

**PORTER COUNTY STORMWATER ADVISORY BOARD**  
**January 13, 2020**

LOCATION: County Administrative Center, Ste 205 TIME: 5:00 p.m.  
155 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso IN

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Bob Gilliana, Fred Martin, Paul Nelson, Jeremy Rivas, Jay Hunter, and Scott Severson were present. Jeff Good, was absent. Also in attendance were Clay Patton-Attorney, Kevin Breitzke, Mike Novotney, and staff.

**All Recommendations will be voted on at the next Storm Water Management Board meeting**

Mike Novotney explained the Commissioners will make appointments to Board and Commissions at their meeting tomorrow. Therefore, tonight this Board will continue as it has for the last year. At next month's meeting they will have a reorganization.

**New Business:**

**Docket No.:** SM-20-0001

**Applicant:** NIPSCO c/o Cardno

**Location:** 200 S approximately 0.75 miles west of CR 500

**Request:** To allow for replacement of existing natural gas pipeline crossings of South Koselke Ditch and Galbreath Ditch, including the installation of new pipeline crossings via horizontal directional drilling (HDD) and the removal of old pipeline crossings

No one was present for applicant.

**Staff Findings and Recommendations:**

The applicant is proposing to replace existing natural gas pipeline crossings of South Koselke Ditch and Galbreath Ditch on its existing 30" natural gas pipeline between the Tassinong and Mayflower regulator stations. The work will include the installation of new pipeline crossings via horizontal directional drilling (HDD) and the removal of old pipeline crossings.

The applicant is proposing to replace the existing regulated drain crossings via directional bore, with a minimum separation distance of 22' between the proposed 30" natural gas pipeline and the invert of the regulated drains. It appears that entry and exit points for the directional bores will be located approximately 300'-400' from the top of bank, outside of the regulated drainage easements.

The applicant is also proposing to remove the existing regulated drain crossings, which are aerial crossings. The existing 30" natural gas pipeline will be removed approximately 10' beyond the top of bank on each side of each of the ditches. In making an application to

conduct the proposed work, the applicant has agreed to restore any disturbance to the regulated drainage easements to a condition as good or better than those found prior to the commencement of the work.

Staff recommends approval of the crossing replacements and use of the regulated drains and/or regulated drainage easements to replace the natural gas pipeline crossings. Standard terms and conditions apply including the execution of a Hold Harmless Agreement.

Applicant will need to obtain a permit from the Department for any work conducted within any county road rights-of-way, as well as an erosion and sediment control permit.

**Motion:** Bob Gilliana moved to approve per staff recommendations and execution of a Hold Harmless Agreement. Jay Hunter seconded the motion and approved with a 6-0 vote.

**Project Updates:**

Mike Novotney gave an update on projects. There were some issues with the recent heavy rain. There was almost 3” of rain. Some ditches were overflowing. He thanked staff for helping with issues caused by this heavy rainfall.

In 2019 there were 108 projects at a contract value of \$5.5 Million. For 2020 they have 5-6 projects already underway. Mike commended staff for their efforts. He expects to release a request for bids for pipelining tomorrow.

Jay Hunter stated since there have not been complaints that is a testament that Staff is doing a good job.

**Open for Discussion:**

Clay Patton announced his law partner has been appointed as a Court Magistrate and is therefore not in this law office anymore. His office will remain in the same location. Most of his information will remain the same. He will advise every one of any new information.

The next meeting date is February 10, 2020

There being no further business, the meeting recessed.

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Scott Severson, President

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Mike Novotney, Engineer/Program Director