

**STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**March 16, 2021**

The meeting of the Storm Water Management Board was called to order. Present were Commissioners Jeff Good, Laura Blaney and Jim Biggs. Also present were, Kevin Breitzke, Scott McClure, and Mike Novotney.

**Consent Agenda – Drainage Board  
Cases (Drainage Board Approval)**

#SM-21-0010 NIPSCO – To conduct necessary utility relocation activities within the regulated drainage easements associated with Brown Ditch and Kintzele Ditch ahead of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District’s (NICTD’s) upcoming Double Track Northwest Indiana Project. **SWAB Recommendation** –Approval with staff recommendations, execution of a Hold Harmless Agreement, and staff being notified 72 hours prior to the start of work at Kintzele Ditch so they can be present during the performance of the work.

**Motion:** Jim Biggs moved to approve Consent Agenda - Drainage Board – Case SM-21-0010. Laura Blaney seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

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

Washington Square Subd.	\$ 10,884.40
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**Claims – Storm Water Bond Fund (Storm Water Management Board Approval)**

Old South Haven Subd., South Central Storm Sewer	\$ 355,809.00
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**Motion:** Kevin Breitzke moved to approve Consent Agenda – Storm Water Management Board. Jim Biggs seconded the motion and so approved with a 4-0 vote.

**Announcements**

Ludington Ditch, Arms 16-19, Drain Tile Reconstruction, Phase 1 – This is Phase 1 of the Ludington Ditch, Arms 16-19 drain tile reconstruction project. The work includes installation of a new drain tile system to replace a failed drain tile system at the downstream end of Ludington Ditch, Arm 19 (tiled drain). Sealed quotes or bids will be opened and a contract awarded at a future meeting.

Shorewood Forest Subdivision Storm Water Infrastructure Study, Storm Sewer Televising– Televising approximately 28,000 feet of storm sewers ranging in size from 12 inches to 42 inches in diameter in the Shorewood Forest subdivision to support the development of the Shorewood Forest Subdivision Storm Water Infrastructure Study. Sealed quotes or bids will be opened and a contract awarded at a future meeting.

**Quote Acceptance & Contract Awards**

#P21-013 Ludington Ditch, Arm 19, Ditch Reconstruction – This work will facilitate the Ludington Ditch, Arms 16-19 drain tile reconstruction project. The work includes mowing, clearing and tree removal, and

channel excavation on Ludington Ditch, Arm 19 from CR 450 S to its confluence with Ludington Ditch. Sealed quotes were opened at a public opening of quotes on March 11, 2021. Eight firms were invited to submit bids. Staff received two responses one of which was a bid. The Engineer's estimate of probable cost was \$99,202.05. The quote was submitted by Greenline Landscaping and Excavating in the amount of \$58,021.84. Staff recommends acceptance of the quote and award the contract to Greenline.

**Motion:** Kevin Breitzke moved to accept the bid and award the contract to Greenline Landscaping and Excavating in the amount of \$58,021.84. Laura Blaney seconded the motion and so approved with a 4-0 vote.

#P21-015 Emerald Ridge Subdivision, Blarney Stone Dr. Drainage Improvements – Enhancement of existing drainage infrastructure, including installation of a pipe underdrain, and the grading of ditches and swales to address existing drainage and storm water management issues. Sealed quotes were opened at a public opening of quotes on March 15, 2021. A rear yard drainage swale will be constructed to run the water to a detention pond. Six firms were invited to submit bids. The Engineer's estimate of probable cost was just under \$67,000. It is a difficult project to estimate due to the intense work in the back yards. The lowest responsible bid was received from Satoski Brothers in the amount of \$73,464.39. Staff recommends acceptance of the quote and award the contract to Satoski Brothers.

**Motion:** Kevin Breitzke moved to accept the bid and award the contract to Satoski Brothers in the amount of \$73,464.39. Jim Biggs seconded the motion and so approved with a 4-0 vote.

### **Contract Awards**

Annual Professional Services Agreements, 2021 – qualifications-based selection process to select consultants to provide professional services, for the period February 1, 2021, through January 31, 2022, related to the development, administration, and implementation of Porter County's Storm Water Management Program. Authority to negotiate agreements with the selected firms was granted at the February 23, 2021 SWMB meeting.

Staff has negotiated with five of the seven firms. Two more will be presented at the next SWMB meeting. Staff recommends and presented contracts for the five businesses listed below. The two for next month will be Soil Solutions and American Structure Point.

Advanced Engineering Services, Inc.  
Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc.  
Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD  
DLZ Indiana, LLC  
Lawson-Fisher Associates, P.C.

**Motion:** Kevin Breitzke moved to accept the Professional Services Roster for 2021 as presented. Jim Biggs seconded the motion and so approved with a 4-0 vote.

### **Contract Administration**

#P20-026 Kankakee River Maintenance, Log Jam & Mass Woody Debris Removal, Pilot Phase (K&L Excavating, LLC) – Change Order #1 to amend the contract to extend the contract times due to the delay in the issuance of the necessary State and Federal authorizations required to successfully complete the

work. Such change order will extend the contract times by one year to a substantial completion date of August 15, 2021 and a final completion date of September 14, 2021. There were delays in getting Federal authorization from the Army Corp. The permit has now been received and is for a period of ten years. K & L will honor the original price but the time will have to be extended.

**Motion:** Kevin Breitzke moved to approve Change Order #1 of the Kankakee River Maintenance, Log Jam and Mass Woody Debris Removal. Laura Blaney seconded the motion and so approved with a 4-0 vote.

#P20-110 Greater South Haven Storm Water Infrastructure Study, Storm Sewer Televising (AccuDig Services, Inc.) – Change Order #1 (Final) to amend the contract to reflect the final measured quantities of the various items of work involved and adjust the contract to account for significant changes in the major items of work. Such change order will decrease the value of the contract by \$110,000.00 to a total contract price of \$104,847.15. This reduction was due to the sewers being in such bad shape some of the work was not deemed necessary. The contractor is very pleased with this adjustment.

**Motion:** Kevin Breitzke moved to approve Change Order #1 for the Greater South Haven Storm Water Infrastructure Study, Storm Sewer Televising. Laura Blaney seconded the motion and so approved with a 4-0 vote.

### **Projects & Programs Update**

Old South Haven Storm Water Improvements – Gatlin Plumbing is working on the Baltimore Road storm sewer reconstruction project. This is one of the last old storm sewers in South Haven. Army Corp has been working towards starting Squirrel Creek. They anticipating the project starting the middle of this month. Bauer Ditch on Highway 6 is wrapping up.

Jim Biggs asked about the level of the Kankakee River. Mike Novotney reported it is still very low.

Social Media Campaign Update – At the end of January they reached over 5,000 people. Jeff Good recommended every time something is put on social media, they also put a link to the website. The engagement rate is approximately 5%.

Project Status Report – There are 22 projects so far this year. Initial contract value is \$699,000.00. A big chunk of that is capital improvements. There are 15 work orders with an average contract value of \$17,000.

Discussion: Reggie addressed the Board. A list of people who spoke in a Public Hearing about the MS4 requirements will be put together and sent out to be looked at. This will not be sent to the EPA because it would require them to review the permit and reissue it again. The concerns of Porter County are the same as a lot of other MS4s. There are requirements that will increase costs, personnel, and they need to be addressed. She stated the MS4 person for Porter County is one of the most outstanding people she has worked with in the State of Indiana in a long time. Amanda Vandover and Porter County are being offered a seat on the State Board. Also, Porter County will be nominated for an award from the MS4 program for their outstanding web page design. She asked the Board to put together an application for an award for the South Haven project.

Jim Biggs asked if any of the changes in the MS4 program address the smaller communities that have not instituted an MS4 program. He was told yes. There was discussion regarding what is being done for this situation.

Next Meeting: April 6, 2021, 9:00 am

There being no further business, the meeting recessed.

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Jeff Good, President

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Mike Novotney, Engineer/Program Director