

**PORTER COUNTY STORMWATER ADVISORY BOARD**  
**August 12, 2019**

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 and Scott Severson, were present. Jeff Good, Jay Hunter were absent. Also in attendance were Clay Patton-Attorney, Kevin Breitzke, Mike Novotney, Bob Thompson and staff.

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

**New Business:**

**Docket No.:** SM-19-0041

**Applicant:** NIPSCO

**Location:** Various locations in eastern Porter Co., in Morgan and Pleasant Twp., along CR 600 E between CR 600 S and CR 700 S, along CR 900 S between CR 400 E and CR 500 E, and along CR 400 E between CR 900 S and CR 1000 S.

**Request:** To install new gas mains within the regulated drainage easements associated with Hannon Ditch and Reeves Ditch – Unnamed Arm.

**Staff Findings and Recommendations:**

The applicant is proposing to install 4" medium density polyethylene medium pressure gas mains to provide gas service to new and future customers by extending existing gas infrastructure.

A new gas main from the intersection of CR 900 S and CR 500 E to the intersection of CR 1000 S and CR 400 E along CR 900S, CR 400 E and CR 1000 S is proposed to be installed via directional bore. The gas main is proposed to be installed approximately 30" below grade and a minimum 8' below the bottom of the ditch for the required crossing of Hannon Ditch. The project shall follow the north, south, east, west rule for the location of utilities in the right-of-way, in accordance with the Porter County Construction Standards. Gas mains located on the north and east sides of the county roads will be approximately 2' from the edge of pavement and between 9' and 13' from the centerline of the road. Based on staff review there is a minimum 4' shoulder/overbank area between the edge of pavement and top of bank along Hannon Ditch. The gas should fit along the proposed route at approximately 2' from the pavement.

The installation of a new gas main from the intersection of SR 8 and CR 600 E to the intersection of CR 550 S and CR 600 E along CR 600 E is to be installed via directional bore with the gas main being approximately 30" below grade and the a minimum 8' below the bottom of the tile for the required crossing of Reeves Ditch-Unnamed Arm. The project shall follow the north, south,

east, west rules for the location of utilities in the right-of-way in accordance with the Porter County Construction Standards.

Entry/exit pits will be required along the proposed routes. 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 proposed work in the regulated drainage easements associated with Hannon Ditch and Reeves Ditch – Unnamed Arm. The applicant shall execute a hold harmless agreement between the applicant and Porter County regarding any damages that Hannon Ditch and/or Reeves Ditch-Unnamed Arm may incur during the work. The installation of the gas mains involves work in the rights-of-way associated with CR 1000 S, CR 400 E, CR 900 S, and CR 600 E. A permit from the Department is required for such work.

**Motion:** Bob Gilliana moved to approve per staff recommendations and execution of a Hold Harmless Agreement. Applicant must apply for a permit for work done in the rights-of-way. Jeremy Rivas seconded the motion and so approved.

**Project Updates:**

Mike Novotney gave an update on projects. The Northwest Storm Sewer project in South Haven is near completion. Soon they will be doing an invitation to bid on the South Central Storm Sewer project and expect to award that bid in October. Work is being done to the website to make it more user friendly and mobile device friendly. Currently there are four bridges under construction.

**Open for Discussion:** no one.

The next scheduled meeting is September 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed.

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Scott Severson, President

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Mike Novotney, Engineer/Program Director