

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

August 14, 2018

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, August 14, 2018 at 9:00a.m. Present were Commissioners Jeff Good, Laura Blaney and Jim Biggs. Also in attendance were Scott McClure and Mike Novotney.

Consent Agenda – Drainage Board

Cases (Drainage Board Approval)

East Porter County School Corporation – requesting approval to replace existing waste water treatment plant outfall in Ahlgrim Ditch with a new outfall. SWAB Recommendation – Approved per staff recommendations.

Old Town Suites, LLC – discuss storm water management plan for proposed 9-lot Westgate subdivision and maintenance of storm water infrastructure to be located therein. SWAB Recommendation - Stormwater infrastructure to become public (regulated) stormwater infrastructure upon preliminary acceptance thereof by Porter County and allow storm water infrastructure to discharge to Tonaski Ditch, Arm 1.

Michael Justice - requesting approval to construct a driveway across a regulated open drain in Yellowstone subdivision and within the associated regulated drainage easement. SWAB Recommendation - Approved per staff recommendations.

City of Valparaiso – requesting approval to install a new storm sewer (i.e., detention basin) outfall in South Koselke Ditch. SWAB Recommendation - Approve proposed improvements located in South Koselke Ditch and its associated regulated drainage easement, contingent upon the City of Valparaiso obtaining a drainage easement from property owner.

Claims – Regulated Drains (Drainage Board Approval)

Reeves Ditch, South	\$2,537.50
Sandy Hook Ditch	\$30,105.99
Various Ditches	\$56,405.00 (ditch spraying)
Yellowstone Subd.	\$4,100.00

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

Consent Agenda – Stormwater Management Board

Appeals

Timothy Lastauskas – Requesting to waive storm water system user fee. SWAB Recommendation - Continued

Motion: Kevin Breitzke moved to continue Timothy Lastauskas case until more information is received from Timothy Lastauskas. Laura Blaney seconded the motion and so approved.

Claims – Storm Water Fund (Stormwater Management Board Approval)

Marble-Powers Ditch/Kankakee R	\$60,472.24 (flood response/recovery)
Old South Haven	\$1,800.00
Shorewood Forest Subd	\$5,490.00
Various Ditches	\$26,462.50 (ditch spraying)

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

Announcements – Requests for Quotes/Invitations to Bid

Old South Haven Pipe Lining : Projects “B”, “C”, & “D” Storm Sewer Cleaning and Televising – cleaning and televising of approximately 14, 400 linear feet of existing storm sewer to confirm the applicability of in-situ rehabilitation methods and/or other rehabilitation methods to such storm sewer and prepare for such rehabilitation work; sealed bids will be opened and a contract awarded at a future meeting.

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

Drainage Board

Resolution 18-01 – A Resolution approving administrative (i.e., staff) review and approval of connections of private drains to public (i.e., regulated) drainage infrastructure.

Discussion: This has been discussed at previous meetings. It is here in the form of a Resolution. The reason is to allow staff to review administratively. This will shorten the process. If there are issues with a project it will not qualify for administrative review. Hold Harmless agreements will still be part of each approval.

Motion: Laura Blaney moved to approve Resolution No. 18-01. Jim Biggs seconded the motion and so approved.

Stormwater Management Board

Resolution 18-01 – A Resolution approving the project designated as the Krull Ditch Flood Damage Mitigation Project and the acquisition, by purchase, of the property necessary to implement such project.

Discussion: This is the Wheeler projects. Staff has been trying to work on this for some time. A study has stated the best way to fix the drainage problems in this area is replacement and upsizing of the Park and State culverts. The estimated cost is \$640,000. This figure does not include utility relocation that is necessary with both projects. When added in, the projects will easily exceed \$700,000. Last fall bids were open for this project. The low bid was \$350,000. The contract was unable to be awarded because White Oak Conservancy District is still the owner and financially responsible for the water main. They will have to pay for the cost of the relocation. They are not willing to do so.

There are three properties that flood on a regular basis. Repair to the culverts will not remove the drainage issue completely to these three properties. The only way to get those properties out of flood risk is to remove the structures. The owner is now interested in working with the

County in a voluntary buy out option. This is a necessary Resolution that approves the project and the acquisition, by purchase, of the property necessary to complete the project. After approval of the Resolution the next step would be appraisal and negotiating with the property owner.

When the structures are removed, the plan would be flood plain restoration/storage capacity. This will minimize flood issues downstream. Removing the culverts would not eliminate the flood risk. The land is very low here. This seems to be the best situation to pursue for this area.

If this Resolution is approved today, it will be published, neighbors notified, and discussed at the next meeting.

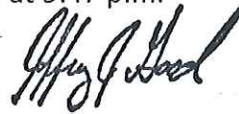
Motion: Kevin Breitzke moved to approve Resolution 18-01. Laura Blaney seconded the motion and so approved.

Project Updates: Staff is working with FEMA. They are asking for \$1.75 Million in a grant which would result in the County receiving \$1.3 Million plus potential to get 5% for administrative costs.

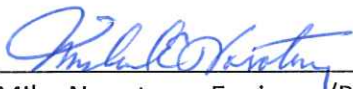
Staff will get a chart and then press release out on the South Haven work so residents will know what to expect. Staff will work with Twin Creek Conservancy to make sure all know who is responsible for maintenance of detention ponds.

Next Meeting: September 18, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed at 9:47 p.m.



Jeff Good, President



Mike Novotney, Engineer/Program Director