

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - August 19, 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, Michael K. Vanover, Jeff Stringer; Attorney Ted Storer; Engineer Nate Whitacre; 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 to approve the Board's regular meeting minutes on August 5, 2024.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on August 5, 2024. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Ashbaucher Tile Drain Easement-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that landowners Chase M. & Lindsey M. Fiechter of 3287S. SR 1, Bluffton in Harrison Township, section 22, range 12E has filed a "Request for Variance Agreement and Covenant" to be in the easement of the Ashbaucher tile drain to build an 8' x 35' addition on the northside of the home. Hahn presented a detailed map of the area and recommends approving the 8' x 35' addition to be in the easement no closer than 40 feet from the center of the Ashbaucher tile drain.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve landowners Chase M. & Lindsey M. Fiechter of 3287S. SR 1, Bluffton in Harrison Township, section 22, range 12E to be in the easement of the Ashbaucher tile drain to build an 8' x 35' addition no closer than 40 feet from the center of the tile as recommended. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Projects and Updates:

Gaskill Tile Drain-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that most of the landowners are in favor of 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 there are just a couple of

landowners to give their support of the project to help pay for installing 2,200 feet of 30-inch tile, with the watershed to pay for the tile and materials. Hahn is confident that the landowners will all agree with their cost portions and the project will move forward this fall.

Extended Adams Street-Hoosier Highway Federal Road Project:

Hahn mentioned he has met with contractors several times on the Extended Adams Street-Hoosier Highway Federal project for the existing tiles and new inlets to all match up good with the drainage aspect of the project is going well. Hahn mentioned the elevation for the 36" tile replacement will be with the tops of the existing Delong tile that is currently a 30" non-reinforced cement tile. Hahn anticipates that we will be replacing the Delong tile as lands may develop in the future therefore wants to maintain the existing cover depth of the tile, and the elevation going deeper than the existing tile as it is replaced. The location of the area is in Harrison Township, section 17, range 12E west of the existing Hoosier Highway between 200S and 300S.

Drainage Board Meeting Cancelled-September 16th:

Mr. Hahn asked the Board to cancel the Drainage Board meeting on September 16th due to Street Fair and no drainage matters at this time. The next regular Drainage Board meeting will be on October 3rd.

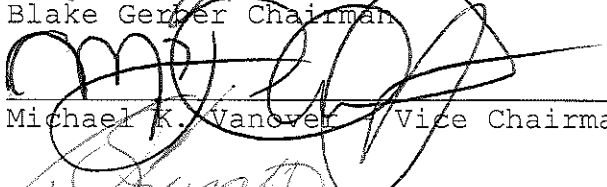
Mr. Stringer motioned to cancel its regularly scheduled Drainage Board meeting on September 16th due to Street Fair week and no drainage matters at this time. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

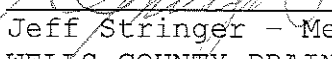
Adjournment:

Mr. Stringer motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board regular meeting at 4:37 pm. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting will be on Tuesday-September 3, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.


Blake Gerber Chairman


Michael K. Vanover Vice Chairman


Jeff Stringer - Member
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST: 
Diana L. Collins
WELLS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY