

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Tuesday - February 19, 2019 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 due to vacation.

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 4, 2019.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on February 4, 2019 as presented. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Legislature Bills:

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

HB1019-Public Construction. (Passed 10-0) Increases, from \$75,000 to \$150,000 the ceiling under which a county drainage board may obtain quotes rather than advertise for bids for certain projects under the drainage law.

HB1025-County Highway Engineer's Salary. (Passed 21-0 with amendments) Increases the state subsidy for a county highway engineer's annual salary. Requires the county to certify to the auditor of state the amount of the county's contribution to the county highway engineer's annual salary.

HB1266-Sediment and erosion control in construction. (Passed 9-3 with amendments) Prohibits an MS4 community (a county, city, or town that administers a program under which construction plans including erosion and sediment control measures are submitted for approval) from requiring erosion and sediment control measures that are more stringent than the erosion and sediment control measures required by the administrative rule of the environmental rules board concerning storm water runoff associated with construction activity.

HB1592-Regulated drains and environmental concerns. (No Committee assigned)

SB118-County Council and Commissioner Salaries (Passed 6-1) Allows the president of the county executive and the president of the county fiscal body in a county other than Marion County to receive a salary that is more than that of the other members as compensation for extra services performed as president.

SB535-Extraterritorial powers of cities and towns. (Passed 6-1) Repeals the general authority of a city or town (municipality) to exercise the powers outside of its corporate boundaries.

Project Update:

Mr. Hahn noted that there is no project updates due to the weather but as soon as it breaks there will be several projects that will begin and others to finish up.


Prairie Creek Ext Joint Drain Easement-
Blackford County-Washington Township:

Attorney Roy Johnson asked if Blackford County has received and approved/sighed the "Petition for Approval to Locate Structures within a County Regulated Drain Right-of-Way and Approval by County Drainage Board" for a stone driveway along the Prairie Creek Ext. joint open drain from the representatives of Sandra J. Tucker Estate property located in Blackford County, Washington Township, section 3, range 10E. Mr. Hahn noted no, that the Blackford County Surveyor Paul Schriver is to pick the signed approved petition up before their next Board meeting.

Adjournment:

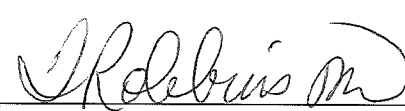
Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:48 a.m. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-March 4, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.


Blake Gerber - Chairman

Absent

Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman


Tamara Robbins - Member
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD