

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - August 21, 2023 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 Ted Storer, 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 7, 2023.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on August 7, 2023 as submitted. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Project Update:

Wolf Drain-Nottingham Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he was contacted by a landowner who had a contractor on site doing work for him, and asked if the contractor could remove some trees along the Wolf open drain in Nottingham Township, section 19, range 13E in area of 1000S and 600E. Hahn noted that it would be about 600 feet along the Wolf drain by 30-foot wide strip.

Ferguson Prong #4-Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he was contacted by a landowner on the Ferguson Prong #4 tile drain in Jefferson Township, section 17, range 13E on 750E and 1000N wanting to replace a portion of the tile due to standing water on their farm. Hahn noted the landowner will be in the office this week to discuss all landowners affected, acres, footage to replace, and approximate cost.

Drainage Board Meeting Cancelled-September 18th:

Mr. Hahn asked the Board to cancel the Drainage Board meeting on September 18th due to Street Fair and no drainage matters at this time. The next regular Drainage Board meeting will be on October 2nd.

Mr. Stringer motioned to cancel its regularly scheduled Drainage Board meeting on September 18th due to Street Fair week and no drainage matters at this time. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Report of Logjam White Bridge-Bluffton:

Mr. Gerber asked if any word on the logjam eastside of the White Bridge on 450E east of Bluffton in Harrison Township, section 11 range 12E. Hahn mentioned that he has contacted Bluffton District of INDOT for Bridges. Hahn noted the logjam may be on a list but based on if it's a public safety, structurally damaging to the bridge and when they will be in that area on how fast it's removed.


Wells County Engineer-Nate Rumschlag Report:

Mr. Rumschlag reported on grant funding as a source for stormwater to help with the small area towns drainage. Rumschlag mentioned that most town's drainage in the county is within the road right of way and some may have regulated drains to help get their water away. Rumschlag also mentioned that he likes to follow putting in the stormwater drainage after the sewer projects have been put in. Also mentioned that he will correspond with the Surveyor's office to help determine the acres and direction of flow. Rumschlag noted that he will continue to find available loan grants and apply for them, but they also will come with conditions and restrictions.


Adjournment:

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

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Tuesday-September 5, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.


Blake Gerber Chairman


Michael K. Vanover - Vice Chairman


Jeff Stringer - Member
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ATTEST:


Diana L. Collins