

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday - July 15, 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, Jeff Stringer; Attorney Ted Storer; Engineer Nate Whitacre; 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 to approve the Board's regular meeting minutes on June 17, 2024.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on June 17, 2024. Mr. Stringer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Projects and Updates:

Johnson Prong 2 tile drain- Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Brickley Exc. has completed replacing the Johnson Prong 2 tile in Harrison Township, section 7, range 12E south of 100S and east of Meridian Road. Hahn noted the cost will come out of the Halls Creek watershed fund adding 1,300 feet of 24-inch, replacing 300 feet with 18-inch, and 190 feet with 15-inch tile.

Odle, Joseph Tile Drain-Nottingham Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Jarin Tucker Drainage has completed replacing the Odle tile drain in Nottingham Township, section 19, range 12E on 1000S just east of Meridian Road. Hahn noted the cost will come out of the Scuffle Creek watershed fund replacing 1,500 feet with 12-inch tile.

Carnes, Robert Tile Drain Group Project-Chester Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Jarin Tucker Drainage has completed replacing a portion of the Robert Carnes tile in Chester Township, section 5, Range, 11E located south of State Road 218 and west of 400 west. Hahn noted a group of landowners, and the Carnes watershed maintenance fund will contribute to the cost replacing approximately 886 feet with 12-inch, 1,220 feet with 15-inch and 1,220 feet with 18-inch tile.

Johnson, Henry Tile Drain Group Project- Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Jarin Tucker Drainage has completed replacing a portion of the Henry Johnson tile in Liberty Township, section 21, range 11E on 300S between 300W and 400W. Hahn noted a group of landowners, and the Spake watershed maintenance fund will contribute to the cost replacing approximately 1,800ft with 12-inch tile.

Ferguson Prong 4 Tile Drain Group Project-Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Landis and Sons Drainage Corp. will be starting to replace the Ferguson Prong 4 tile drain in Jefferson Township, section 17, range 13E located on 750E and 1000N by the end of this week/first of next. Hahn noted a group of landowners, and the Ferguson watershed maintenance fund will contribute to the cost replacing approximately 2,300 feet of 12-inch tile.

2024 Spray Program-South:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Chad Baker of Right-a-Way Management has completed the 2024 spray program in the southern part of the county. Hahn mentioned the detail listing sheet filled with yellow highlights is due to paying the final 10 percent payment for 2023 which was the drains to the north, and this year's spray claims for the southern drains went in today.

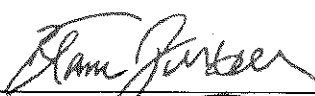
2024 Stormwater Conference:


Mr. Hahn mentioned he attended the annual National Floodplain Managers and Stormwater/Surveyor Conferences that was very informative. Hahn noted that one of the breakout sessions was on the research statistics of 2-stage ditches as an alternative to detention ponds on construction building projects and can eliminate permits from IDEM/DNR.

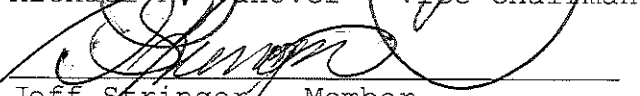
Adjournment:

Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board regular meeting at 4:40 pm. Mr. Stringer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting will be on Monday-August 5, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

  
Blake Gerber Chairman

  
Michael K. Vanover Vice Chairman

  
Jeff Stringer - Member