

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Monday - January 6, 2025 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.

Re-Organize Wells County Drainage Board 2025:

Mr. Gerber opened the Drainage Board meeting and turned the floor over to Mr. Hahn to re-organize the Wells County Drainage Board 2025 officers. Mr. Hahn mentioned the nominations are opened for a chairman and vice-chairman, and to reappoint the attorney, engineer and secretary.

Mr. Stringer motioned for officers and appointees to retain their positions for 2025 are Blake Gerber as the Chairman, Michael Vanover as Vice Chairman; appointees Attorney Ted Storer, Engineer Nate Whitacre and Diana Collins as the secretary. Mr. Vanover 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Minutes:

Mr. Gerber mentioned the first item to approve the Board's regular meeting minutes on December 16, 2024.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on December 16, 2024. Mr. Stringer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

2025 Certify Collection of Watersheds-Detail Listing Sheet:

Mr. Hahn provided a detailed listing sheet on the watersheds and their assessment amounts to certify for collection for 2025. Hahn noted the orange highlighted areas are drains that are either at or close to 4 times the annual amount but has plans to use the funds in upcoming projects this year therefore remains to collect. Hahn mentioned the Gregg watershed would like to turn it back on for collection. Hahn mentioned the Dowty and Walters watershed to turn off collection. Hahn also mentioned the yellow highlights are drains that the assessment collections are already turned off and will remain off. Mr. Hahn noted that all other drains not highlighted or mentioned will remain on for collections for 2025.

Mr. Vanover motioned to certify collections of non-highlighted watersheds for 2025, turn on the Gregg watershed for collection, and stop collecting the Dowty and Walters watershed as recommended. Mr. Stringer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Projects and Updates:

Norwell Open Drain-Lancaster Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Kevin Linnimeier of Tri County Exc. will do a bottom clean out and bank repair on the Norwell open drain in Lancaster Township, section 6, range 21E between Meridian Road and 100E, between 500N and 550N.

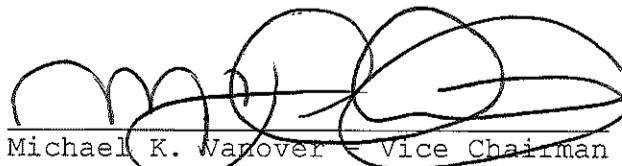
Adjournment:

Mr. Stringer motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board regular meeting at 4:44 p.m. Mr. Vanover 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting will be on Tuesday-January 21, 2025 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