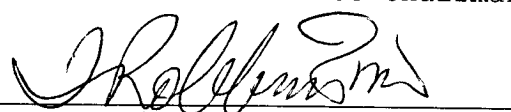
Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:47 a.m. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-March 2, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

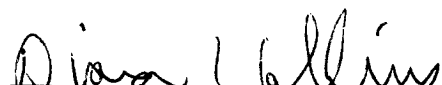

Blake Gerber - Chairman

ABSENT

Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman


Tamara Robbins - Member
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST:


Diana L. Collins

WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY