

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday-June 7, 2021 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 S. Woodward, Michael K. Vanover; 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 19, 2021.

Mr. Woodward motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on May 19, 2021 as submitted. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Niblick Tile Drain-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that in the APC meeting a Developer Flat Creek Point LLC proposed a major subdivision phase #2 that will consist of 154 lot sites in Lancaster Township, section 27, range 12E around 100N west of 450E. Hahn noted the subdivision development will involve the Niblick tile drain in the Johnson Watershed. Hahn noted the Niblick tile was put in the early 1900's and undersized, therefore will be replaced possibly involving the developer, City of Bluffton, Commissioners and Drainage Board for funding.

Norwell Tile Drain-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned in the Plat Committee meeting the Northern Wells Community School proposed a parking lot and move 2 driveways and add another driveway, and to put in a detention pond in the right-of-way of the Norwell 14-inch tile drain in Lancaster Township, section 05, range 12E along 100E. Hahn noted the County's Engineer Nate Rumschlag is involved as well due to the county road 100E right-of-way. Hahn mentioned the tile will need to be upsized with the funding and cost has not been determined at this time.

Kitchen Prong Tile Drain-Jefferson Township

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a group of landowners want to replace about 1800 feet of the Kitchen Prong tile in Jefferson Township, section 7, range 12E around 1000N and 100E which is the very upperend of the Robb Tile a continuance replacement project and is in the 8-Mile watershed.

Garrett Tile Drain-Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a landowner came in the office to discuss replacing the Garrett tile in Jackson Township, section 35, range 10E around 1200S and State Road 3 due to the old tile collapsing. Hahn noted the Garrett tile is on the upper end of the Stotts tile a continuance replacement project and is in the Stotts watershed.

Drain Project Updates:

Bell, J.C. Tile Drain- Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that repairs made on the J.C. Bell tile in Lancaster Township, section 19, range 13E west of Craigville area did help with some of the standing water as reported by landowner. Hahn mentioned that the landowner adjacent is going to systematically tile his farm so his contractor Landis and Sons Drainage Corp will also be replacing a portion of the J.C. Bell soon.

Boyer Tile Drain-Harrison Township:

Hahn also mentioned of another INDOT's project on State Road 1 and 450S to increase the 15-inch Boyer tile crossing to an 18-inch was replaced as their project.

State Road 218 Resurfacing Project 2022-Tile Drain Replacement:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that after numerous meetings and e-mails with INDOT on the tile crossings Stout, Tewell, Lane, Wolf, Derry Prong, Morris along State Road 218 now has been put in the design plans to be replaced across the road this year before next year's paving project.

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Wells County Engineer Nate Rumschlag-W.R. Reed Tile Road 300N: Wells County Engineer Nate Rumschlag reported that the highway has replaced the 15-inch culvert under 700E west to east (old SR-301) and have opened-up across 300N going from south to north to replace another culvert, and a small portion of the Reed tile drain in Lancaster Township, section 23, range 12E.

INDOT Meeting

Hahn mentioned that on Monday, June 21st after the Drainage Board meeting, he will be attending another meeting in Indianapolis with INDOT and a few other county surveyors for discussion on rights-of-way and drainage maintenance responsibility under IC 36-9-27-71.

Notes/Mentions:

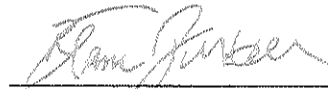
Mr. Hahn mentioned that Mr. Gerber had forward an e-mail from a young man who is a scout working on his "Eagle Merit Badge" and one of the steps to completing is to identify a problem in his community. Hahn noted the place in Uniondale of the area drainage and flooding that has been a problem therefore people have to sandbag, and roads are water-logged, the questions are on how to fix the problem and what is currently done about it. Hahn noted that he met with the young man and hopefully explained and answered his questions.

Mr. Vanover asked Mr. Hahn how many cellphone calls he get a day for drainage/work related. Hahn noted about 5 to 7 calls a day is most common.

Adjournment:

Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:46 a.m. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-June 21, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.



Blake Gerber - Chairman



Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman



Michael K. Vanover - Member
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST:



Diana L. Collins
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY