

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday - March 21, 2022 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, Michael K. Vanover, Jeff Stringer; Attorney Colin Andrews, Surveyor Jarrod Hahn, Secretary Diana Collins. Engineer Nate Rumschlag 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 March 7, 2022.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on March 7, 2022 as submitted. Mr. Stringer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber motion carried 3-0.

AdamsWells Telecom-Utility Easement-Dougherty+Other Drains:

Mr. Hahn mentioned he received a "Utility Consent Easement" form from AdamsWells Telecom (Craigville Telephone) to bury new fiber lines in the Drainage Easements Dougherty, Pigeon Roost, Drum Open Drains; and the Dougherty and Kerne Tile Drains in Wells County. Hahn mentioned there are a few joint drains with Adams County that are in Wells County the Bracht-Gerber Open; and the Coreyville, Daniel Gerber and Prong 1, and Bracht-Gerber tiles. Hahn noted the areas affected are in Lancaster Township, Sections 7,8,17,20,29,30,31 and 32, Range 13E from Vera-Cruz to 500N and between 700E and 800E(Adams Co. Line). Hahn mentioned AdamsWells Telecom has paid the filing fee, therefore recommends the approval of easement on the Dougherty +others Drains project.

Mr. Springer motioned to approve AdamsWells Telecom to bury a Fiber Optic cable line in the Dougherty +others Drains as mentioned above drainage easement in Lancaster Township, Sections 7,8,17,20,29,30,31 and 32, Range 13E as recommend. Mr. Vanover 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Neuenschwander Tile Drain-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned a landowner is wanting to replace a portion of the Neuenschwander tile in Lancaster Township, section 25, range 12E on north of 100N east of 600E. Hahn presented a design map showing where the landowner is replacing a 14-inch with 1000 feet of 18-inch and rerouting the tile due to one of the properties having several sells off to make room for driveway entries. Hahn noted the landowners will pay for the installation of tile and the Johnson watershed fund will pay to purchase the materials. Hahn mentioned he has received two quotes for different tile materials from a contractor, one is for \$9,700.00 using regrind meaning recycled products to make the tile, and the other is a better grade of tile for \$11,700.00 using virgin meaning no recycled products in making the pipe.

Mr. Stringer mentioned he has used the lower grade of tile and works very well. Hahn mentioned the County Highway will pay for the cost to cross 100N which there is no quote for that cost yet.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the replacement and to reroute the Neuenschwander tile 1000 feet of 18-inch and to pay the \$9,700.00 regrind materials out of the Johnson watershed fund in Lancaster Township, section 25, range 12E on north of 100N east of 600E. as recommend. Mr. Stringer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Wm Reynolds Tile Drain-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a landowner is wanting to replace and reroute a portion of the Wm. Reynolds tile drain in Harrison Twp. Section 26, Range 12E south of 450S and east of the County Home Road. Hahn presented a designed map of what the landowner wants to replace the 8-inch and 10-inch line with two 8-inch tiles side by side for approximately 2000 feet. Hahn mentioned the landowner will install the tile and the 6-Mile watershed fund will pay up to \$5,000.00 for the materials.

Mr. Gerber motioned to approve the replacement and relocate the Wm. Reynolds tile drain with two 8-inch tiles side by side in Harrison Twp. Section 26, Range 12E south of 450S and east of the County Home Road as recommend. Mr. Vanover 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Stringer, motion carried 3-0.

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Project Updates:

Liberty #1 Tile Extended Replacement-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that VTF Excavation, LLC who has completed replacing and rerouting a portion of the Liberty #1 tile in the Town of Liberty Center in Liberty Township, section 16 and 21, range 11E. Hahn mentioned with the past two weeks of rain there was no standing water that was visible and no calls about water issues.

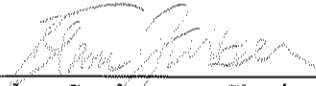
Senate Bill 269- Authored by Sen. Stacey Donato. Regulation of dams.

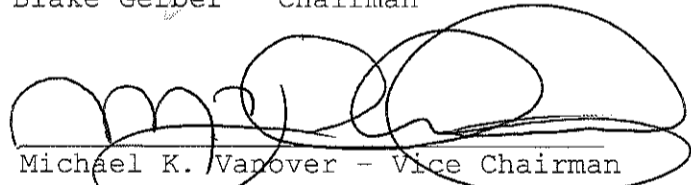
Mr. Hahn mentioned SB-269 "Regulating Dams" has passed in both houses and is waiting for Governor Holcomb's signature. Hahn noted that a landowner who is a member of the Conservation Club who is one of two private owners of Moser Lake Dam on 1100N and 100E reported of some structural damage and was inquiring on any funds being available to help with repairs. Hahn told him with this being a dam not a regulated drain, there would be no watershed funds available but would be willing to take a look at it with him. Hahn noted the man did say an inspection report was done but has not received the report as yet. Hahn does not believe there are any homes in danger if the dams break but is concerned of road and pipe could be damaged and wondered if any funding possibilities could be considered from the Commissioners position.

Adjournment:

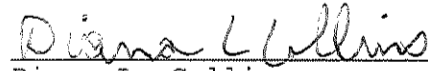
Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:52 a.m. Mr. Stringer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-Aril 4, 2022.

  
Blake Gerber - Chairman

  
Michael K. Vanover - Vice Chairman

  
Jeff Stringer - Member  
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST:   
Diana L. Collins  
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY