

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday - June 6, 2022 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, Jeff Stringer; Attorney Colin Andrews, Engineer Nate Rumschlag, Surveyor Jarrod Hahn, Secretary Diana Collins. Michael K. Vanover was absent.

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 2, 2022.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on May 2, 2022 as submitted. Mr. Gerber 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 2-0.

Utility Easement-Citizens Telephone Corp.

Chas. McKinney and Markley Prong Tiles Liberty and Harrison Townships:

Mr. Hahn mentioned he has received a "Consent for Utility for Construction Project in a Drainage Easement" form from Citizens Telephone to install new Fiber line in the Chas. McKinney and Markley Prong tile drainage easements to service homes. Hahn provided a detailed map of the drainage easement of the McKinney Tile drain in Liberty Township, section 13, range 11E and the Markley Prong Tile drain in Harrison Township, section 18 range 12E on Meridian Road and 250S. Hahn noted that the recording fee have been paid therefore recommends approving Citizens Telephone Corp. drainage easements on the Chas. McKinney Tile and Markley Prong projects on Meridian Road and 250S to put in a fiber line to service homes.

Mr. Springer motioned to approve the drainage easements for the Citizens Telephone Corp on the Chas. McKinney Tile drain in Liberty Township, section 13, range 11E and the Markley Prong Tile drain in Harrison Township, section 18 range 12E as recommended. Mr. Gerber 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 2-0.

2022 Spray Program-South:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that spray contractor Chad Baker of Right-a-Way Management pulled into the county over the weekend. Hahn noted Mr. Baker is starting this morning on the east side of the county south of the Wabash Central railway and anticipates being in the county for about 4 weeks.

Project Updates:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the tile repair reports have slowed down some with the contractors getting caught up on the repairs since the spring planting is almost completed.

Hahn noted the Decker and Geiger tiles both in the Griffin watershed along the old Erie-Lackawanna Railway in between Union and Rockcreek Townships. Hahn noted that he contacted a contractor to camera the tile and were plugged due to having tree roots in them. Hahn mentioned he hire a contractor to jet out the roots and has contacted a contractor to clear/grind the trees back to the full 75 foot-right-of-way since they are currently a smaller size therefore the cost will be minimal.

Hahn noted also in the Griffin watershed is the Lipkey tile system that serves approximately 1700 acres needs replaced and will need some funding from the affected landowners. Hahn mentioned of a couple of tile projects should be put in this summer with a few other tile group projects that are in the preliminary stages of discussion, design, and its cost.

Prairie Creek Extended Joint Drain-Logjams-Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a landowner had notified him of two logjams on the Prairie Creek Extended which is a joint with Blackford County, but we hold jurisdiction over the drain. Hahn noted one is in Jackson Township, section 34, range 10E and the other is ¼ mile south of the county line into Blackford County. Hahn noted that he has contacted a contractor to take them out and will be coming off of a road with very minimal clearing to get to each of the sites.

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INDOT Bridge Replacement Project SR-218 and SR-124:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he has had several INDOT road/federal projects meetings throughout the county. Hahn noted the projects is either in process, almost completed or are in the scoping phase for something for 5 years from now depending on their schedule and what is required in the project. Hahn mentioned a few projects that include regulated drain are the Gordon, Barwiler open and Falk tile drains road closure on State Road 124 just west of 100W in the southeast corner of section 35 in Rockcreek Township should open up soon. Brown open drain on State Road 218 and 300W southeast corner of section 33 in Liberty Township.

Craven tile drain on State Road 1 and south of 200S in Harrison Township, section 15, range 12E

Scuffle Creek open a federal aid project on 300W south of 1050S in Chester Township, section 28, range 11E

Fleming open drain along State Road 116 west of Meridian Road in Rockcreek Township, Section 12, range 11E

Gilpin Tile drain on State Road 224 east of 300W in Rockcreek Township, Section 3, range 11E

Griffin open drain along State Road 116 east of 500E in Rockcreek Township, section 5, range 11E.

Hahn noted that in the last couple of years the INDOT engineers/consultants want more information/data on the regulated drains such as state plain coordinates, depths, elevations, size, then they ask for justifications of replacing or upsizing, any cornerstone, and benchmarks in the area. Hahn noted that not all tile drains are obvious to exact location due to no catch basins nearby.

National Association of State Floodplain Managers 2022 Conference:

Hahn reported on attending the National Association of State Floodplain Managers Conference in Orlando, Florida was interesting to learn how and what FEMA looks at the individual states affected by hurricane flooding verses what we have here in comparison of the flooding and infrastructure. Hahn did note that the flood buys-out we do here and then we tear the homes down but in the hurricane areas they build the homes back. Hahn also mentioned that IDNR gave out two national awards to two Indiana honorees on their exceptional work in promoting floodplain certification managers in ASFPM.

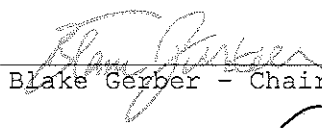
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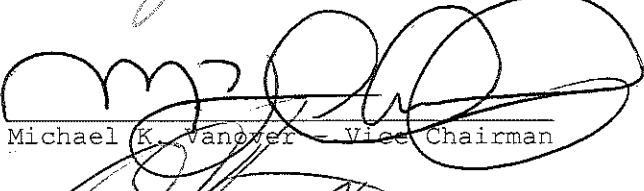
Mr. Hahn mentioned that the spring settlement amounts has been applied to the detail listing sheet watershed funds.

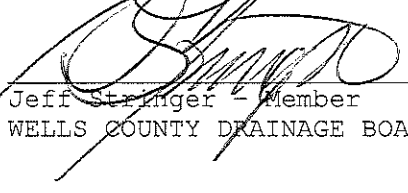
Adjournment:

Mr. Stringer motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 4:50 p.m. Mr. Gerber 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 2-0.


Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Tuesday-June 21, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

  
Blake Gerber - Chairman

  
Michael K. Vandever - Vice Chairman

  
Jeff Stringer - Member  
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST:

  
Diana L. Collins  
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY