

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday-April 15, 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 April 1, 2019.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on April 1, 2019 as presented. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Moffett Tile Drain-Chester Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a group of landowners want to replace about 2,357 feet of the Moffett 12 inch tile with 12 inch in Chester Township, section 10, range 11E along county road 200W and 700S. Hahn noted the current tile was put in the early 1900s and drains north into the Markley open drain north of 700S. Hahn also mentioned that in the 1970s this Moffett tile was extended 3,500 feet with a 12 inch to the south emptying into Elm Creek open drain at 800S which made creating the watershed challenging. Hahn mentioned the group total cost of the project is \$26,000.00+ and is asking the Board for \$10,000.00 from the Maddux watershed fund to help fund the project.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve \$10,000.00 out of the Maddux watershed fund to contribute towards the Moffett Tile Group project in Chester Township, section 10, range 11E. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Updates:

Stites Watershed-Mounsey Open Drain-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that the contractor has started leveling the spoil on the Mounsey open drain in Liberty Township, section 32 and 33, range 11E in the area of 500 south to 450 west.

Maddux Watershed-Bryan Open Drain-Maddux Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that the contractor has started leveling the spoil on the Bryan open drain in Nottingham Township, section 18, range 12E in the area of 800S and Meridian Rd.

Oliver Markley Drain Contracted Project-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Enyeart Construction has started burning the brush piles and is ready to begin a bottom clean out the Markley contracted project in Harrison Township, section 18 and 24, range 12E in the area of 250 south to 350 south and 600 east as this will complete to the contract work.

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

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he and the contractor Tri-County Exc. on the Wm. Smith tile project phase #4 in Jefferson Township, section 27, range 12E will be looking to see what fittings is needed to cross 700N to make connection of a tile on the southside this week and weather permitting.

Nate Rumschlag-Wells County Engineer-Road Projects:

Mr. Rumschlag, Wells County Engineer mentioned that he has been working on collecting data on county road projects where water goes over the road with one being on 900S between 1000W and 1100W. Mr. Hahn noted that there is a regulated drain called the Brechenridge Prong a 12 and 10 inch tile, and is working with landowners to reroute around a woods and continue to replace across 900S. Hahn noted he had cleared some trees along a fence row hoping that help but received a called this week of standing water in fields. Hahn noted the Brechenridge Prong is in Owl Creek which the maintenance fund has a negative balance and would be only able to contribute a small amount. Hahn mentioned he will keep the Drainage Board and Mr. Rumschlag informed as this project develops further.

Dr. Robbins mentioned of a hole in the side ditch on the west side of county road 300E about half mile south of 1100S. Mr. Rumschlag will investigate the area to see what repairs need to be made.

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Legislature Bills:

Mr. Hahn was pleased to mention on HB1019-Public Construction that increase drainage projects from \$75,000.00 to \$150,000.00 to receive quotes rather advertise for bids; and HB1116-Various local government matters that allows the drainage board to send written invitations for bids for construction work by electronic means. Both are still moving for the Governor's signature and made into law on July 1, 2019.

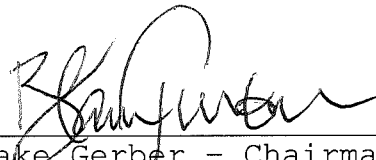
AIC Legislature Committee Meeting:

Mr. Woodward mentioned that he and Mr. Hahn representing Wells County on the 2019 AIC Board of Directors meeting had met this past Friday in Indianapolis. Mr. Woodward is the AIC Northeast District-Vice President and with Mr. Hahn being the President of the Surveyor's Association a 2-year term are very complementary to Wells County for it is rare for a county to have two members serving on the board at the same time.

Adjournment:

Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:47 a.m. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

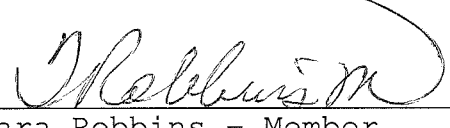
Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-May 6, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.



Blake Gerber - Chairman



Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman



Tamara Robbins - Member  
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST: Diana L. Collins  
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WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY