

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes

Monday-July 19, 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, Michael K. Vanover; Attorney Roy Johnson, Engineer Nate Rumschlag, Surveyor Jarrod Hahn, Secretary Diana Collins. Kevin S. Woodward absent due to a family funeral.

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 6, 2021.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on July 6, 2021 as submitted. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Lee #2 Open Drain-Nottingham Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that landowners Aaron Smith 1480E 700S Poneto in Nottingham Township, section 8, range 12E filed a "Petition and Approval to Locate Structures within County Drain Easement" requesting to be in the easement of the Lee #2 open drain to put in septic system. Hahn presented a detailed map of the area and recommends approving of the easement allowing the structure to be in the easement no closer than 25 feet from the top of the bank. Drainage Board Attorney Roy Johnson has prepared the documents to be signed by the Drainage Board members then to be recorded in the Recorder's office.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve Aaron Smith 1480E 700S Poneto in Nottingham Township, section 8, range 12E to be in the easement of the Lee #2 open drain to put in septic system structure no closer than 25 feet from the top of the bank as recommended. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Drainage Board Meeting Cancelled-September 20th:

Mr. Hahn mentioned is asking the Board to cancel the Drainage Board meeting on September 20th due to Street Fair and being AIC Conference week too.

Mr. Vanover motioned to cancel a regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting on September 20th due to Street Fair week and AIC week. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Drain Project Updates:Kitchen Prong Tile Drain-Jefferson Township

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor will begin soon replacing the Kitchen Prong tile in Jefferson Township, section 7, range 12E around 1000N and 100E which is the very upper end of the Robb Tile a continuance replacement project in the 8-Mile watershed. Hahn noted the contractor will be replacing the existing 8-inch, 10-inch and 12-inch tiles with 1200 feet of 15-inch and 690 feet of 12-inch flex core tile. Hahn mentioned that the County Highway has put in the culvert pipe under county road 100E this past week before they start chip and seal.

Garrett Tile Drain-Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor will begin replacing about 1700 feet of the Garrett tile in Jackson Township, section 35, range 10E around 1200S and State Road 3. Hahn noted the tile is on the upper end of the Stotts tile and is a continuance replacement project in the Stotts watershed. Hahn mentioned that the County Highway will replace a culvert pipe across county road 1200S which is at the very upper end of the Garrett tile and after they are done with chip and seal. Hahn noted the contractor will begin as soon as fields dry up some.

Halls Creek Open Drain, Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor will be removing dead Ash trees and leaners that are falling in the Halls Creek open drain in Lancaster Township, section 31, range 12E north of State Road 124 and west of 100E.

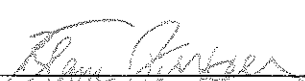
Gordon Tile Drains, Rockcreek Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor will be opening approximately 300 feet of the 24-inch Gordon tile drain in Rockcreek Township, section 35, range 11E to prepare for INDOT's project in 2022 who will replace the undersized culvert under State Road 124. Hahn mentioned INDOT's project will affect the Gordon and Falk tiles that are on the north side of north side of State Road 124 west of 100W. Hahn mentioned this project will help with the restriction of flow on both tiles that are about a mile long each.

Adjournment:

Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:45 a.m. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-August 2, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.


Blake Gerber - Chairman

ABSENT

Kevin S. Woodward, Vice Chairman