

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - May 20, 2024 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; 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 to approve the Board's regular meeting minutes on May 6, 2024.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on May 6, 2024. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Projects and Updates:

Johnson Prong 2 tile drain- Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that ADS has delivered the tile on site and ready for the contractor to replace the Johnson Prong 2 in Harrison Township, section 7, range 12E is south of 100S and east of Meridian Road as soon the weather improves.

B.F. Kain Tile Drain-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn reported that INDOT did jet out a portion of the B.F Kain tile in Liberty Township, section 6, range 12E on State Road 124W just west of Bluffton across a private yard that had tree roots in it and is flowing good enough until INDOT replaces the tile under State Road 124 here soon before they resurface.

Fratco Tile Company:

Mr. Hahn noted that Fratco Tile Company had contacted him to ask if he could use 24-inch tile on a tile project. Hahn mentioned the 24-inch tile being delivered to another county was not the right size and Fratco did not want to haul it back to Illinois. Hahn noted that a price was negotiated down to the same price that ADS had quoted us at \$12.20. Hahn noted there are a couple of tile projects to use this tile on therefore had the tile delivered to the county highway until a project was decided upon.

Spring Tile Repair:

Mr. Hahn mentioned there have been several tile repairs reported this spring, and a few landowners have called in to say that the contractor has not made the repair yet. Hahn told the landowners that April was the 2nd wettest month recorded and that contractors are working hard to get them fixed.

2024 Spray Program-South:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that notices will go out next week anticipating the contractor Chad Baker of Right-a-Way Management to begin spraying the mid-June. Hahn noted the southern half of the county will be sprayed this year, and mentioned the boundary line primarily between spraying the north or the south is the old Wabash Central railway that runs east to west in the county.


Mr. Vanover noted that a landowner had contacted him about a possible train derailment on the old Wabash Central railway along 200S west of Bluffton and asked Hahn if he had been contacted as it is believed to be a legal tile in the area that is broken down. Mr. Hahn said no one has contacted him. Hahn mentioned that the old Wabash Central railway has been sold to another company but has not been in contact with them yet.

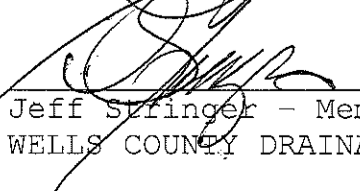
Adjournment:

Mr. Stringer motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board regular meeting at 4:39 pm. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-June 3, 2024 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