

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday - May 6, 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 April 15, 2024.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on April 15, 2024. Mr. Vanover 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Projects and Updates:

Johnson Prong 2 Tile-Harrison Township, Gaskil and Day Tile-Liberty Township-Quotes:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he received quotes from two companies, one being ADS (Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.) and the other is Baughman tile, both from Ohio on the three following tile projects.

Johnson Prong 2 tile drain in Harrison Township, section 7, range 12E is south of 100S and east of Meridian Road.

ADS: 1,300 feet of 24-inch, 300 feet of 18-inch and 150 feet of 15-inch tiles-----total quote is \$18,950.00

Baughman: 1,301.5 feet of 24-inch, 304 feet of 18-inch and 152 feet of 15-inch tile-----total quotes is \$20,816.59

Hahn mentioned this project is in the Halls Creek watershed, and the contractor will be Brickley Excavating of Bluffton who owns land that this tile runs through.

Gaskill tile drain in Liberty Township, section 2, range 11E is south of State Road 124W and east of 200W.

ADS: 1001 feet of 30-inch tile-----total quote \$17,167.15

Baughman: 1000 feet of 30-inch tile---total quote \$20,450.00

Hahn mentioned this project is in the Halls Creek watershed, and the contractor will be Parlor City Ag LLC. of Bluffton who is a family member of landowner and has put in county tile before.

William Day tile drain in Liberty Township, section 5, range 11E is south of State Road 124 and east of 500W.

ADS: 1000 ft of 24-inch tile-----total quote of \$12,200.00

Baughman: 1007 ft of 24-inch tile---total quote of \$13,393.10

Hahn mentioned this project is in the Day watershed, and the contractor has not been determined for this project.

Hahn noted that both companies did not include fittings and connections cost in their quotes as is usually a small cost to the project and how many connections are unknown. Hahn mentioned that both companies are great to work with and have quality materials therefore recommends going with the low quote on all three tile projects from ADS on the Johnson Prong 2 for \$18,950.00, Gaskill for \$17,167.15, and for William Day for \$12,200.00

Mr. Vanover motioned to accept ADS (Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.) for all 3 projects with the low quotes on the Johnson Prong 2 tile for \$18,950.00, and Gaskill tile for \$17,167.15, and William Day tile for \$12,200.00 as recommended. Mr. Stringer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.


B.F. Kain Tile Drain-Harrison Township:


Mr. Hahn mentioned a landowner came in the office wanting to continue replacing a portion of the B.F Kain tile in Liberty Township, section 6, range 12E south of State Road 124 between Meridian Road and Adams Street(100E). Hahn presented a detailed map of the location replacing 310 feet of 18-inch and 1550 of 15-inch, and noted that a portion of the tile was replaced in 2023. Hahn mentioned that INDOT plans are to replace this tile across State Road 124 this year in preparation for the resurfacing in 2025 or 2026. Hahn mentioned INDOT will also be checking and jetting out the tile for any obstructions at the road and further south due to standing water in the yard and field. Hahn noted that there are about 4 other legal tiles that will be replaced along the State Road 124 corridor. Hahn mentioned that this tile is in the Halls Creek watershed and will cost share the expense with the 3 landowners.

Adjournment:

Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board regular meeting at 4:44 pm. Mr. Stringer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-May 20, 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