

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday-July 6, 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, Kevin S. Woodward, Michael K. Vanover; 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 21, 2021.

Mr. Woodward motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on June 21, 2021 as submitted. Mr. Gerber 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 2-0.

Brown Open Drain-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that landowners Troy and Amanda Boyer 5501S 300W Bluffton in Liberty Township, section 34, range 11E filed a "Petition and Approval to Locate Structures within County Drain Easement" requesting to be in the easement of the Brown open drain to put in a 120' x 160' (½ acre) pond. 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 40 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. Woodward motioned to approve Troy B. and Amanda R. Boyer 5501S 300W Bluffton in Liberty Township, section 34, range 11E requesting to be in the easement of the Brown open drain to put in a 120'x160' (½ acre) pond no closer than 40 feet from the top of the bank pond structure as recommended. Mr. Gerber 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 2-0.

Drain Project Updates:

Hutchens Tile Drain- Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor has completed replacing the Hutchens tile in Jefferson Township, section 33, range 12E north of US 224 and west of State Road 1. Hahn mentioned he is replacing 1185 feet of 12-inch flex pipe, and 20 feet of 15-inch flex pipe which is uppend of the Smith tile continued replacement project and in the 8-Mile watershed.

Bell, J.C. Tile Drain- Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Landis and Sons Drainage Corp has completed replacing the existing 7-inch tile with 600 feet of 10-inch tile on the J.C. Bell drain in Lancaster Township, section 19, range 13E west. Hahn noted that a landowner on the lower end has expressed interest continuing to replace more of the J.C. Bell tile after harvest this fall.

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 a continuance replacement project and is in the Stotts watershed. Hahn mentioned the contractor will be crossing county road 1200S which will be on Blackford County side and will begin as soon as the weather conditions improve.

Kitchen Prong Tile Drain-Jefferson Township

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor will begin replacing the Kitchen Prong tile in Jefferson Township, section 7, range 12E around 1000N and 100E which is the very uppend of the Robb Tile a continuance replacement project and is 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 and will be crossing county road 100E.


2021 Spray Program:

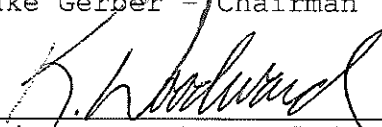
Mr. Hahn mentioned that Chad Baker of Right-a-Way Management reported that he has finished up spraying the northern portion of the county which it took approximately 3 weeks to complete.

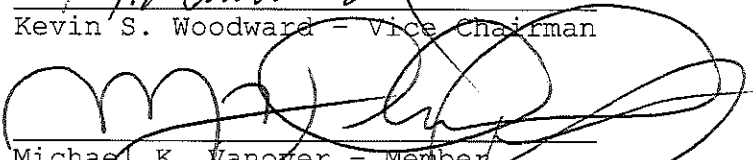
Adjournment:

Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:48 a.m. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-July 19, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

  
Blake Gerber - Chairman

  
Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman

  
Michael K. Vanover - Member  
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ATTEST: Diana Collins