

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday-July 15, 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 July 1, 2019.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on July 1, 2019 as presented. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

County Road 300N Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a landowner came in before the Board meeting about a drainage issue due to working side ditch in and adding soil in the past leading water to go over county road 300N road. The location is in Lancaster Township, section 13, range 12E on the north side of county road 300N west of Meridian Road. Hahn noted that is a county highway topic but is willing to look at the area with the County Engineer Nate Rumschlag.

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.

Mr. Hahn made mentioned that contractor's Landis & Sons Drainage Inc. and Tri County Exc. each have a few tile drain projects throughout the county to begin as it dry off. Hahn noted that this year with so many fields not planted due to the rain events that there are several projects to get done.

2019 Spray Program:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that Chad Baker of Right-a-Way Management reported that he has finished up spraying the northern portion of the county for now. Hahn mentioned that there were a few ditches that were not spray due to rain events and will be back sometime in August, and after Mr. Baker sprays in Huntington County.

Mr. Woodward noted he was questioned by a landowner on who do the landowner's report to on noxious weeds in the county. Mr. Hahn noted landowners are to report to their Township Trustee as according to statute IC 15-16-8 "Destruction of Detrimental Plants". The Drainage Board asked Attorney Roy Johnson to send the State Statue on noxious weeds to all township trustees, and the miscellaneous duties and matters relating to their office IC 36-6-4-3

INDOT Replacement Culvert Meeting on Regulated Drains:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he had a meeting with INDOT engineers at two locations on replacing the culverts. Hahn particularly mention the State road 124W in Rockcreek Township, section 35, range 11E where 3 tiles including the regulated A. Gordon, Falk tile and a mutual tile that drain into a culvert that is undersized. Hahn noted that the INDOT engineers designed a plan to open a portion of the A. Gordon tile. Hahn noted the INDOT construction is scheduled for 2022, therefore has time to discuss with landowners on this option. The other regulated is the Porter tile located on State Road 201 near the State Quabache Park. Hahn noted that there is another scheduled meeting that he will meet with INDOT August 15<sup>th</sup> on the State road 218 just west of 300W is a culvert replacement project on the Brown open drain.

North of Uniondale-Tile Drainage Issue:

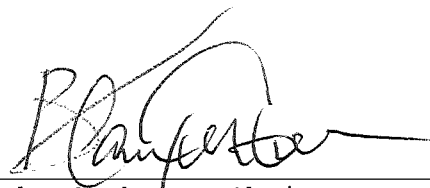
Attorney Roy Johnson read over aloud the section of the tile report "Over Flow Channel" that states, at no time after the completion of said ditch, fill the old channel more than two feet higher than the top of the tile in said channel.

Mr. Johnson noted that it does say not say "never" so recommendations are to talk with the landowners to get their voice and agreement in the matter to possible reroute, follow the property lines or redo the over flow channel that is to be over the tile at its current location. Mr. Hahn will contact landowners involved for gather their voice on the matter.

Adjournment:

Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:55 a.m. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-August 5, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.



Blake Gerber - Chairman



Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman



Tamara Robbins - Member  
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST:   
Diana L. Collins  
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY