

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 August 3, 2020.

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

Project Update:

Wisner Open Drain-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor has completed a bottom clean out on the Wisner open drain in Lancaster Township, section 23, range 12E. south of 300N between 450E and 600E approximately 3,000 feet. Hahn noted this was done to enhance the cost-share project between a landowner and NRCS.

Fleming Open Drain-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor has completed a bottom clean out on the upper end of the Fleming open drain in Lancaster Township, section 7, range 12E south of 500N and to 100E approximately 3,300 feet.

Marshall Tile Drain-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a couple of years ago he had worked on the Marshall tile drain replacing a crossing the railroad tracks in Liberty Township, section 16 and 21, range 11E on 300S west of 300W due to a blockage. Hahn noted he had a call from the tenant this weekend who was putting in his own tile and found a portion of the old tile that was plugged and was not hooked to the new tile that was put in 1993. Hahn noted that if he had the contractor go 3 feet more where they stopped in 2018 that would have been found.

Liberty Center Tile Drain-Liberty Township:

Mr. Gerber ask if this Marshall tile is near the Liberty Center tile. Mr. Hahn stated, no, the Marshall tile is about a ¾ of a mile west of the Liberty Center on 300S. Hahn mentioned the next phase for the Liberty tile drain project in Liberty Township, section 15, range 11E will be to go across 300W and then go south across 300S but this will not be for a few years to build up the watershed's fund.

Logjam Removal Council Funding:

Mr. Hahn mentioned when he was presenting his budget to Council this past week it brought up about taking out single logs in the Wabash River. Hahn noted that taking out a single log would be costly, and one log typically does not cause an issue with the water flow. Hahn mentioned there are two rivers that the budget of \$10,000 is used for, and one or two small logjam(s) can wipe out the fund amount. Hahn did realize that one log may cause issues with county bridges and kayakers. Nate Rumschlag, County Engineer shared his concern with the dangers that logs can cause.

2020 Indiana Farm Bureau Drainage School Meeting:

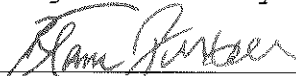
Mr. Hahn noted that the 2020 Indiana Farm Bureau Drainage School is next Wednesday, August 26, 2020 starting at 9:30 a.m. Hahn mentioned if the Board is interested in registering until this Thursday-August 20<sup>th</sup> and is virtual this year. The theme is, "How to Understand the Laws Impacting Drainage Decisions".


Mr. Woodward also mentioned that 2021 Road School is virtual along with AIC, and the County Commissioners meeting possibly being held with some attendees plus having it virtual.

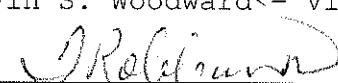
Adjournment:

Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:46 a.m. Mr. Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Tuesday-September 8, 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