

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - August 5, 2024 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, Jeff Stringer; Attorney Andrew Heck for County Attorney Ted Storer; Engineer Nate Whitacre; Surveyor Jarrod Hahn; Secretary Diana Collins. Michael K. Vanover was absent.

Determination of Quorum:

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Minutes:

Mr. Gerber opened the Drainage Board meeting with the first item to approve the Board's regular meeting minutes on July 15, 2024.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on July 15, 2024. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Projects and Updates:

Gaskill Tile Drain-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he met with several landowners last week on the continuance replacement of the Gaskill tile group project in Liberty Township, section 2, range 11E south of State Road 124W between 100W and 200W. Hahn noted the landowners discussed the approved ADS quote of \$17,167.15 on approximately 1000 feet of replacing the 24-inch with a 30-inch this summer. Hahn learned in meeting the landowners want to replace another 1,200 feet of 30-inch. Hahn mentioned the landowners will pay for the installation if the Halls Creek watershed would pay for the tile and materials. Hahn noted the watershed has the funds for the added cost for another 1,200 feet of 30-inch tile as ADS will honor the \$17.15 as previous quote price per foot, which will be approximately \$20,580.00. Mr. Stringer asked if this Gaskill tile area has a cement spillway. Hahn said the spillway is just to the east of the Gaskill tile on the Barwiler tile but both tiles emptying into the same open drain. Hahn also mentioned on the north side of State Road 124 we opened about 300 feet of the Gordon tile a few years ago. Hahn mentioned a watershed area was created for the landowner with their affected acres and cost-share portions to view and discuss. Hahn also mentioned there is about 1,600 feet of 24-inch left over from another project that he is considering putting towards the Gaskill tile continuance project due to the tile being put in 1913, undersized and stands full of water along the 2.5 miles length of tile.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve \$20,580.00 an additional to extend another 1,200 feet of 30-inch tile on the Gaskill tile group project out of the Halls Creek watershed fund in Liberty Township, section 2, range 11. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Lee #1 Open Drain-INDOT Relocate- Nottingham Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that INDOT has contacted him regarding the bridge deck replacement project on State Road 218 between 100E and 200E in Nottingham section 5, range 12E. Hahn noted that INDOT has sent design plans to relocate the Lee #1 open drain out of INDOT's right-of-way as a part of their bridge deck replacement project. Hahn mentioned that INDOT has previously purchased the land easements and other required permits, therefore Hahn agrees with INDOT's design plan to relocate the Lee #1 open drain at no cost to the county or watershed fund.

Mr. Stringer motioned to give INDOT permission to relocate the Lee #1 open drain in Nottingham section 5, range 12E according to the design plans. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Ferguson Prong 4 Tile Drain Group Project-Jefferson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Landis and Sons Drainage Corp. has completed replacing the Ferguson Prong 4 tile drain in Jefferson Township, section 17, range 13E located on 750E and 1000N. Hahn noted a couple of landowners, and the Ferguson watershed maintenance fund will contribute to the cost replacing approximately 2,300 feet with 12-inch tile.


Adjournment:

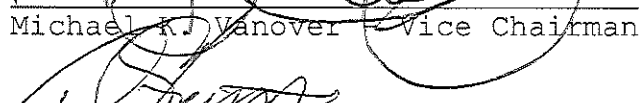
Mr. Stringer motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board regular meeting at 4:43 pm. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting will be on Monday-August 19, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.




Blake Gerber Chairman


Michael K. Vanover Vice Chairman


Jeff Stringer - Member

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ATTEST: 

Diana L. Collins

WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY