

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday-March 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 February 19, 2019.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on February 19, 2019 as presented. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Update:

Char. Stinson Tile/Prong Replacement Phase #4:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor has started replacing the Charles Stinson Tile/Prong Group Project Phase #4 in Liberty Township, section 8, range 11E. Hahn noted the strong winds we had a couple weeks ago had thrown a large bundle of tile a half mile away. The project consists replacing 1,000 feet of 12 inch with 15 inch, and 3,400 feet of 10 inch with 12 inch tile.

Upcoming Utility Easements:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he has received e-mails from two companies asking for information on drainage easement and the permits process. Hahn noted both should be filed in the next month from the following:

Keystone Peaking Plant-In Chester Township, sections 4,5,8,9,16,17,21, range 11E to install fiber cable line along the county roads 450W, 700S and 900S crossing an open and tile drains.

Craigville Telephone Co, Inc- 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 crossing several open and tile drains.

Kain-Rose Tile Drain-Group Project-Liberty Township:

Mr. Gerber asked about the tile project on Meridian road/south of State road 124, if it is a joint project. Mr. Hahn said yes, the Halls Creek Watershed fund and landowners will be replacing about 1500 feet of the Kain-Rose 10 inch with 15 inch tile in Liberty Township, section 1, range 11E for a total cost-share of \$20,000.00+. Hahn mentioned the contractor that is doing the Charles Stinson tile project will also be putting in the Kain-Rose tile as well.

Legislature Bills:

Mr. Hahn and the Board members touched on a few bills that are still moving in the legislature, and couple of concerns as follows:

HB1025-County Highway Engineer's Salary. 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. (County to receive more wage funding).

HB1625- Housing cost information. Requires a county or a municipality to prepare an analysis if a proposed regulation may increase or decrease the cost Housing cost information. (Still amending).

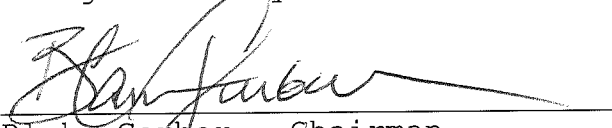
HB1592-Regulated drains and environmental concerns. (No Committee assigned, but could be thrown into another bill that is moving).


SB535-Extraterritorial powers of cities and towns. Repeals the general authority of a city or town (municipality) to exercise the powers outside of its corporate boundaries. (Just need to watch for any added amendments).

Adjournment:

Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:48 a.m. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-March 18, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

  
Blake Gerber - Chairman

  
Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman