

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday-June 17, 2019 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 Woodward, Tamara Robbins; 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 June 3, 2019.

Mr. Woodward motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on June 3, 2019 as presented. Dr. Robbins 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Johnson Tile Drain-Harrison Township-AT&T Easement:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that AT&T Company has sent in their signed Consent Utility For Construction Project application forms to install new fiber cable 6 feet below the Johnson Prong tile Drainage Easement on the west side of the Adams Street in Harrison Township, section 06, range 12E. Hahn noted that the document is not up to date with the current names for signatures on the form therefore will have this ready at the next board meeting on July 1st. Hahn recommends to the Board to approve AT&T Company the drainage easement on the Johnson Prong tile drain pending the current form for signatures.

Dr. Robbins motioned to allow AT&T Company to put in a new fiber cable 6 feet below the Johnson Prong tile drain easement on the west side of the Adams Street in Harrison Township, section 06, range 12E pending the current form for signatures. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Updates:

Stotts Tile Drain-Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned contractor Ramseyer Exc. has completed installing 3,300 feet of 24 inch tile on Stotts tile group project in Jackson Township, section 35, range 10E on 1100 south and east of State road 3. Hahn noted that this area the contractor was dealing with Panhandle Eastern pipeline and the rain.


Tile Drainage Issue-North of Uniondale:

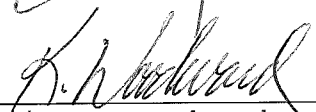
Mr. Hahn mentioned about a regulated tile drain north of Uniondale that has drainage problems over the years. Hahn had done some research on the tile and found back in 1920 the landowners then wanted to fill in the open with a tile. Hahn noted that this area of land is flat and trying to size the tile was difficult. Hahn mentioned the hearing was done in court as the Judge ordered that an overflow/swale/waterway to follow the tile as long as the tile is there. Hahn mentioned through no fault of anyone person(s) but it has been 100 years ago with multiple landowners and farming, and currently the overflow/swale/waterway has filled/silted in over the years. Hahn questions, how long is never and if he has the authority to make the current landowners put the overflow/swale/waterway back in? Attorney Roy Johnson asked to see the court documents of that hearing before answering this question. Hahn feels that putting an overflow/swale/waterway back in will help the drainage issues will want to talk with the affected landowners to get their feelings and maybe follow the property lines as well to resolve the drainage in that area. The Board members and Attorney Roy Johnson have several questions about tile condition, path and current landowners. Hahn will gather the information and map to bring to the next Board meeting on July 1st and hopes to talk to some of the landowners.

Adjournment:

Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:51 a.m. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-July 1, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.


Blake Gerber - Chairman


Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman

