

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday - April 15, 2024 4:30 P.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 Ted Storer; 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 to approve the Board's regular meeting minutes on April 1, 2024.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on April 1, 2024. Mr. Stringer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Updates:

Johnson Prong 2 Tile Drain-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he did not get quotes on the tile project. Hahn noted since there are several tile replacement projects like the Johnson Prong 2 in Harrison Township, section 7, range 12E near Meridian Road and south of 100S, and the Gaskill tile drain in Liberty Township, section 2, range 11E between 100W and 200W and south of State Road 124W, and the William Day tile drain in Liberty Township, section 5 and 6, range 11E near State Road 124 and 500W.

Hahn mentioned that he is going to get quotes as a package deal on all the tile sizes needed in hopes of a better price. Hahn will be getting tile quotes to bring to the board at the next meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Reed Tile Drain-Lancaster Township:


Mr. Hahn mentioned he had a landowner call in to report standing water where the Reed 15-inch tile in Lancaster Township, section 34, range 11E on 300N between 450E and State Road 1. Hahn had sent a contractor to jet out the tile and it stopped in a location of some large trees. Hahn noted that he has sent a notice of entry letter to the landowner of the property in hopes the contractor will be on location by the end of this week or next.


Hahn mentioned that two other tiles, the J.H. Preskey Tile Drain-Union Township in Union Township, section 34, range 11E in Banner City at 600N and 200W that was plugged with tree roots and had to be jetted out, the C.Geiger Tile Drain in Union Township, section 32, range 11E at US 224 at the old railroad bed was also plugged tree roots and had to be jetted out. Hahn also noted that all these tiles mentioned were replaced with new solid plastic dual wall tile in the last 10 years to avoid tree roots, but they still got in the tile. Mr. Gerber asked if the tile joints allowed the roots to enter the tile. Mr. Hahn said yes, then explained that the tile joints that hook up to one another for a continual run, and connections of other tiles coming into the main tile usually causes the problem when trees like the Weeping Willow and Chinese Elm trees are planted close by or on top of are the worst. Hahn mentioned that landowners are sometimes very protective of their trees, and others are ok with us taking the trees down, so it doesn't become a problem again.

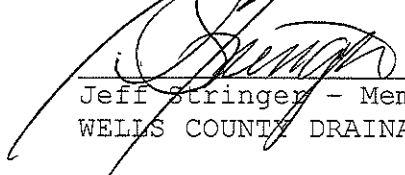
Adjournment:

Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board regular meeting at 4:42 pm. Mr. Stringer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-May 6, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

  
Blake Gerber Chairman

  
Michael K. Vanover - Vice Chairman

  
Jeff Stringer - Member  
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST:   
Diana L. Collins  
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY