

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - May 2, 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 April 18, 2022.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on April 18, 2022 as submitted. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber motion carried 3-0.

Drainage Board Time Change:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that the Commissioners have moved their 1st and 3rd Monday monthly meeting start time to 5:00 p.m. Hahn noted it was mentioned that the meeting time for the Drainage Board is to be moved to 4:30 p.m. for both monthly meetings instead of 8:30 a.m. therefore a motion is needed by the Drainage Board.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve to move the regular time from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on both monthly meeting starting on Monday-June 6th until further notice. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber motion carried 3-0.

Drainage Board Meeting May 16th-Proposed to Cancel:

Mr. Hahn reminded the Board members the next meeting on May 16th is cancelled due to attending the National Association of State Floodplain Managers Conference in Orlando, Florida. Hahn noted the next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting will be on Monday-June 6th at 4:30 P.M.

2022 Spray Program-South:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that spray notices will go out in the mail in the next couple of weeks to the affected landowners who borders a regulated open drain in the southern 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.

Project Updates:

Dauids open Drain-Jackson Township

Mr. Hahn mentioned that the Citizens Telephone have moved their fiber cable in the Davids open drain easement, and the County Highway will be closing 800S between 1000W and 1100W to replace a culvert project to increase its size to a bridge across Davids open drain.

Fryback Tile Drain-Union Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Gruss Ag, LLC has completed replacing the Fryback tile drain with 1,200 feet of 18-inch tile in Union Township, section 12, range 11E south of 1100N on Meridian Road. Hahn did mention that the contractor has given a quote to the County Highway Supervisor Shawn Bonar for crossing Meridian Road but is not known if the contractor's quote has been accepted to do the work.

Garrett Tile in Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that the replacement last year of the Garrett tile which is the upper end of the Stotts tile/watershed in Jackson Township, section 35, range 10E on 1200S and east of State Road 3. Hahn noted all that is left to do on that project is crossing 1200S and will be talking to the County Highway Supervisor Shawn Bonar on those specifics soon.

INDOT Bridge Replacement Project SR-218 and SR-124:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that INDOT road closures signs have been up then taken down which Hahn believes other projects are not completed yet. Hahn noted there are two regulated drains that are involved in closing state roads to replace both culverts increasing the size and lowering the pipe very soon as follows:

Brown open drain on State Road 218 and 300W southeast corner of section 33 in Liberty Township.

Gordon, Barwiler open and Falk tile drains and on State Road 124 just west of 100W in the southeast corner of section 35 in Rockcreek Township. Hahn noted that a portion of the Gordon tile was opened last year before the INDOT projects to

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Indiana Wetland Task Force:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he was asked to attend the Indiana Wetland Task Force meeting on May 11th at Fort Harrison State Park to do a presentation on legal drains and stream mitigation on its challenges and opportunities. Hahn noted the task force committee was form due to SB-389 Wetlands. Amends the law requiring a permit and compensatory mitigation for "wetland activity" (the discharge of dredged or fill material) in a state regulated wetland.

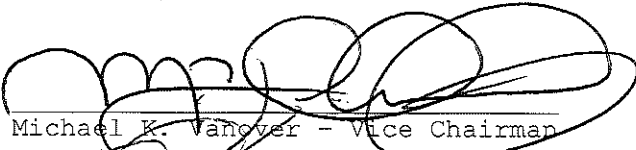
Adjournment:

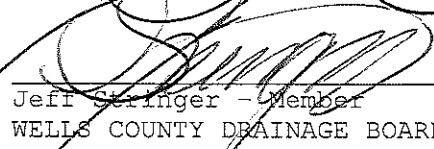
Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:47 a.m. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Cancelled-Scheduled Drainage Board meeting on May 16, 2022.

*Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-June 6, 2022 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