

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - August 3, 2020 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 July 20, 2020.

Mr. Woodward motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on July 20, 2020 as submitted. Dr. Robbins 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Utility Easement-Citizen Telephone Corp.

Custard 900S Project-Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned he has received Citizen Telephone Corp. utility consent easement form on the Custard open, Beavans and Gooding tile drains in Jackson Township, section 15, range 10E project. Hahn provided a detailed drainage easement map crossing the Custard open and parallel the Gooding and Beavans tile to run new fiber line on 900S between 800W and 900W to service homes. Hahn noted that the fee has been paid, therefore recommends approving Citizen Telephone Corp. to put in a fiber line to service homes in the Custard open, Beavans and Gooding tile drainage easement. Wells County 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 Citizen Telephone Corp to install new fiber line in the easement of the Custard open and the Gooding and Beavans tile drain in Jackson Township, section 15, range 10E as recommended. Dr. Robbins 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Update:

Liberty Tile Drain-Liberty Township:

Buckner Tile Drain-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor has completed this phase of replacing the Liberty and Buckner tile drain in Liberty Township, section 15, range 11E down the alleyway east of 300W and north of 300S in the Town of Liberty Center, and stopping on the east side of 300W. Hahn noted the contractor is replaced a 12-inch with 110 feet of 36-inch of the Liberty tile, and 530 feet of 30-inch of the Buckner tile. Hahn noted the next phase is 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.

Risley-Smith Continue Tile Replacement-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a contractor has completed replacing a portion of the Risley tile in Harrison Township, section 19, range 13E east of 600E and north of 400S. Hahn noted this phase replaced a 20-inch and 22-inch with 1280 feet of 24-inch and is in Risley-Smith Watershed. Hahn made mention he will continue to replace the Risley tile and the Biberstine Prong in phases as funds become available.

Wisner Tile Drain-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a landowner in Lancaster township, section 23, range 12E is partnering with NRCS to put in a dropbox and a pipe structure in the Wisner open drain that runs thru a wooded area south of county road 300N between 450E and 600E. Hahn will have that same contractor do a bottom clean out to 300N approximately 3000 feet.

Valentine Joint Drain-Jefferson Township-Allen County Jurisdiction:



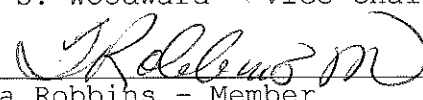
Simmerman Joint Drain-Jefferson Township-Allen County Jurisdiction:


Mr. Hahn mentioned the Allen County Surveyor's office has e-mailed a tentative date set for the Valentine and the Simmerman Joint Hearings for September 24, 2020 at 10:30 am to establish watershed maintenance assessment. The Board members stated they all are available for two to attend on that tentative date.

Adjournment:

Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:43 a.m. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-August 3, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.


Blake Gerber - Chairman

Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman

Tamara Robbins - Member
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ATTEST: 
Diana L. Collins