

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - November 18, 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 November 4, 2024.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on November 4, 2024. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Projects and Updates:

Gaskill Tile Drain-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that ADS tile company has delivered the last 465 feet of 30-inch tile on the Gaskill tile group project in Liberty Township, section 2, range 11E. Hahn noted contractor Jarin Tucker should finish up the project in a day or two.

Otto Decker Tile Drain-Union Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that the contractor has completed going across county road 600N to finish up the Otto Decker tile project in Union Township, Section 33, range 11E.

Gabriel T. Markley Tile Drain-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that the contractor Landis and Son Drainage has completed going across county road 350S to finish up G.T. Markley tile drain project in Harrison Township, Section 20, range 12E.

Bills Creek Drain-Landowner Edward Maller:

Mr. Hahn made mention that contractor Blake Johnson has removed the trees in Bills Creek ditch in Harrison Township, Section 10, Range 12E State Road 116 between 350E and 400E. Hahn noted that the tree removal was on Mr. Maller's property, who came to the last Drainage Board meeting expressing his concerns about the trees being in the ditch.

Lt. Governor Suzanne Crough Appointed Jarrod Hahn:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he received a letter from Lt. Governor Suzanne Crough appointing him to serve on the Indiana Drainage Handbook Advisory Board to update the Indiana Drainage Handbook IC 36-9-27.2-5(b). Hahn noted that there are two county surveyor positions on board with the other being Mike Fruchey of Allen County chosen out of 92 surveyors. Hahn mentioned no meetings have been scheduled or where they will be held. All Drainage Board members congratulated Mr. Hahn on this honor.

Day Joint Watershed Discussion-Liberty Township:

Mr. Gerber asked any new information on the Day watershed. Mr. Hahn mentioned that after several cost analysis was made it was determined that the cost of the project will be very high to replace. Hahn noted that he needs to go back to talk to the group of landowners about their projected timeline of replacement due to the high cost. Hahn also mentioned of an option to hold an informational meeting, possibly in December or sometime next year but after he talks to the group of landowners about the cost findings. Mr. Gerber asked how many parcels are in the watershed. Hahn noted that there are approximately 36 parcels affected but most of the parcels are owned by the same landowner.

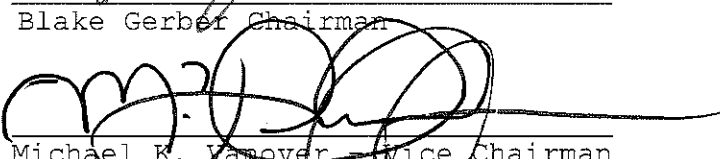
Adjournment:

Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board regular meeting at 4:40 p.m. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

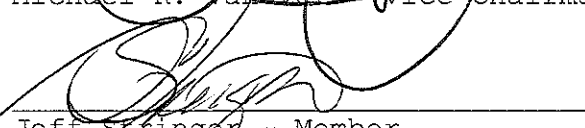
Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting will be on Monday-December 2, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.



Blake Gerber Chairman



Michael K. Vanover - Vice Chairman



Jeff Stringer - Member
WELLS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

ATTEST: 
Diana L. Collins