

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday-August 16, 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 August 2, 2021.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on August 2, 2021 as submitted. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0-1. Kevin Woodward abstained due to being absent.

Drain Project Updates:

Lambert Open Drain-Chester Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that landowners Kenneth N and L. Elaine Scott 0281W 700S Poneto in Chester Township, section 1, range 11E filed a "Petition and Approval to Locate Structures within County Drain Easement" requesting to be in the easement of the Lambert open drain to put in a 60'x80' pole barn. Hahn presented a detailed map of the area but noted the landowner had put down 55 feet easement, and Hahn asked the board for a standard easement being no closer than 25 feet from top of bank. The Board discussed the easement and decided what the landowner puts down on the application will be the easement from the top of bank/center of tile. Hahn mentioned going forward he will tell landowners to put less if possible so there is no discrepancy in a field check. Hahn recommends approving of the easement allowing the structure to be in the easement no closer than 50 feet from the center of the Lambert open drain. 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 Kenneth N and L. Elaine Scott 0281W 700S Poneto in Chester Township, section 1, range 11E to be in the easement of the Lambert tile drain no closer than 50 feet from the center of the tile for a 60'x80' pole barn structure as recommended. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Garrett Tile Drain-Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that at a landowner's request to hold the contractor from start replacing about 1700 feet of the Garrett tile in Jackson Township, section 35, range 10E around 1200S and State Road 3 for a month due to a family death. Hahn noted the tile is on the upper end of the Stotts tile and is a continuance replacement project in the Stotts watershed. Hahn noted the contractor is willing to hold off on this project and do other projects then come back later. Hahn also mentioned that the contractor will start to put in the tile at the new county highway site this week.

Gordon Tile Drains, Rockcreek Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor will begin 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 noted that the Falk tile will be replaced in the near future.

Church Property on 300N East of State Road 1 Drainage:

Mr. Gerber questioned if any word on the Church property in Lancaster Township, section 22, range 12E which way the run-off will go from their detention pond. Hahn noted that the detention pond will go on the east side of the property draining into a tile coming from Lancaster Elementary School that drains to the north through the proposed park area across 300N to the school property. Hahn does not anticipate this tile becoming a regulated drain and believes this is currently in City's limits or will be annexed in.

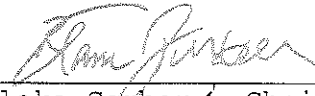
County Road 300N Rockcreek Township:

County Engineer Nate Rumschlag mentioned he is working with Mr. Hahn and a landowner on a drainage issue where water goes over county road 300N frequently. Mr. Rumschlag noted that a watershed area will be determine the acres that may indicate to increase the culvert pipe under 300N. Mr. Rumschlag made mention that a deep cut has been made on the north side of 300N outside of the county's road right-of-way will be examined. The location is in Rockcreek Township, section 24, range 11E on county road 300N between 100W and Meridian Road.

Adjournment:

Mr. Woodward motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:47 a.m. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.


Blake Gerber - Chairman


Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman member