

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday-August 19, 2019 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 August 5, 2019.

Mr. Woodward motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on August 5, 2019 as presented. Dr. Robbins 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Drainage Board Meeting Cancelled-September 16th:

Mr. Woodward mentioned that Street Fair week begins September 16th which that Monday is the Drainage Board regularly scheduled meeting and would like to cancel that meeting. The next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting will be on Monday-October 7th.

Mr. Woodward made motion to cancel the regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting on Monday-September 16th due to Street Fair week and no business matters scheduled at this time. Dr. Robbins 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Fryback Open drain-Union Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he has a contractor working up on the Fryback tile and the open in Union Township, section 12, range 11E. Hahn noted the contractor has found a surface patch going around the open ditch and ponding, along erosion at the open where the tile intersects. Hahn mentioned that he called up on Andrew Pursifull from NRCS of Fort Wayne who did a free analyses and design that will require a 60 inch pipe drop and 48 inch barrel to correct this problem area is. Hahn noted that he appreciates and thanks Mr. Pursifull for his willingness and service.

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

Mr. Hahn mentioned he received a paper agreement from Larry Heckber of Bee Creek Development/The Bridges Subdivision on releasing funds and has given the paper agreement to Mr. Johnson to view and rewrite the agreement with all Board members to sign. Hahn mentioned that it may be up to a couple of months when tile project is completed.

Project Update:

Mr. Hahn mentioned there has been one contractor who has moved on location to begin debrushing as soon as it dries off from recent rains. Hahn also noted that a couple of other contractors to move in soon to begin on those tile projects.

INDOT-Policy-Procedures Changes:

Mr. Hahn mentioned he and his deputy Diana Collins attended the Indiana County Surveyors Continued Education seminar last week noting of one guest speaker Bill Smith from INDOT of Crawfordsville Sub-District who mentioned of a policy and/or legislative changes of when, how, and out of what funds will be used on future maintenance or reconstruction projects on state roads. Mr. Smith noted that they would like for the county surveyors to provide a 3 to 5 or 7 year projected plan of regulated drains that cross or run along the state roads. Hahn mentioned in the projected plan to will include the age, size, cost, length, replace or repair ect.. as this would provide them with time to include those projects as they are preparing their road plans. Hahn noted that he has a good working relationship with the Bluffton-Sub-District Manager Roy Piercy and intends to work on this plan and provide this information to him.

County Highway Engineer-Nate Rumschlag:


Mr. Gerber questioned on the Hoosier Highway/500S project if the contractor is to place with riprap or plant grass on right-of-way. Mr. Rumschlag noted it will be planted to grass. Rumschlag mentioned of county road 100W and State road 116 of water issues that he will look at today and stating there are no regulated drains in the area. Rumschlag also mentioned that he looking into policy/procedures on whether it's a county highway tile, regulated and private tile on how we handle the cost, whose responsibility and who is to continue the maintenance/upkeep.

Adjournment:

Mr. Woodward motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:50 a.m. Dr. Robbins 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Tuesday-September 3, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.


Blake Gerber - Chairman


Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman