

**STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**March 17, 2020**

The meeting of the Storm Water Management Board was called to order in the Commissioner's Room in the County Administration Center at 155 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso, IN on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Jeff Good, Laura Blaney and Jim Biggs. Also present were, Kevin Breitzke, Scott McClure, Bob Thompson and Mike Novotney.

**Consent Agenda – Drainage Board**

**Cases – (Drainage Board Approval)**

Case: SM-20-0006

Applicant: Rael Betensley

Request: To allow for after the fact approval of the replacement/extension of three culverts providing farm crossings over Kemper Ditch, Arm 19 and clearing and tree removal and grubbing work on Kemper Ditch, Arm 19. SWAB Recommendation - Case heard at March 9, 2020 SWAB meeting. Recommended approval with conditions, per staff report and including successful completion of restoration work and any necessary corrections to culvert installations.

**Motion:** Laura Blaney moved to approve the Consent Agenda – Drainage Board. Jim Biggs seconded the motion and so approved.

**Consent Agenda – Storm Water Management Board**

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

Carriage Hills Subdivision	\$13,850.50
Carver Ditch	\$24,307.51
Kemper Ditch	\$1,440.00
Krull Ditch	\$2,560.00
Ludington Ditch	\$64,171.52
Old South Haven	\$6,450.00
Troon Subdivision	\$1,525.00

**Motion:** Kevin Breitzke moved to approve the Consent Agenda – Storm Water Management Board. Laura Blaney seconded the motion and so approved.

**Stormwater Management Board**

**Quote Acceptance & Contract Award**

Mike Novotney presented and recommended approval of an Annual Construction and Maintenance Services Agreements, 2020 received from:

Animal Damage Control – Tom Larson \$150 per beaver

**Motion:** Jim Biggs moved to approve Tom Larson for Animal Damage Control at \$150 per beaver. Laura Blaney seconded the motion and so approved.

**Bid Opening Results**

Bid review and tabulation from the bid opening held at the Tuesday, February 18, 2020 SWMB meeting

#P20-001 Old South Haven Storm Water Improvements, Phase 1 (Storm Sewer System Lining & Rehabilitation) – in-situ rehabilitation (e.g., CIPP lining) of approximately 15,000 linear feet of existing storm sewer, which were previously cleaned and televised, to address deteriorated storm sewer infrastructure and longstanding drainage, flooding, and maintenance issues throughout Old South Haven

### **Bid Acceptance and Contract Award**

The lowest bid was also responsive. The consulting engineer has reviewed and agrees. Mike Novotney recommended awarding the contract to:

SAK Construction, LLC          \$4,248,934.00

This is the storm sewer lining work. There are dates written into the Contract. The entire project has to be complete by the end of the year.

**Motion:** Kevin Breitzke moved to approve the contract to SAK Construction LLC in the amount of \$4,248,934.00. Seconded by Laura Blaney and so approved.

### **Quote Opening Results**

Quote review and tabulation from a public quote opening held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. local time at the Porter County Administration Center, 155 Indiana Avenue, Ste. 311, Valparaiso IN 46383

#P20-026 Kankakee River Maintenance, Log Jam and Mass Woody Debris Removal, Pilot Phase (Dunn’s Bridge to LaPorte Co. Line) – a pilot project to remove downed trees, log jams, and mass woody debris from the water to address what has become an impediment to flow and navigation in the Kankakee River.

### **Quote Acceptance and Contract Award**

Only one bid was received. The consulting engineer has reviewed and agrees. Mike Novotney recommended awarding the contract to:

K & L Excavating LLC    \$149,100.00

**Motion:** Kevin Breitzke moved to approve the contract to K & L Excavating in the amount of \$149,100.00. Seconded by Laura Blaney and so approved.

The Kankakee River Basin has contributed \$125,000 to this project. The County will be paying approximately \$24,000.00. There was discussion regarding this cooperative program and its future.

### **Qualifications Based Selection**

Adam McAlpine reported on the Shorewood Forest Subdivision, Storm Water Infrastructure Study – investigation and analysis of the existing storm water infrastructure serving the Shorewood Forest subdivision. The study will serve as the foundation for future storm water capital improvements and repair and maintenance efforts in the subdivision. They invited eight engineers to provide statements of their qualifications. They also put it on the County’s web page. He received six statements of qualifications. Adam explained the review process. His recommendation is to award this to Abonmarche.

Mike Novotney stated the Engineer’s estimate on the project cost is from \$150,000 to \$250,000. The selection group felt Abonmarche was the best fit. If there needs to be more discussion, he is willing to do that. Scott McClure suggested that a meeting be held and let the Commissioners see how the scoring system was done.

**Motion:** Laura Blaney moved to table the selection process for the Shorewood Forest Project. Seconded by Kevin Breitzke and so approved.

**Project Updates:**

Mike Novotney gave an update on regulated drain maintenance for Carver Ditch and Kemper Ditch, various arms. Rich Graber gave a report on what has been done to clean up the dead fall in these ditches.

#19-044 South Central Storm Sewer Project. Gough should be starting this week.

US Army Corps Section 219 Project (Squirrel Creek Diversion Project). They are working on the Project Agreement. Mike Novotney will be forwarding this to Attorney Scott McClure. Jeff Good pointed out this project is bringing \$1.5 Million back to Porter County. This is good news and should be publicized.

**Work Order Report:**

There have been 23 work orders to date with an average value of \$13,000.00.

Next Meeting: April 14, 2020 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed at 9:53 a.m.

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Jeff Good, President

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Mike Novotney, Engineer/Program Director