

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday-April 5, 2021 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 S. Woodward, Michael K. Vanover; 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 March 15, 2021.

Mr. Woodward motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on March 15, 2021 as submitted. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Utility Easement-Citizens Telephone Corp.

Maddux Includes Other Drains Project-Liberty, Chester, Nottingham Townships:

Mr. Hahn mentioned he has received "Consent for Utility for Construction Project in a Drainage Easement" form from Citizens Telephone to install new Fiber line in the easements of the Maddux, Markley, Shoemaker, Lambert, Doster, Bryan open drains, and P. Johnson, Hardwidge, Lambert, Tappy, Poneto, Doster, Schmidt, Williamson, Moffett tile drains that are in Liberty Township, Sections 36, Range 11E, Chester Township, Sections 1,2,11,12,14,13, Range 11E and in Nottingham Township, Sections 6,7,18, Range 12E to put in the fiber line to service homes around the Town of Poneto area. Hahn noted that the recording fee has been paid therefore recommends approving Citizens Telephone Corp. to put in a fiber line to service homes.

Mr. Woodward motioned to approve Citizens Telephone Corp to install a new fiber line in the easements of the Maddux, Markley, Shoemaker, Lambert, Doster, Bryan open drains, and P. Johnson, Hardwidge, Lambert, Tappy, Poneto, Doster, Schmidt, Williamson, Moffett tile drains that are in Liberty Township, Sections 36, Range 11E, Chester Township, Sections 1,2,11,12,14,13, Range 11E and in Nottingham Township, Sections 6,7,18, Range 12E as recommended. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Ashbaugher and Miller Tile Drains-Harrison Township

Utility Drainage Easement-Bluffton Water Dept:

Mr. Hahn presented to the Board a "Consent for Utility for Construction Project in a Drainage Easement" form from City of Bluffton Water Department to be within the easement of the Ashbaugher and Miller tile drains in Harrison Township, sections 21 and 22, range 12E to install water main line to an existing water well.

Hahn recommends the approval of easement on the Ashbaugher and Miller tile Drains. Mr. Gerber questions if there is enough right-of-way for any road improvements in the future. Hahn said yes with County Highway Engineer Nate Rumschlag agreeing the County Highway has already purchased right-of-way for future projects.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve City of Bluffton Water Department to be within the easement of the Ashbaugher and Miller tile drains in Harrison Township, sections 21 and 22, range 12E to install a water main as recommend. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Drain Update:

Bessie Porter Tile Drain-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Landis & Sons Drainage Corp is moving over to begin replacing the Bessie Porter tile in Harrison Township, sections 8 and 9, range 12E east of the Hoosier Highway and 200E and north of 200S. The Contractor will install 2,072 feet of 24-inch, 1,030 feet of 18-inch, and 825 feet of 15-inch tile and miscellaneous fittings for \$84,117.00. The Drainage Board approved \$10,000.00 out of the Bills Creek maintenance fund contributing to the project on March 1, 2021. Mr. Gerber mentioned at the Commissioner's meeting today they will bring their cost-share for approval to the project.

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Moffett Tile Drain-Chester Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that the contractor has started replacing the Moffett 12-inch tile with about 2,360 feet of new 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 flows north into the Markley open drain just north of 700S. Hahn mentioned Board approved for \$10,000.00 from the Maddux watershed fund to help fund the group project in April of 2019.

Valentine Joint Drain and Simmerman Joint Drain
Jefferson Township-Allen County Jurisdiction:

Mr. Hahn reminded the Board members of an Informal meeting on the Valentine and Simmerman Joint Drains in Jefferson Township this Wednesday-April 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Poe fire station in Allen County for questions and/or concerns affected landowners may have.

Adjournment:

Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:45 a.m. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-April 19, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.



Blake Gerber - Chairman



Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman



Michael K. Vanover - Member
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST:



Diana L. Collins
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY