

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday-May 17, 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 May 3 2021.

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

Utility Easement-Citizens Telephone Corp.

Herman #2 + other Drains 900S in Nottingham Townships:

Mr. Hahn mentioned he has received a "Consent for Utility for Construction Project in a Drainage Easement" form from Citizens Telephone to install new Fiber line in the easements to service homes. Hahn provided a detailed map of the drainage easement is on the Herman #2 open, and Herman #2, Byran and Gustin Tile drains in Nottingham Township, section 18 and 19, range 12E around 900S between Meridian Road and 100E. Hahn noted that the recording fee have been paid therefore recommends approving Citizens Telephone Corp. the drainage easement projects on 900S to put in a fiber line to service homes.

Mr. Woodward motioned to approve the easements for the Citizens Telephone Corp the Herman #2 open and Herman #2, Byran and Gustin Tile drains in Nottingham Township, section 18 and 19, range 12E as recommended. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Drain Update:

Bessie Porter Tile Drain-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the contractor has completed replacing the Bessie Porter tile in Harrison Township, sections 8 and 9, range 12E east of the Hoosier Highway and north of 200S.

Michael Dailey Tile Drain- Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the contractors from (ADI) has completed replacing the Michael Dailey tile in Liberty Township, sections 34 and 35, range 11E around 200W and 500S.

Bell, J.C. Tile Drain- Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he received a call from a landowner in Craigville on Market street area concerned of standing water in Lancaster Township, section 19, range 13E. Hahn noted that the J.C. Bell tile is in bad condition, so he had a contractor investigate and opened about 80-feet of tile that was plugged. Hahn mentioned that a landowner adjacent is going to systematically tile his farm so his contractor Landis and Sons Drainage Corp will replace a portion of the J.C. Bell in a few weeks.

Hutchens Tile Drain- Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he received a call from a landowner north of US 224 and on the west side of State Road 1 where two large areas of standing water on top of the Hutchens tile in Jefferson Township, section 33, range 12E. Hahn noted that he met with a contractor and landowner about replacing this upperend as a continued replacement of the Smith tile that is on 700S east of State Road 1. Hahn mentioned he will have more details soon as this project furthers.

Wells County Engineer Nate Rumschlag-W.R. Reed Tile Road 300N:

Wells County Engineer Nate Rumschlag reported that the highway will be replacing a culvert under 300N and 700E (old SR-301) and replace a small portion of the Reed tile drain in Lancaster Township, section 23, range 12E. Mr. Gerber mentioned that there was water over 300N west of 450E near the Dance studio in Lancaster Township, section 14 and 23, range 12E. Mr. Rumschlag noted that he is looking at that area as well.

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State Road 218 Resurfacing Project 2022-Tile Drain Replacement:

Mr. Hahn attended a INDOT field check last Thursday over various projects throughout the County with one of the projects was on State Road 218, which led Hahn to ask about the status on the tile crossing project plans before the resurfacing project in 2022. Hahn mentioned the plans were sent by email late on Thursday. Hahn noted after reviewing no tile crossing replacements was labeled but is confident that this will be addressed and resolved. Hahn also mentioned of another INDOT project on State Road 1 that includes a regulated tile crossing that is needing addressed as well. Hahn will keep the board members informed.


2021 Spray Program-North:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that spray notices went out in the mail last week to the affected landowners who borders a regulated in the northern half of the County. Hahn noted that Chad Baker of Right-a-Way Management will be spraying this year to begin by end of May around Memorial Day and weather permitting. Hahn did mention that he has already had a call of not wanting to spray on their property and one that wants us to spray more in the easement.

Adjournment:

Mr. Woodward motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:50 a.m. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

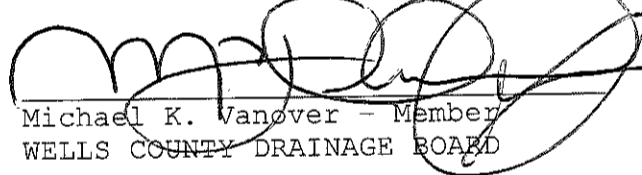
Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-June 7, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.



Blake Gerber - Chairman



Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman



Michael K. Vanover - Member
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ATTEST: Diana L Collins
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