

Wells County Drainage Board Minutes
Monday - July 20, 2026 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 was absent; Attorney Ted Storer; Surveyor Jarrod Hahn; Secretary Amy Minnich.

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 for June 15, 2026. Mr. Hahn mentioned that Mr. Storer had added more verbiage to the June 15, 2026 minutes. Regarding the legal review of the request to reconstruct the Charles Boyer open ditch.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the Drainage Board regular meeting minutes for June 15, 2026. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 2-0.

Old Business:

Carl Helms Tile Replacement - Landcaster Township. Mr. Hahn noted that this job was completed.

2026 Spray Program - Southern Half of Wells County. Mr. Hahn noted that this job was completed.

New Business:

RTT Investments LLC, Reconstruction of Grames Tile request, Section 22, Lancaster Twp.

RTT Investments LLC is upgrading the existing John S. Grames tile for part of the Parlor City Flats multifamily development located at 2905 N Main Street Bluffton, Indiana 46714. Mr. Hahn mentioned that the existing 12' or 18' VCP tile is going to be replaced with 30" HDPE by RTT Investments LLC. The new legal drain would have 75' Right-Of-Way on either side of the new system and included a request for a variance of 55'. Mr. Hahn presented a checklist of the items in IC 36-9-27-52.5 to verify that all conditions were met.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the request. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 2-0

Ronda and Billy Hill, Encroachment into Ashbaucher Open Drain Request, Section 22 Harrison Twp. Mr. Hahn also presented an encroachment for Mr. and Mrs. Hill on the Ashbaucher Drain for a 30x40 garage leaving 40' for easement.

Mr. Vanover motioned to approve the request. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 2-0

Next Drainage Board Meeting:

The next Drainage Board meeting would be on August 3, 2026, at 4:30 pm.

Mr. Vanover motioned to adjourn the regular Drainage Board meeting at 4:59p.m. Concurred by Mr. Gerber, motion carried 2-0

Attest:

Amy Minnich

Wells Drainage Board Secretary


Blake Gerber - Chairman


Michael K. Vanover - Vice Chairman


Jeff Stringer - Member