

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes  
Tuesday - September 2, 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.

Minutes:

Mr. Gerber mentioned the first item to approve the Board's regular meeting minutes on August 18, 2025.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes on August 18, 2025. Mr. Stringer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

Old Business:

Abraham Showalter Tile Drain Project-Chester Township:

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Jarin Tucker has completed replacing 2,840 feet of 15-inch on the Abraham Showalter tile in Chester Township, section 12, range 11E 800S between 100W and Meridian Road. Hahn noted that the County Highway has also completed replacing across 800S with a 15-inch tile.

Carl Helms Prong 1 Tile Drain Replacement-Lancaster Township

Mr. Hahn mentioned that contractor Habig Trucking has not started replacing the Carl Helm Prong 1 in Lancaster Township, section 33, range 12E on Lancaster Ave. west side of City of Bluffton. Hahn continued to mention that the contractor is currently preparing the groundwork for the tile to include putting in a detention pond that the tile will be draining into for the Almco Steel's extension project. Mr. Vanover asked if the City of Bluffton has signed off on this project. Hahn replied no. Mr. Storer noted that he had not heard from the City of Bluffton's Attorney.

Craven Tile Drainage Easement-Harrison Township:

Mr. Hahn asked Attorney Ted Storer if he had heard from NIPSCO's Attorney on language for the Craven tile drainage easement located in Harrison Township, section 15 and 16 range 12E. Mr. Storer said, no word yet. Hahn noted that he would send an email out to NIPSCO's representative who sent in the drainage easement.

New Business:

Drainage Board Meeting Cancelled-September 15<sup>th</sup>:

Mr. Hahn asked the Board to cancel the Drainage Board meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> due to Street Fair, and no drainage matters at this time. Mr. Gerber noted that if we needed to have a Drainage Board meeting we would have to advertise for a special meeting and possibility to have at a different location as was done in the past. The next regular Drainage Board meeting will be on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Stringer motioned to cancel a regularly scheduled Drainage Board meeting on September 15, 2025 due to Street Fair week and lack of drainage matters at this time. Mr. Vanover 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.


Adjournment:

Mr. Stringer motioned to adjourn the Drainage Board regular meeting at 4:35 p.m. Mr. Vanover 2<sup>nd</sup>. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 3-0.

\*Cancelled-Drainage Board meeting on Monday-September 15, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

\*Next regular scheduled Drainage Board meeting will be on Monday-October 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