

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday - February 4, 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, 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 January 22, 2019.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on January 22, 2019 as presented. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

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

Mr. Hahn received the signed "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. Hahn noted that he is the surveyor of record, and Blackford County Surveyor Paul Schriver mentioned that his department does not have a policy in place to record with deed for a structure to be within the 75 foot right-of-way. Hahn mentioned the property will be split and the representatives want to put in a stone driveway along the Prairie Creek Ext. to gain entree for the new owners. Mr. Woodward noted on the design drawing the driveway says 8 inches but should be read 8 "feet". Hahn will make sure this gets corrected by the land surveyor who made the design drawing. Hahn noted that this area of the property is in a flood zone therefore will need to check with agencies that may require removing soil before laying down stone. Hahn recommends approving the Sandra J. Tucker Estate to be within the 75 foot easement but no closer than 25 feet from the top of bank of the Prairie Creek Exc. joint open drain in Blackford County, Washington Township, section 3, range 10E. Hahn also mentioned that this petition and approval document will be sent to the Blackford County Drainage Board for their signatures and to be recorded in Blackford County recorder's office.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Sandra J. Tucker Estate to be within the 75 foot easement but no closer than 25 feet from the top of bank of the Prairie Creek Exc. joint open drain in Blackford County, Washington Township, section 3, range 10E and with design correction of 8 inch to 8 "feet" driveway with the standard additional language agreement is any additional cost or property damages to maintain the Prairie Creek Ext drain will be at the landowner's expense to pay for. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Update:

Wm. Smith Tile Replacement Phase#4-Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that the contractor on the Wm. Smith tile in Jefferson Township, section 27, range 12E north of county road 700N and east of State Road 1 has finished up installing 3,100 feet of 30 inch tile. Hahn noted the contractor will cross the road in spring time when conditions are variable. Hahn mentioned that he observed water levels up to 700N but not over the road these past couple of weeks rain falls. County Engineer Nate Rumschlag mentioned the County Highway will be replacing or removing the box culvert that is on the north side of 700N in the spring time to complete the project.

Huyette Prong #2 Tile Drain-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a landowner's concern of the Huyette tile Prong in Lancaster Township, section 33, Range 12E in need of repair, have led to information of Messick #2 reconstruction plans that took place in 1972 to open a portion of the Huyette tile and installing new concrete tile to serve drainage to the Villa North Shopping Center businesses along State road 1. Hahn noted according to the reconstruction plans that 800 feet of the Huyette tile was opened and installed 1272 feet of 36 concrete and 677 feet of 12 inch new tile was laid. Hahn noted that these added tiles were not on any maps but now has been placed on the GIS maps and the Beacon site. Mr. Gerber questions if these new added tiles will affect the assessment cost in the Messick #2 watershed. Hahn believes the tile is in fairly good shape and collects enough assessments to sustain the new tiles if it needs repaired.

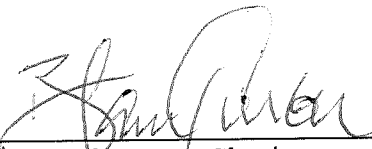
State Road 301-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the State Highway will be turning over State Road 301 to Wells County road jurisdiction sometime this year. Hahn noted that the culvert south of Craigville in the Drum open drain had washed out in 2015 and the State Highway put the culvert back in but they did not lower it enough. Hahn mentioned as soon as State Road 301 becomes a county road he will be coordinating with the County Engineer Nate Rumschlag to get the culvert lowered.


Adjournment:


Mr. Woodward motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:45 a.m. Dr. Robbins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Tuesday-February 19, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

  
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Blake Gerber - Chairman

  
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Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman

  
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Tamara Robbins - Member  
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST:   
Diana L. Collins  
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY