

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - July 6, 2020 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 June 15, 2020.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on June 15, 2020 as submitted. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Update:

Bunn Tile Projects-Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned the replacement of the Bunn tile drain is almost installed in Jefferson Township, section 15, range 12E in preparation of the new Crosswind Lakes Subdivision development.

Somers Prong Tile Project:

Hahn mentioned that the Somers Prong tile in Jefferson Township, section 15, range 12E is currently a 12-inch and previously the county agreed to pay for the cost difference to increase to a 15-inch, now the engineer wants to put in a 18-inch or a 24-inch tile with the county to pay for the cost difference of size.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the 18-inch or 24-inch tile to pay the cost difference from the current 12-inch tile as recommended. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Bee Creek Development LLP/Wells Co Drainage Board-Release Escrow Agreement:

Hahn also noted the Bee Creek Development/The Bridges Subdivision contractor has begun rerouting the Summers Prong tile project as to the Bee Creek Development LLP-The Bridge Subdivision and Wells Co Drainage Board Escrow agreement in 2012. Hahn would like for documents to be drawn up to release the Escrow Agreement between the Bee Creek Development LLP-The Bridges Subdivision and Wells Co Drainage Board to release funds to pay the contractor as he gets closer to completion which should be here soon, and to designate the Drainage Board president to sign off for the funds to be released.

Dr. Robbins motioned Attorney Roy Johnson to prepare the documents to release the funds, and to designate the Drainage Board president Blake Gerber to sign off on behalf of the Drainage Board. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Liberty Tile Drain-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor will begin this week to continue replacing the Liberty tile with a 30-inch in Liberty Township, section 15, range 11E down the alleyway east of 300W and north of 300S in the Town of Liberty Center and stopping on the west side of Railway street. Hahn noted that this portion is a continuance of the project began last fall, and then the contractor had to stop due to several reasons from machinery rental, landowners removing fences and to install tiles before planting.

Reed Tile Drain- Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he plans to open the Reed tile drain north of Craigville 700E to 300N in Lancaster Township, section 17 and 20, range 13E. Hahn would like to open 4,000 feet of the Reed tile where it empties into the Reed open drain. Hahn noted the Reed tile is on the east side of 700E with the Bell tile drain on the West side of 700E that drains into the Reed tile just north of Craigville. County Highway Engineer Nate Rumschlag mentioned that he will replace and increase the pipes and is still hopeful to raise the road through Community Crossing funds in a couple of years.

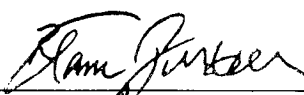
Wells County Engineer, Nate Rumschlag:

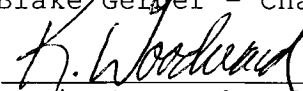
Mr. Rumschlag questioned if there is any new OCRA (Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs) grants available for storm drainage for small unincorporated towns. The Board members noted some grants are on hold and other are difficult to apply for. Hahn noted that Banning Engineering out of Plainfield, Indiana may help in writing some Grants that are difficult to apply for.

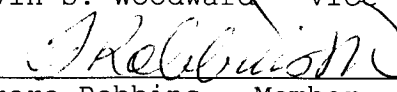
Adjournment:

Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:54 a.m. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-July 20, 2020 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