

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday - April 4, 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 March 21, 2022.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on March 21, 2022 as submitted. Mr. Stringer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber motion carried 3-0.

Boyer Open Drain-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that landowners James and Rachel Isch owns property at 3860S on County Home Road, Bluffton in Harrison Township, section 23, range 12E filed a "Petition and Approval to Locate Structures within County Drain Easement" requesting to be in the easement of the Boyer open drain to put in a Septic Leach Bed. Hahn presented a map of the area attached with an eFARA that has no elevation, also no LOMA certificate. Hahn mentioned that this petition can be approved with the contingency of receiving a LOMA before it is recorded in the Recorder's office. The Board discussed made discussion that Wells County is in a "Community Rating System" program which reduces Flood insurance premiums for all who is in the flood zone and is required to purchase flood insurance, therefore Wells County must meet certain credit criteria in Flood Plain Management good practices to receive the reduced rates, and the LOMA insures that. The Board wants the certified LOMA from FEMA that determines the area with elevation is out of the Flood Plain zone, therefore the petition will be revisited when the LOMA has been received.

Drainage Board Meeting May 16<sup>th</sup>-Proposed to Cancel:

Mr. Hahn mentioned he was asked by the MRBC director to attend the National Association of State Floodplain Managers Conference in Orlando Florida starting the week of May 15<sup>th</sup>, therefore is asking the Board members to cancel the Drainage Board meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting will be on Monday-June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approved to cancel the May 16<sup>th</sup> Drainage Board meeting. Mr. Vanover 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber motion carried 3-0.

Project Updates:

Wm. Reynolds Tile Drain-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the contractor has completed replacing 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. The project replaced 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 approximately and the 6-Mile watershed fund will pay \$5,000.00 for the materials.

Bloxem Open Drain-Nottingham Township:

Hahn mentioned there has been erosion repairs and installed riprap on a couple of areas on the Bloxem open drain in Nottingham Township, section 22 and 27, range 12E.

Wells County Engineer Nate Rumschlag Report:

Mr. Rumschlag reported that he will be putting in a drop structure on 1000S. Mr. Rumschlag noted the contractor who is to put in the Town of Murray stormwater improvement should begin this week. Mr. Rumschlag reminded the Board members once the project is finished if there is any interest on making these an urbanized tile system that process can begin. Hahn noted that there are procedures to follow on who can file and under what Indiana codes. Attorney Colin Andrews would like to have a conference call on what the options are and what is best for the Town of Murray.

Adjournment:

Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:56 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 18, 2022.



Blake Gerber - Chairman



Michael K. Vanover - Vice Chairman



Jeff Stringer - Member  
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ATTEST:



Diana L. Collins

WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY