

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Tuesday - July 5, 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, Michael K. Vanover, Jeff Stringer; Attorney Colin Andrews, 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 June 21, 2022.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on June 21, 2022 as submitted. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber motion carried 3-0.

Goodspeed Tile Drain-Harrison Township-Adams Street Extension/100E:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he, Wells County Engineer Nate Rumschlag, Brett Pfister a family representative met in the Surveyor's office, and included on phone engineer Mathieu Doyle of DLZ on the new design of replacement the Goodspeed tile in Harrison Township, section 17, 18 and 19, range 12E. Hahn noted the meeting was to show engineer Mathieu Doyle of DLZ an alternative using a different tile path, and being a county drainage project using county highway to fund the tile replacement project. Hahn handed out an update detailed map showing projected tile route with some new changes from the group's suggestions and noted there are some unknowns at this time. Hahn mentioned he sent the point file at the request of Mr. Doyle of the tile, inlets, and pipeline locations. Hahn and Mr. Rumschlag are now waiting to hear back from Mr. Doyle on information from staking of right-of-way and INDOT's blessing to remove the tile design from road federal project. Hahn is hopeful that the tile replacement project could be done by the end of the summer and ready for the new road project to begin in early 2023. Hahn would like to send out quotes to be opened at the next Drainage Board meeting on July 18th with a completion date by September 30th. Hahn noted some of the unknown questions should be answered this week, therefore Hahn is asking the Board members to give him permission to send out quotes this week to see what prices and who would be interested in doing the project.

Mr. Vanover motioned to give Mr. Hahn permission to send out quotes on the replacement of Goodspeed tile drain Harrison Township, section 17, 18 and 19, range 12E. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Wm Smith Open Drain-Jefferson Township-Utility Easement:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he received a "Consent for Utility for Construction Project in a Drainage Easement" form from Engineer Jim Breckler from Engineering Resources Inc. representing the Town of Ossian Water Utility on relocating water main, and the Town of Ossian permission to be in the easement to replace a pipe in the Wm Smith open drain on Wood Creek Drive just off of State Road 1 in Jefferson Township, section 21, range 12E southwest edge of Ossian. Hahn noted the project includes replacing the existing 8 ft diameter CMP culvert with a 12'Wx8'H box culvert with wingwalls and headwalls. Hahn presented a detailed map and design plans. Hahn mentioned the Town of Ossian requests the Drainage Board authorization for permanent structures permanent structures include the culvert, headwalls, wingwalls, riprap, reconstructed roadway, concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, storm sewer outfalls, and lowered water main within the regulated drainage easement. Hahn noted that the recording fee is waived for this easement and recommends approving the Town of Ossian Water Utility drainage easements and replacing an existing pipe on the Wm Smith open Drain.

Mr. Vanover motioned to give permission to the Town of Ossian on replacing the existing pipe structure and approve the drainage easement for the Town of Ossian Water Utility on relocating water main in the Smith open drain easement on Wood Creek Drive just off of State Road 1 in Jefferson Township, section 21, range 12E as recommended. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

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Project Update:Garrett Tile in Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that the replacement of the Garrett tile that was put in last year, the County Highway has completed going across county road 1200S today. Hahn noted the location is in Jackson Township, section 35, range 10E on 1200S just east of State Road 3.

Prairie Creek Extended Joint Drain-Logjams-Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he and a contractor had met with a landowner on removing another logjam on the Prairie Creek Extended in Jackson Township, section 27, range 10E in the area of State Road 3 between 1000S and 1100s. Hahn noted that this logjam will require some clearing of trees to get to the logjam's location.

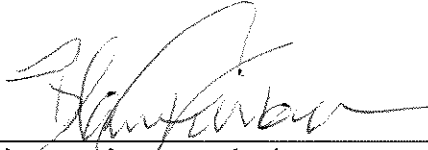
Mr. Hahn Met with Mayor Whicker+others-Discussion on MS4:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he had met with Mayor John Whicker and other city departments to discuss the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Stormwater Quality information with the City of Bluffton who will need to comply with by 2024. Hahn noted the meeting was on what the City of Bluffton would need to do to comply, the regulated drains that are within city limits and other questions that have no answers at this time. Hahn mentioned The City of Bluffton will hire a consulting engineering firm and will have another meeting he will attend in hopes to have questions answered. Hahn mentioned that his office would need to do is "good housekeeping" on reports, inspections on how much water is flowing when conditions are wet and when it is dry and can the tile handle it, and subject to be audited as the City will too. Mr. Gerber questioned if that includes the manholes that tile is hook to. Mr. Hahn said no just the tile, the City will take care of the manholes. Mr. Rumschlag noted he is familiar with the process that in-tells "control measure" if a list has been given, and that includes anything over a 4-inch tile that is hook into the regulated tile is subject to be governed what the City of Bluffton compliance/rules drawn up by a consulting engineering firm and with an City of Bluffton approval. Hahn noted that he has not seen the list yet, and yes, any tile over 4-inches that is hook into the regulated tile drain. Mr. Rumschlag mentioned that the workload would be significant to the Surveyor's office that would require to comply with and to include any more restraints that the City may add on. Hahn noted the City has no ordinance set yet and yes this will be a lot of work put on his office to do the "Good Housekeeping" drain report on top of what we already do that requires dedication and qualifications to get the job done. Mr. Rumschlag agreed with Hahn on the impact it would put on the Surveyor's office to maintain the requirements and be compliance with the program. Mr. Gerber asked who is consulting engineering firm that the City of Bluffton has hired. Hahn noted that Todd Durham and Derrick Deininger from The City of Bluffton Wastewater Collection System department and Christopher Burke Engineering firm out of Indianapolis. Hahn noted that there are still a lot of unknowns at this time and will keep the Board members informed as information is gathered.

Adjournment:

Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 4:55 p.m. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.


Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-July 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.



Blake Gerber - Chairman



Michael K. Vanover - Vice Chairman



Jeff Stringer - Member
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST: 
Diana L. Collins
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY