

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - December 2, 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 18, 2024.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on November 18, 2024. Mr. Stringer 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Projects and Updates:

Gaskill Tile Drain-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Jarin Tucker has completed replacing 2,200 feet of 30-inch tile on the Gaskill tile group project in Liberty Township, section 2, range 11E. Hahn noted that the landowners are paying for the installation and Halls Creek Watershed paying for the tile and stone.

Otto Decker Tile Drain-Union Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that the contractor has completed going across county road 600N between 300W and 400W to finish up the Otto Decker tile project in Union Township, Section 33, range 11E.

Drainage Issue-Email Received:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that he received an email from Mr. Vanover to contact Mr. Thompson to discuss a drainage issue. Hahn noted he did talk to Mr. Thompson on the issue but maybe more of a county road issue, therefore will discuss it with County Highway Supervisor Shawn Bonar. Hahn made note that he or Mr. Bonar will follow up with Mr. Thompson.

McBride Open Drain-Union Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Kevin Linnimeier of Tri County Exc. has completed a bottom clean out on the McBride open drain in Union Township, section 15 and 16, range 11E on 300W and North of 900N.

Gregg Open Drain-Liberty Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Kevin Linnimeier of Tri County Exc. has completed a bottom clean out on the Gregg open drain in Liberty Township, section 10, range 11E south of 100S to the upper end that is west of 200W.

New Hoosier Highway Road Extension-Ponding Water:

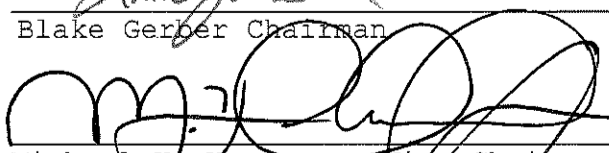
Mr. Stringer mentioned that water is ponding on the new Hoosier Highway Road extension and had ducks in it. Mr. Hahn mentioned it has been talked about at the progress meetings several times on the areas that have standing water. County Highway Engineer Nate Whitacre noted that they are looking at possible causes and finding solutions to get this resolved. Hahn noted that a pump may be needed to get the water out to regrade some of those areas.

Adjournment:

Mr. Stringer motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board regular meeting at 4:50 p.m. Mr. Vanover 2nd. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting will be on Monday-December 16, 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