

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - December 16, 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, Jeff Stringer; Attorney Ted Storer; Engineer Nate Whitacre; Surveyor Jarrod Hahn; Secretary Diana Collins. Michael K. Vanover was absent.

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 December 2, 2024.

Mr. Stringer motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on December 2, 2024. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Projects and Updates:

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.

2024 Drainage Projects Projection Cost Information:

Mr. Hahn presented a detailed spreadsheet of the 2024 drainage tile projects that were completed with their location, approval of watershed funds, landowner cost and the final cost. Hahn mentioned there are 11 projects in total almost in every township except Jackson and Rockcreek. Hahn noted that these project are possible due to the landowners helping with cost along with watershed funds totaling \$222,900.87. Hahn noted that one of the projects we have not received any bills as to date, and a couple projects we do not know the final installation cost of what the landowners contribution was. Hahn also mentioned that there are two tile projects, the BF Kain and the Fox tiles that the contractors were hoping to get done this year but are still working on private tiling projects, therefore will be on the 2025 project list to be done. Mr. Gerber asked on the Fox tile project what will be the tile size replacements. Hahn believes the sizes will be an 18-inch, 15-inch and 12-inch. Mr. Stringer questioned if INDOT has replaced the culvert under State Road 124 where the B.F. Kain tile is. Hahn noted, not yet, but anticipates the culvert replacement will be early next year, and then the B.F. Kain tile will be installed.

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.

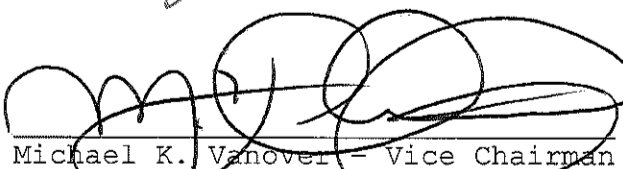
Adjournment:

Mr. Stringer motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board regular meeting at 4:42 p.m. Mr. Gerber 2nd, motion carried 2-0.

Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting will be on Monday-January 6, 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