

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday - March 7, 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, 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 22, 2022.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on February 22, 2022 with correction. Mr. Stringer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber motion carried 3-0.

Project Updates:

Liberty #1 Tile Extended Replacement-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that VTF Excavation, LLC who is the contractor that is replacing a portion of the Liberty #1 tile in the Town of Liberty Center in Liberty Township, section 16 and 21, range 11E. Hahn noted the contractor is relocating and extending with a 24-inch and 18-inch tile on the west side of 300W and is almost done. Hahn also noted as soon as the weather conditions improve, they should finish up this week.

Fryback Tile Drain-Union Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the tile company has delivered on site to replace the Fryback tile drain in Union Township, section 12, range 11E south of 1100N on Meridian Road. Hahn mention Gruss Ag, LLC will be replacing 1,200 feet of 18-inch tile as soon as conditions are fit to install.

Neuenschwander Tile Drain-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he has been working with landowners on the Neuenschwander tile in Lancaster Township, section 25, range 12E on getting a portion replaced. Hahn noted a landowner is getting the quote with the final details on materials by the next meeting. Hahn noted the landowners will pay for the installation and the Neuenschwander watershed fund will pay to purchase the materials.

Mutual Open Drain-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Gerber questioned the open drain in Lancaster Township, section 27 and 28, range 12E near the near the old Cooper Rest Home just off of State Road 1 and north of Dustman Road about 1000 feet that drains the north end of the Bell Brook Estates. Hahn noted that this drain is not a regulated drain but mentioned former Mayor Ted Ellis came to the Drainage Board in 2002 to discuss options on this mutual drain (Stoney Creek) becoming a regulated drain. Hahn mentioned that INDOT and City of Bluffton could file a petition to the Drainage Board, or the affected landowners can hire an attorney to file a petition to the Drainage Board to start the proceedings. Hahn mentioned that several landowners in that areas were afraid of their trees being cut down on their properties if it became a regulated drain therefore petition was never file by the City of Bluffton.

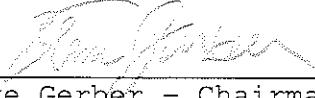
Wells County Engineer Nate Rumschlag Stormwater Report:

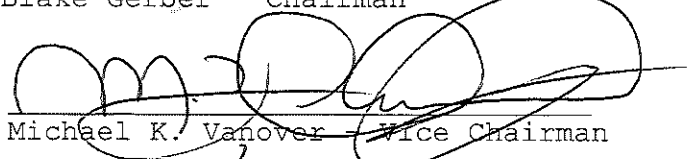
Mr. Rumschlag reported that the Town of Murray stormwater improvement contract bids were opened and will be announced in the Commissioners meeting today and noted construction to begin within a few months.

Adjournment:

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

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-March 21, 2022.

  
Blake Gerber - Chairman

  
Michael K. Vanover - Vice Chairman

  
Jeff Stringer - Member  
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST:   
Diana L. Collins  
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY