

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - May 15, 2023 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, 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 May 1, 2023.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on May 1, 2023 as submitted. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Update:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he has no project update to report.

National Association of State Floodplain Managers 2023 Conference:

Hahn reported he attended the National Association of State Floodplain Managers Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina last week as it was informative about flooding, issues, resources, and ways to be proactive. Hahn noted the conference was well attended noting there was 7 county surveyors from Indiana. Hahn mentioned that Rodney Renkenberger, Executive Director of the Maumee River Basin Commission also attended the conference as the commission paid for the expenses.

Petition and Approval Drain Easement Form-Discussion to Modify:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he received an updated "Petition and Approval to Locate Structures within County Drain Easement" document form from County Attorney Ted Storer. Hahn had some questions on a couple of words and landowners signing page. Mr. Storer explained the meaning of using different words in two areas in the document, and the landowners signature need to be witnessed on a recorded document, also recommended Hahn talking to Recorder Carolyn Bertsch on page margins to be compliance of their regulations in order to keep it a two-page document. Hahn will contact Recorder Bertsch for her approval and will keep the Board informed.

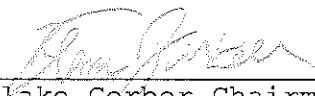
Funding Balance for Attorney Budget:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that the Attorney's fund balance for this year's budget will have a negative balance in June and will need to go to council to ask for an appropriation of funds for the remainder of the year. Hahn mentioned June 6th may be too late to get on the agenda and if so, the next council meeting on July 11th he will not be able to attend due to Storm Water Conference. Mr. Gerber noted that he will be able to attend either meeting.


Adjournment:


Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 4:48 p.m. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-June 5, 2023 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