

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday-August 5, 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 July 15, 2019.

Dr. Robbins motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on July 15, 2019 as presented. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Sarah Smith Tile Group Project-Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a few landowners contacted him about replacing approximately 600 feet of the Sarah Smith 27 inch tile with 30 inch in Jackson Township, section 22, range 10E on county road 900S just east of 900W. Hahn noted a few years ago the Custard watershed maintenance was raised to do various open drains projects. Hahn realizes the maintenance currently has a negative but collects \$9,000.00 annually and the GDI is healthy enough to take more of a negative amount. Hahn mentioned the landowners are willing to pay at least \$10.00 per acre or around \$7,000.00+ to get to the first lateral tile, therefore recommends using the Custard watershed maintenance fund to match the landowner's amount to replace this tile that breaks down a few times a year.

Dr. Robbins motioned to match the landowners dollar for dollar on the Sarah Smith tile group project. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

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

Mr. Hahn mentioned the Bee Creek Development/The Bridges Subdivision has taken bids on the Summers tile project to begin in the next month or so. Hahn has sent out the 2012-Escrow Agreement between the Bee Creek Development LLP/The Bridges Subdivision and Wells Co Drainage Board for all to view. Hahn is asking the Board at what point do we release the funds and to stop the payment of \$2,000.00 when a lot is sold, and then do we want to designate the Drainage Board president or me to sign off for the funds to be released.

Dr. Robbins read aloud in the agreement page 2 #6 "Funds placed in the escrow account shall not be released without the written consent of the Bee Creek Development LLP/The Bridges Subdivision and the Wells County Drainage Board or the successors or assign, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld". The Board members agreed on the full board to sign off on the agreement after completion. Attorney, Roy Johnson agreeing that the full Drainage Board to sign off on the agreement, and adding that all drainage issues are addressed and completed and then, a release of funds and stop payment on each lot sold from the escrow agreement at the Ossian State Bank. Hahn will inspect the tile project and will keep the Board informed as the Summers tile project moves forward. Mr. Johnson asked if APC board have any road issues on the asphalt process. Hahn said, yes that Bee Creek Development are currently working on the details and receiving quotes here soon. County Engineer Nate Rumschlag also has been involved in the road talks and Bee Creek Development is ready bid out to asphalt. Hahn believes that the 8-Mile maintenance fund will be funding \$3,000.00 to increase the size cost difference on the Summers tile replacement project.

Project Update:

Mr. Hahn mentioned there has not been any projects started but the surveys have been completed with locates called in, and are ready for the contractors to begin as their schedules become open. Hahn noted that with year rain events that there are several projects to get started and done in the coming weeks.

2019 Spray Program:

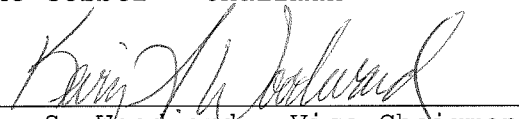
Mr. Woodward mentioned if Chad Baker of Right-a-Way Management has come back in the county to spray yet. Mr. Hahn noted that he has not but is currently working in Huntington County then will be back in Wells soon to do a few touch ups.

Adjournment:

Dr. Robbins motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 8:42 a.m. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-August 19, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.


Blake Gerber - Chairman


Kevin S. Woodward - Vice Chairman

