

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 Colin Andrews, 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 15, 2022.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on August 15, 2022 as submitted. Mr. Vanover 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Project Update:

Lee Tile Drain- Nottingham Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that the contractor has completed replacing the Lee tile in Nottingham Township, Section 5, range 12E north side of 700S between 100E and 200E. Hahn noted the contractor replaced an old broken down 8-inch clay tile with 725-feet of 8-inch smooth-flex solid tile through a woods into the farm field for a good connection. Hahn noted the Lee tile is the main tile in the Lee-Sellers watershed which will be paying for the materials at \$3,069.90 and the landowner will be paying for the installation cost.

Goodspeed Tile Drain Project-Crop Compensation Agreement Signed:

Mr. Hahn mentioned he had gathered both landowner's signatures on crop damage compensation agreement form and has turned them over to Attorney Colin Andrews. The crop damage agreement was on the Pfister family of 2.35 acres totaling \$3,741.20, and DMT of 0.68 acres totaling \$1,082.56.

Hahn mentioned the contractor has started putting in the Goodspeed tile that consist of 1,650 feet with 18-inch tile, 2200 feet of 15-inch, and 1240 feet of 12-inch in Harrison Township, sections 17,18,19, range 12E located south of the City of Bluffton between 250S and south of 300S, west of the Hoosier Highway. Hahn made note of two change orders added to the cost of the project; 1. on county road 250S the crossing metal pipe bottom (not the regulated drain tile) was rusted through and was replaced at the same cost of what the 300S crossing \$3,850.00, 2. added approximately 50 feet of 15-inch tile (\$840.00) due to an mutual 10-inch clay tile location that was further away than originally thought to make a connection to the new regulated tile.

INDOT Tile Drain Replacement SR 218:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that INDOT has completed replacing all 6 regulated tile crossings along State Road 218 between State Road 1 to State Road 3 in preparation for their resurfacing road project that is now in progress. Hahn noted that there was considerable amount of communication, several on-site visits and made several trips to get materials to complete connections. The tiles involved are as follows; Stout tile drain in southeast corner of Harrison Township, section 34, range 12E, Tewell tile drain in southwest corner of Harrison Township, section 33, range 12E, Lane tile drain in the southeast corner of Harrison Township, section 31, range 12E, Wolf Tile Drain in the southeast corner of Liberty Township, section 34, range 11E, Derry Tile Drain in the southeast corner of Liberty Township, section 31, range 11E, Morris Tile Drain in the southwest corner of Liberty Township, section 31, range 11E.

2022 Drainage School:

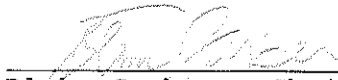
Mr. Hahn mentioned he attended the 2022 Drainage School that was well attended both in person or online and was very informative. Hahn noted that the entire program was recorded to view and will send out the link as soon as it becomes available.

Adjournment:

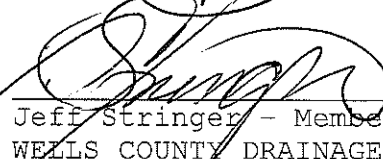
Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting at 4:42 p.m. Mr. Stringer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.


Cancelled - Next regular scheduled meeting for Monday-September 19, 2022 is cancelled due to Street Fair and No Drainage Matters.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-October 3, 2022

  
Blake Gerber - Chairman

  
Michael Vanover

  
Jeff Stringer - Member  
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST:   
Diana L. Collins  
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY