

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes

Monday - June 17 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; Attorney Ted Storer; Engineer Nate Whitacre; Surveyor Jarrod Hahn; Secretary Diana Collins. Jeff Stringer was absent.

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 June 3, 2024.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on June 3, 2024. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Projects and Updates:

Johnson Prong 2 tile drain- Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he and contractor John Brickly of Brickley Excavating went out on the Johnson Prong 2 tile project to find where the old tile ends and new begins to have a starting point. The Johnson Prong 2 replacement tile project is in Harrison Township, section 7, range 12E is south of 100S and east of Meridian Road. Hahn noted that contractor Brickley Excavating to begin replacing the tile tomorrow.

2024 Spray Program-South:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Chad Baker of Right-a-Way Management has begun spraying in the county and currently has 3 spray rigs in the southern part of the county. Hahn noted that Mr. Baker anticipates being done by the end of this week or the first of next week (June 24th) depending on weather conditions.

Drainage Board Annual Budget:

Mr. Hahn mentioned it budget time for 2025 and noted the current per diem is set at \$65.00 and asked if the Drainage Board members would want to increase that amount. Mr. Gerber and Mr. Vanover both are fine to keep the per diem at \$65.00. Hahn mentioned the Attorney's fund is set annually at \$4,800.00 and was raised for this year therefore should this be increased for 2025. Hahn noted another option is to drop the Attorney fund in the surveyor's budget to be included in the Commissioners budget. Hahn mentioned that since we have the same Attorney, and it comes out of the county's budget, it might be better to take out of the surveyor's budget and not to go before the Council for an additional. After some discussion, Hahn noted he will keep the Attorney's pay in the Surveyor's budget for now, and let the Council decide in the budget hearings.

Drainage Board Meeting Cancelled-July 1st:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he will be attending the Stormwater Conference/Surveyor's meeting during the next Drainage Board regularly scheduled meeting on Monday July 1st. Hahn noted since he will not be able to be present is asking the Board members to cancel the Drainage Board meeting on July 1st due to the Stormwater Conference /Surveyor's meeting and no drainage board matters at this time. Hahn also mentioned the next regular Drainage Board meeting will be on July 15th.

Mr. Vanover motioned to cancel the regularly scheduled Drainage Board meeting on July 1st due to Stormwater Conference/Surveyor's meeting and with no Drainage Board matters at this time. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Adjournment:

Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board regular meeting at 4:40 pm. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Cancelled-Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting on Monday-July 1, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

*Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting will be on Monday-July 15, 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