

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Tuesday-September 7, 2021 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 S. Woodward, Michael K. Vanover; Attorney Colin Z. Andrews setting in for 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 August 16, 2021.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on August 16, 2021 as submitted. Mr. Woodward 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Drain Project Update

Gordon Tile Drains, Rockcreek Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that the contractor finished opening approximately 300 feet of the 24-inch Gordon tile drain in Rockcreek Township, section 35, range 11E to prepare for INDOT's project in 2022 who will replace the undersized culvert under State Road 124. Hahn mentioned he will notify INDOT of the county's part of the project is done so INDOT can make their final preparation of the project. Hahn also noted the Gordon and the Falk tiles are on the north side of north side of State Road 124 west of 100W. Hahn noted that the Falk tile will be replaced in the near future.

Herman #2 open Drain-Nottingham Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned he was contacted by a landowner on the Herman #2 open drain in Nottingham Township, section 19, range 12E in the area of 900S between Meridian Road and 100E in need of a bottom dip with the rockchute needing repaired at the very upper end. Mr. Hahn also noted the landowner would like to replace the lower portion of the Gustin tile drain that drains into the Herman #2 open ditch upperend. Hahn mentioned that the Gustin tile is two-7-inch tiles one on top of the other and is over 100+ years old and in back condition. Hahn is planning to replace 600 feet with a 12-inch dual wall tile. Mr. Gerber asked if that size would be big enough. Hahn said yes that the dual wall tile carries more water and the watershed for this tile is less than 100 acres.

Owl Creek Watershed Tile Drains-Jackson Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that a landowner has come in and would like to see 3 tile drains in Jackson Township replaced that are within a mile of each other as follows. The Beavans tile is in Section 16 in the area of 1000W and 800S, the Parker tile in Section 16 in the area of 1000W and 900S, and the Kilander tile in Section 21 in the area of 1000W and 1000S. Hahn noted all are in bad shape and 100+ years old with repairs are always being made. Hahn noted all are in the Owl Creek watershed which currently has a negative balance therefore each replacement will be over the next few years and depending on landowner's cost contribution towards the project. Hahn also mentioned that most of the landowners are the same in each of the tile's project.

County Road 300N Rockcreek Township:

County Engineer Nate Rumschlag mentioned he is working with Mr. Hahn and a landowner on a drainage issue where water goes over county road 300N frequently. Mr. Rumschlag noted that currently there is a 12-inch culvert pipe which needs to be increased and will put in a request to the County Highway Supervisor Shawn Bonar for replacement. Mr. Rumschlag noted the deep cut on the north side of 300N is outside of the county's road right-of-way therefore he will contact the landowner to discuss its current grade. The location is in Rockcreek Township, section 24, range 11E on county road 300N between 100W and Meridian Road.

Drainage Board Meeting September 20th Cancelled:

Mr. Hahn reminded the Board members that the next regular meeting on September 20th has been cancelled due to Bluffton Street Fair and no drainage matters. The next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting will be on Monday-October 4th. Hahn also noted that Mr. Woodward and he will be at AIC conference in Indianapolis that week.


Kevin Woodward-Recognized for Dedication and Congratulations:


Mr. Hahn would like to recognize Kevin Woodward for this is his last Drainage Board meeting. Mr. Hahn presented a card to Mr. Woodward from all Drainage Board members appreciating his dedication of service for 20+ years. Mr. Woodward thanked everyone and noted 20+ years is a long time.

Adjournment:

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

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting is Monday-October 4, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.


Blake Gerber - Chairman


Michael K. Vanover - Vice Chairman