

PORTER COUNTY STORMWATER ADVISORY BOARD

February 11, 2019

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

Reorganization:

Motion: Bob Gilliana moved to appoint Scott Severson as President. Jeremy Rivas seconded the motion and so approved.

Motion: Jeremy Rivas moved to appoint Paul Nelson as Vice President. Bob Gilliana seconded the motion and so approved.

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

New Business:

Docket No.: SM-19-0004

Applicant: Intelligent Fiber Network, LLC c/o CSU Inc

Location: Various locations in Northern Porter Co. in Westchester and Pine Twp., along Indian Boundary Road, Brummitt Road, CR 1225 N and CR 1275 N

Request: To install fiber optic cable conduits (2 conduits) across 5 regulated drains, including, Kemper Ditch (2 Locations), Kemper Ditch-Arm 23 (2 locations), Kemper Ditch-Arm 24, Kemper Ditch-Arm 10, and Kemper Ditch-Arm 9.

Kevin Maxwell. 823 Chestnut, Seymour, IN presented on behalf of the applicant.

Staff Findings and Recommendations:

The applicant is proposing to install fiber optic cable conduits across Porter County's system of regulated drains: Kemper Ditch at Indian Boundary Road (open drain) and Brummitt Road (open drain), at Kemper Ditch-Arm 23 at Brummitt Road (drain tile) and CR 1225 N (drain tile), at Kemper Ditch-Arm 24 at CR 1225 N (drain tile), at Kemper Ditch-Arm 18 at CR 1200 N (drain tile), at Kemper Ditch-Arm 10 at CR 1275 N (open Drain), and at Kemper Ditch-Arm 9 at CR 1275 N (open drain).

Two fiber optic cable conduits are to be installed at each crossing to allow for installation of a fiber optic network. Applicant is proposing to conduct all regulated drain crossings via directional bore, with a minimum separation distance of 5' between the proposed fiber optic cable conduits and the invert of the regulated drains. It appears that the entry and exit points for the directional bores will be located inside of the regulated drainage easements. 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 notes that preliminary work has begun on the planning and design of the replacement of Bridge 168, which carries Brummitt Road over Kemper Ditch. Replacement of the bridge is currently scheduled for 2022.

At this time staff recommends approval of the crossings and use of the regulated drains and/or regulated drainage easements to install the proposed fiber optic cable conduits. The standard terms and conditions associated with conducting work within a regulated drain/regulated drainage easement including the execution of a hold harmless agreement between the applicant and Porter County regarding any damages the improvements may incur during the maintenance of the ditches. Staff also recommends that such approval be made contingent upon further coordination between the applicant and the Department regarding the proposed fiber optic cable conduits crossing of Kemper Ditch at Brummitt Road. Applicant will need to obtain a permit from the Department for any work conducted within any county road rights-of-way.

Kevin Maxwell added construction should start within one week of approval. This project is to link Franciscan Hospitals.

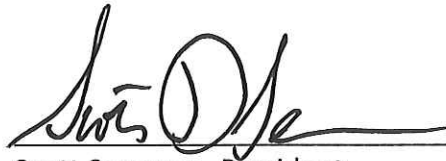
Motion: Jeremy Rivas moved to approve the applicant's request with staff's recommendations and the execution of a hold harmless agreement. Bob Gilliana seconded the motion and so approved.

Project Updates:

Mike Novotney gave an update on projects. Infrastructure is all in on Governor Road with the exception of inlets. The televising project in South Haven is more than 50% done. The pipe is in better shape than expected.

The Storm Water Management Board has approved the first property buy out for property in Wheeler. This is a nice tool to be able to use in areas with no other option. Potentially any building in a flood plain could be subject to a property buy out. FEMA has programs that would help with a project like this.

The next scheduled meeting is March 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting recessed.



Scott Severson, President



Mike Novotney, Engineer/Program Director