

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD
February 7, 2023

The meeting of the Storm Water Management Board was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present were Commissioners Laura Blaney, Barb Regnitz and Jim Biggs. Also present were, Kevin Breitzke, Scott McClure, and Chelsey Gordon.

Consent Agenda – Storm Water Management Board

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

- Breyfogel Ditch \$ 400.00
- Swanson Lamporte, Arm 1 \$ 450.00
- Kemper Ditch \$ 38,012.76
- Sandy Hook \$ 750.00
- Shorewood Forest \$ 6,980.00
- Troon Subdivision \$ 221,121.51

MOTION: Kevin Breitzke moved to approve the Consent Agenda – Storm Water Management Board as presented. Barb Regnitz seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

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Request for Quote Results, Quote Acceptance, & Contract Awards

Annual Construction & Maintenance Services Agreements, 2023 – hourly rates for the period Feb. 1, 2023, through Jan. 31, 2024, for labor and equipment typically used in storm water construction & maintenance activities; to provide construction & maintenance services, as needed, to conduct routine operation, repair, and maintenance activities on Porter County’s public storm water infrastructure

- Animal Damage Control – Beaver Trapping - \$100 per beaver and \$100 set up fee.

MOTION: Kevin Breitzke moved to approve. Barb Regnitz seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Contract Awards

Annual Professional Services Agreements, 2023 – hourly rates for the period Feb. 1, 2023, through Jan. 31, 2024, for storm water-related professional services; to provide professional services, as needed, related to the development, administration, and implementation of Porter County’s Storm Water Management Program.

- JCMA, INC.
- Lawson-Fisher Associates P.C.

MOTION: Barb Regnitz moved to accept the JCMA and Lawson-Fisher Associates Annual Professional Services Agreements as presented. Kevin Breitzke seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Contract Administration

#P22-034 Neimer Ditch at Laporte Co. Line Rd. – Culvert Replacement (Grimmer Construction, Inc.) – Change Order #1 to adjust the contract times as necessary to account for additional time needed to successfully complete the work due to utility relocation delays. Such change order will extend the substantial completion date by 120 days, from December 31, 2022 to April 30, 2023.

MOTION: Kevin Breitzke moved to approve. Laura Blaney seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Announcements

New Employee – Lori Larson, Storm Water Project Manager. She is assisting with projects on the Storm Water side. She has worked in Storm Water in LaPorte.

Regulated Drainage Infrastructure Vegetation Management, 2023 (Ditch Spraying, 2023) – includes chemical treatment to control invasive and undesirable plant species and promote native and desirable plant species. Sealed quotes will be opened and a contract awarded at a future meeting.

Projects & Programs Update

Niemer Ditch Culvert Replacement – Work is expected to start on February 10, 2023.

Work Order Report to date. Mostly beaver dam removal. Shorewood had an emergency repair. Average cost is \$3,389.

Development Review – 27 active subdivisions, 19 development plans, 2 stop work orders, and 34 active constructions

Next Meeting: March 14, 2023, 9:00 am

There being no further business, the meeting recessed at 9:09 am.

Jim Biggs, President

Chelsey Gordon, Storm Water Program Manager