

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
June 11, 2019

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, June 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Jeff Good, Laura Blaney, Jim Biggs. Also in attendance were Kevin Breitzke, Scott McClure, Bob Thompson and Mike Novotney.

Consent Agenda – Drainage Board

Cases: (Drainage Board Approval)

Town of Kouts – To install additional storm sewer within the Good Acres Subdivision, including a new storm sewer outlet to Pleasant Twp Ditch.

SWAB Recommendation: By a 5-0 vote recommended approval of the proposed storm sewer connection to Pleasant Township Ditch per staff recommendations.

NIPSCO – To install a new structural support system for an aerial pipeline crossing of Cook Ditch.

SWAB Recommendation: By a 5-0 vote recommended approval of the proposed activity per staff recommendations.

NIPSCO – To excavate within the regulated drainage easements associated with Galbreath Ditch, South Koselke Ditch, Grieger Ditch, and Washington-Morgan Twp Ditch.

SWAB Recommendation: By a 5-0 vote recommended approval of the proposed activity per staff recommendations.

Claims – Regulated Drains (Drainage Board Approval)

Ludington Ditch	\$153,104.85
Fox Burrow Run	\$4,717.50 (storm sewer video inspection)

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)

Cobb Ditch	\$13,457.01
Henderson Ditch	\$4,819.20
Kemper Ditch	\$3,246.80
Phillips Ditch	\$6,092.50
Shooter Ditch	\$400.00
Sylvan Manor	\$2,346.24

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

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Contract Administration:

#P18-042 Old South Haven Northeast Storm Sewer Project (Grimmer Construction) - Change Order #2 to amend the contract to cover necessary changes in the work to date. Such change order will increase the value of the contract by \$25,790.44 to a total contract price of \$3,571,490.03. In light of the complications encountered on the project to date, future change orders covering changes to the contract times and contract value are anticipated.

Discussion: This covers the repair of a sink hole on Baltimore Road. It is a result of the cleaning activities. A lot more work will need to be done than was originally anticipated in the contract. This is the reason for the anticipated increase in the contract value. Some of the repair work might be paid by the Anderson Crossing Apartment Complex. This matter is still in discussion.

Motion: Laura Blaney moved to approve. Kevin Breitzke seconded the motion and so approved

#P18-064 Cornell Ditch, Zakutansky Arm Reconstruction (Johns Brothers Tilling & Excavating) – Change Order #1 to amend the contract to cover necessary changes in the work. Such change order will increase the value of the contract by \$22,828.92 to a total contract price of \$231,257.92 and extend the date for final completion to June 30, 2019. No additional changes to the contract times or contract value are anticipated.

Discussion: These were changes that were needed to complete the goal of the work. There are seven changes involved with the Change Order. Johns Brothers has finished the work.

Motion: Kevin Breitzke moved to approve with the correct change to be \$22,828.92 for a total contract price of \$231,257.92. Laura Blaney seconded the motion and so approved.

Project Updates:

Mike Novotney discussed the challenges his staff has had due to the 11" to 13" of rain during the last month. The office has received 215 drainage complaints to date. Out of that number 125 were received in the last month. Significant progress is being made in Old South Haven. They hope to have Governor Road open by the first of next month. A review of other ongoing projects was given.

Work Order Update: 63 job numbers have been awarded. Five are capital improvement projects. 58 projects have been awarded via Work Order with a dollar amount of approximately \$320,000.

Discussion: Jim Biggs discussed the issue of grass in the retention ponds. The grass is over a foot high in South Haven. The County is being blamed for that issue. He thought this was the only responsibility of the Conservancy District. He would like to have a discussion whether this Conservancy District needs to exist. The citizens are being taxed for it and he does not see the relevance.

Jeff Good asked if there is a Contract or a Memorandum of Understanding with the Conservancy District. Scott McClure replied there is a contract. They do their own MS4. They are an entity. They have not provided the County with a list of what they intend to keep doing. Last fall they were given several options. Jim Biggs feels the District needs to justify their existence. There was discussion regarding having a conversation with the permitting agency regarding the MS4 permit for the Conservancy District. The State and Circuit Court say they have jurisdictional control over that land. As long as they have that, they are going to be the MS4 permit. Right now, the County is doing the work and they are paying what everyone else is paying. The County is proving themselves and doing what they said they would do. Now after 18 months the idea is that the Board should be educated to what their responsibility is with the hopes that they would take control and do what they should or step aside and let the County take control. Mike will continue narrative with Attorney Hollenbeck and will do a memo to IDEM regarding the Conservancy District's responsibilities. It was suggested that a meeting be set up so there is a recorded meeting stating what the rules are for each.

Next Meeting: July 9, 2019 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m.



Jeff Good, President



Mike Novotney, Engineer/Program Director