

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
January 12, 2021

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The meeting of the Storm Water Management Board was called to order. Present were Commissioners Jeff Good, Laura Blaney and Jim Biggs. Also present were, Kevin Breitzke, Scott McClure, and Mike Novotney.

Board Reorganization

Motion: Kevin Breitzke moved that Jeff Good be nominated as President. Laura Blaney seconded the motion and so approved.

Motion: Kevin Breitzke moved that Laura Blaney be nominated as Vice President. Jim Biggs seconded the motion and so approved.

Consent Agenda – Drainage Board

Cases (Drainage Board Approval)

#SM-21-0001 James Krieger – To allow for the extension of an existing culvert providing a private farm lane crossing across Ludington Ditch, Arm 10 and its associated regulated drainage easement. **SWAB Recommendation** – approve Case SM-21-0001 subject to staff recommendations.

#SM-21-0002 Herbert L. Kilmer & Christine Moore c/o Abonmarche – Discuss post-construction storm water management plan for proposed 10-lot The Gardens at Loomis Lake subdivision and responsibility for maintenance of storm water infrastructure to be located therein. **SWAB Recommendation** – approve Case SM-21-0002 subject to staff recommendations and that the County become responsible for the long-term care of the infrastructure.

Claims – Regulated Drains (Drainage Board Approval)

West Hills Ditch	\$ 3,500.00
Parker Ditch	\$ 1,031.25

Motion: Laura Blaney moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Jim Biggs seconded and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Consent Agenda – Storm Water Management Board

Claims – Storm Water Fund (Storm Water Management Board Approval)

Kemper Ditch	\$ 1,300.00
Ludington Ditch	\$ 40,000.00

Claims – Storm Water Bond Fund (Storm Water Management Board Approval)

Old South Haven Subd, Northeast Storm Sewer	\$ 145,170.51
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Motion: Laura Blaney moved to approve the Consent Agenda- Storm Water Management Board. Jim Biggs seconded and so approved with a 4-0 vote

Storm Water Management Board

Contract Award

Storm Water Management Board Attorney 2021 Legal Services Agreement.

This is awarded to Attorney Scott McClure to serve for another year.

Motion: Kevin Breitzke moved to approve Scott McClure as the Storm Water Management Board for 2021. Laura Blaney seconded and so approved with a 4-0 vote.

Bid Opening Results, Bid Acceptance, & Contract Award

#P20-142 Bauer Ditch, Drain Tile Reconstruction – enhancement of existing drainage infrastructure, including installation of drain tile, installation of storm sewer structures, and placement of carrier pipe under US 6, via jack and bore construction, to address existing drainage and storm water management issues; sealed bids were opened at a public opening of bids on Dec. 15, 2020.

Mike Novotney discussed the Project. The apparent low bidder was Johns Brothers Tiling and Excavating. Like always, Staff reviewed the bids for responsiveness and responsibility. Johns Brothers bid lacked evidence of DOL Approved Apprentice and Training Program, prequalification with Indiana Department of Administration, and use of a US Department of Treasury approved surety. These are required by the Porter County Responsible Bidders Ordinance and/or State Statute. The next responsible, low bidder was G.E. Marshall in the amount of \$395,568.04. This is approximately a 13% increase from the original contract price. Staff's recommendation is to award the Contract to GE Marshall in the amount of \$395,568.04. Scott McClure pointed out there were two issues with the Johns Brothers bid. One was the Responsible Bidder Ordinance and also the State Statute for projects over \$300,000.

Motion: Kevin Breitzke moved to approve the bid of GE Marshall in the amount of \$395,568.04 for the Bauer Ditch, Drain Tile Reconstruction. Jim Biggs seconded and so approved with a 4-0 vote.

Bauer Ditch is a significant drain in Jackson Township. The drainage area to Bauer Ditch is almost 1,000 acres. The existing tile was put in almost 100 years ago. They are putting in a parallel system and will maintain the old system as long as possible. This will have tremendous impact on this area.

Projects & Programs Update

Greater South Haven Stormwater Infrastructure Study

Rich Graber discussed the study which covers Salt Creek Valley Commons, Coventry and New South Haven. They started the week of Thanksgiving. They are 90% finished in Salt Creek Commons. This was developed in the 1970s and there will be a lot of work needed to be done. Coventry is about 80% complete. That development was done in early 2000s. Most is plastic pipe. There are a lot of issues. It

looks as if it was installed incorrectly. This has to do with the backfill methods used. In New South Haven they are about 25% complete. Most of the pipe is corrugated metal. It looks better than Salt Creek Commons but it is early in the project. All three areas have significant debris in them.

Mike Novotney explained the procedure from here to develop priority areas and budgetary numbers. They hope to have the study complete by the middle of this year.

Jeff Good asked when there will be similar data for Shorewood. Mike Novotney replied he hopes to have that by the middle of the year also. Jeff Good asked if they expect street issues in the South haven area. Mike replied they anticipate some road repair will need to be done.

Next Meeting: February 2, 2021, 9:00 am

There being no further business, the meeting recessed.

Jeff Good, President

Mike Novotney, Engineer/Program Director