

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday-June 3, 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 May 20, 2019.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on May 20, 2019 as presented. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

20/20 Custom Molded Plastics, LLC-Easement Agreement:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that Cody Ward of MLS Engineering representing 20/20 Custom Molded Plastics, LLC had contacted him to make sure the easement agreement was to include a parking lot and driveway on the opposite side of ditch (east side). Hahn noted he looked over the agreement and called Board President Mr. Gerber to discuss the approved easement that does include; right-a-way no closer than 15 feet from the installed tile for a manufacture building, silos, railroad tracks, utility infrastructure, and pavement crossing therefore feels this is acceptable for the crossing and parking lot. The Drainage Board approved the 20/20 Custom Molded Plastics, LLC agreement easement on October 1, 2018 on the Walter Johnson open drain in the Halls Creek watershed located in Harrison Township, section 05, range 12E. Hahn noted that he had told Mr. Ward if another building structure is to be built in the future that another easement approval would need to come before the Drainage Board. Hahn did comment on installing the 60 inch tile project has been completed, and are waiting for a fitting to make a connection between the manhole and pipe under Western Avenue.

Drainage Issue-Liberty Center Property Owner:

Mr. Hahn mentioned he had been talking with Dr. Robbins, Mr. Gerber and the County Engineer Nate Rumschlag whom a property owner north of the Town of Liberty Center west side of 300W has contacted them discussing water issues in Liberty Township, section 16, range 11E. Hahn noted there is no legal drain on that side but there is one on the east side of 300W. Hahn had looked at old aerials photos and has found a drainage map from where the field was systematically tile in 1999 before any of the homes were built in that area. Hahn also noted that the map reveals a 6 inch mutual tile running in front of the homes to take the water north to a waterway where it joins another mutual tile, then to a regulated drain called the Walker tile that empties into the Rockcreek Conservancy drain. Hahn noticed recently that one of the homeowners has been doing some digging out there with tile pieces visible in the mounted dirt. Hahn mentioned he will write a letter along with the tiled drainage map to the Board members and pass it on to the landowner.

Project Updates:

Oliver Markley Drain Contracted Project-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Enyeart Construction has completed the contracted work of debrising and a bottom cleanout on the Markley open drain in Harrison Township, sections 18 and 24, range 12E in the area of county roads 250S to 350S and 600E.

Harrold Open Drain-Jackson/Chester Townships:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Ron's Bulldozing has completed a bottom clean out on the Harrold open drain in Jackson Township, section 12, range 10E Chester Township, section 07, range 11E in the area south of county roads 700S between 700W and 500W. Hahn did note the contractor will level the dirt most likely after harvest but is at the landowner's discretion.

2019 Spray Program North:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that Chad Baker of Right-a-Way Management has pulled his equipment out of Wells County due to the constant rain fall. Hahn anticipates he will be back by the end of June to start spraying again as weather conditions permits. Hahn did mention by waiting to spray may not be a bad thing for there are a few trees that will be in full bloom for a better control by the time he gets back into Wells County.

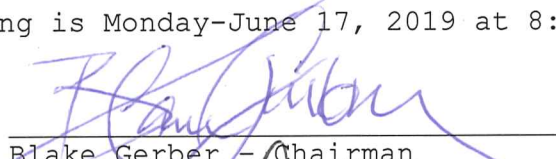
INDOT-County Tile Replacement on State Road 1-Completed:

Mr. Hahn noted that INDOT has replaced 3 tile locations a crossed State road 1 in the southern part of the county. Hahn mentioned the King Prong tile drain that is to the north of 800N on State road 1 has been found to be an 18 inch reinforced concrete pipe that replaced the old 16 inch some time ago. Hahn has determined the current 18 inch reinforced concrete pipe is in good condition, therefore will not be replaced at this time.

Adjournment:

Mr. Woodward motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:41 a.m. Dr. Robbins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-June 17, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

  
Blake Gerber - Chairman

  
Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman