

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday-March 18, 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 March 4, 2019.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on March 4, 2019 as presented. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Craigville Telephone Company-Utility Drainage Easement 200N/450E:

Mr. Hahn presented to the Board a "Consent for Utility for Construction Project in a Drainage Easement" form from Craigville Telephone Company Co. on 7 drains named the Bracht-Gerber, Drum, Beall-Meyer, Johnson, Apple-Jack, and Miller open drains and the Niblick tile drain in Lancaster Township, sections 23, 24, 26, range 12E and section 20, range 13E to install fiber optic cable line along the county roads 450E and on 200N between State Road 1 and 800E. Hahn has provided a map of the area showing the drains that are in 3-watersheds Gerber-Bracht which is Adams County watershed jurisdiction, 8-Mile and Johnson watersheds. Hahn made note that the cable will be installed deeper at the Bracht-Gerber open due to being parallel with 200N. Mr. Gerber asked if the depth being good for the road right-of-way. County Highway Engineer Nate Rumschlag said yes, it should be fine and will also bring his permit from Craigville Telephone Co. to the Commissioners meeting today. Hahn mentioned Craigville Telephone Company has paid their fee as one project, therefore recommends the approval of easement on the Bracht-Gerber, Drum, Beall-Meyer, Johnson, Apple-Jack, and Miller open drains and the Niblick tile drain.

Mr. Woodward motioned to approve Craigville Telephone Company to bury a Fiber Optic cable line in the Drainage easement Bracht-Gerber, Drum, Beall-Meyer, Johnson, Apple-Jack, and Miller open drains and the Niblick tile drain in Lancaster Township, sections 23,24, 26, range 12E and section 20, range 13E as one project and recommend. Dr. Robbins 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Update:

Char. Stinson Tile/Prong Replacement Phase #4&5:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor had started replacing the Charles Stinson Tile/Prong Group Project Phase #4&5 in Liberty Township, section 8, range 11E a couple of weeks ago but the weather has stop the project for now until conditions improve. The project consists replacing 1,000 feet of 12 inch with 15 inch, and 3,400 feet of 10 inch with 12 inch tile.

Prairie Creek Ext Drain-Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor has removed a logjam on the Prairie Creek drain in Jackson Township, section 23, range 11E near county roads 700W and 1000S.

Walter Johnson Open Drain-Harrison Township-20/20:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that 20/20 Custom Molded Plastics, LLC have begun cleaning out Walter Johnson open drain in the Halls Creek watershed in Harrison Township, section 05, range 12E. Hahn noted he has had a couple of meetings with the project manager who will be begin installing the 60 inch tile at the upper end rather that the lower end due to flat grade, also installed the man-hole pipe while ground was frozen due to the heavy equipment that was used to install the pipe.

Legislature Bills:

Mr. Hahn touched on SB-582 that is; Jurisdiction of the tax court over fees. Provides that a taxpayer's appeal of an assessment may not include a claim related to the legality or constitutionality of certain other charges, rates, or fees. Hahn noted that this SB 582 passed in the Senate 27-0, and now in the House is raising concerns of user fees being a tax. (Need to watch for any added amendments).

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A word of Thank you:

Kevin Woodward on behalf of the Drainage Board wanted to recognized and applaud the County Engineer Nate Rumschlag and County Surveyor Jarrod Hahn for the great job that they do representing Wells County. Mr. Woodward noted at the 2019 Purdue Road School that took place a couple of weeks ago, he had a lot of county leaders, venders and constituents comment on the great work and accomplishments the gentlemen do for our county. Great Job!

Adjournment:

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


Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-April 1, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.



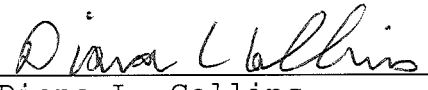
Blake Gerber - Chairman



Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman



Tamara Robbins - Member
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST: 

Diana L. Collins
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY