

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - August 15, 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 August 1, 2022.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on August 1, 2022 as submitted. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Goodspeed Tile Drain Tentative Damage Agreement Proposal:

Mr. Hahn mentioned Attorney Colin Andrews has prepared the crop damage compensation agreement forms to view and signed by the President of each board. The agreement on the Pfister family of 2.35 acres times the \$1,592.00 totaling \$3741.20 and DMT of 0.68 acres times the \$1,592.00 totaling \$1,082.56. Hahn noted that he will get the landowner's signature and return the signed forms to the Attorney. Hahn mentioned the contractor has purchased the tile and has been delivered on site to begin soon. Goodspeed tile replacement project consist of 1,650 feet with 18-inch tile, 2200 feet of 15-inch, and 1240 feet of 12-inch in Harrison Township, sections 17,18,19, range 12E located south of the City of Bluffton between 250S and south of 300S, west of the Hoosier Highway.

Project Update:

INDOT Tile Drain Replacement SR 218:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that INDOT is working to replace 6 regulated tile crossings on State Road 218 between State Road 1 to State Road 3 to prepare for their resurfacing road project, and also may need to close certain intersections to cut the road for a few hours and possible up to half a day. Hahn noted that he has been called out on site several times so far with the INDOT contractors. Hahn will continue to be on site as needed until all the tiles crossing have been completed. The tiles involved are as follows; Stout tile drain in southeast corner of Harrison Township, section 34, range 12E, Tewell tile drain in southwest corner of Harrison Township, section 33, range 12E, Lane tile drain in the southeast corner of Harrison Township, section 31, range 12E, Wolf Tile Drain in the southeast corner of Liberty Township, section 34, range 11E, Derry Tile Drain in the southeast corner of Liberty Township, section 31, range 11E, Morris Tile Drain in the southwest corner of Liberty Township, section 31, range 11E.

INDOT Pipe Replacement Project SR-218 and 300W(Old 303):

Mr. Hahn mentioned INDOT is replacing the existing pipe structure on State Road 218 where the Brown open drain crosses State Road 218 in the southeast corner of section 33 in Liberty Township and should have it opened here soon. Hahn also noted INDOT will close 300W(old 303) for about 3 days to replace a pipe draining into the Brown ditch on the south side of State Road 218 in the northwest corner of Chester Township, section 3, range 11E.

Drainage Board Meeting Cancelled-September 19th:

Mr. Hahn mentioned is asking the Board to cancel the Drainage Board meeting on September 19th due to Street Fair and AIC Conference week.

The next regular Drainage Board meeting will be on October 3rd.

Mr. Stringer motioned to cancel a regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting on September 19th due to Street Fair week and AIC Conference week. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.


L.F. Snyder Tile Drain:

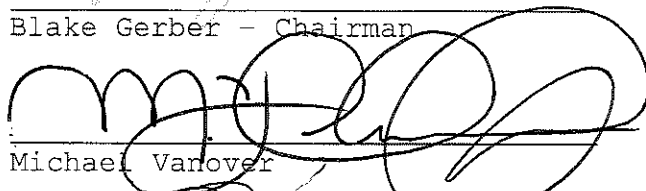
Mr. Gerber questioned a tile up on 450E between 1200N and 1100N on replacing and crossing. Mr. Hahn noted that according to our records the L.F. Snyder 18-inch tile is in Allen County's jurisdiction and was put in 1917. County Engineer Nate Rumschlag mentioned to replace the tile across the road a contractor would need to fill out permission form from the County Highway in person or the county's website.

Adjournment:

Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 4:45 p.m. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Tuesday-September 6, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.


Blake Gerber - Chairman


Michael Vanover


Jeff Stringer - Member