

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD
April 27, 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 – Storm Water Management Board

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

Bauer Ditch	\$ 229,118.12
Cornell Ditch	\$ 53,550.00
Galbreath Ditch	\$ 712.50
Morrow Ditch	\$ 9,050.00

Motion: Kevin Breitzke moved to approve Claims as presented. Jim Biggs seconded the motion and so approved with a 4-0 vote.

Storm Water Management Board

Request for Quote Results, Quote Acceptance, & Contract Awards

Annual Construction & Maintenance Services Agreements, 2021 – hourly rates for the period Feb. 1, 2021, through Jan. 31, 2022, for labor and equipment typically used in storm water construction & maintenance activities. The County has two Agreements with Soil Solutions. One is for professional services and one is a maintenance and construction agreement.

Soil Solutions, Inc.

Motion: Laura Blaney moved to approve Soil Solutions, Inc. Kevin Breitzke seconded the motion and so approved with a 4-0 vote.

Invitation to Bid Results, Bid Acceptance & Contract Awards

#P21-001 Ludington Ditch, Arm 19, Drain Tile Reconstruction, Phase 1 – Phase 1 of the Ludington Ditch, Arms 16-19 drain tile reconstruction project. The work includes the installation of approximately 1,000 feet of a new drain tile system, including drain tile, storm sewer structures, and a grassed waterway, to replace the existing failed drain tile. Sealed bids were opened at a public opening of bids on April 22, 2021. Three bids were received. All bids appeared responsive. The engineer's estimate of probable cost was just under \$235,000.00. The responsible bidder's ordinance kicks in at \$250,000 and above. The bids came in above the \$250,000 mark. The lowest bidder was Haskins Underground out of Plymouth. They are a non-union shop. Staff has researched them and did not find any issues. The issue is the application of the RDO requirements. Mike Novotney has been contacted by the Foundation for Fair Contracting representing the union contractors that pay into that Foundation. They feel the RDO should apply. Attorney McClure has requested more time to look into this issue. Mike's recommendation is to wait until the next meeting to award this contract.

Jim Biggs stated if Haskins is the lowest bidder why should they wait to award the contract. Attorney McClure explained it needs to be determined if the RDO kicks in which would preclude a non-union shop from being awarded the contract.

Motion: Kevin Breitzke moved to continue this matter until the attorney has made a determination. Jim Biggs seconded the motion and so approved with a 4-0 vote.

Request for Quote Results, Quote Acceptance & Contract Awards

#P21-032 Shorewood Forest Stormwater 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 were opened at a public opening of quotes on April 26, 2021. They had four responses. The low quote was from Accu-Dig in the amount of \$108,458.80. The engineers estimate of probable cost was \$142,680.00.

Motion: Jim Biggs moved to approve Accu-Dig Services in the amount of \$108,458.80. Kevin Breitzke seconded the motion and so approved with a 4-0 vote.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Resolution 21-01 – a resolution concerning the assignment of Porter County tax sale certificates to the Storm Water Management Board.

Motion: Kevin Breitzke moved to adopt Resolution 21-01 accepting the assignment of Porter County tax sale Certificates to the Storm Water Management Board. Laura Blaney seconded the motion and so approved with a 4-0 vote.

Contract Awards

Annual Professional Services Agreements, 2021

Agreement with Frank Kalisik to provide professional services, on an as-needed basis, for the period May 1, 2021, through Jan. 31, 2022, related to the development, administration, and implementation of Porter County's Storm Water Management Program, including the review of development plans for conformance with the County's storm water standards and the inspection of active construction sites. Frank has been working full time for the County and at this time needs to cut back to part time. The Agreement is for a minimum of 10 hours per week and a maximum of 20 hours per week through the remainder of the year. The maximum contract amount is \$31,200.

Motion: Kevin Breitzke moved to approve the Agreement with Frank Kalisik for professional services in the maximum amount of \$31,200. Laura Blaney seconded the motion and so approved with a 4-0 vote.

Contract Administration

#P20-142 Bauer Ditch, Drain Tile Reconstruction (G.E. Marshall, Inc.) – Change Order #2 to amend the contract to account for additional work necessary to successfully complete the project and to adjust the contract price to reflect the final measured quantities of the various items of work involved. Such change order will increase the value of the contract by \$32,931.98 to a total contract price of \$441,446.53.

Motion: Kevin Breitzke moved to approve Change Order #2 of #P20-142 Bauer Ditch. Laura Blaney seconded the motion and so approved with a 4-0 vote.

Projects & Programs Update

Storm Sewer Structure Cleaning

Over the past few years Interns have assessed structures in need of cleaning. Staff has partnered with the Highway Department and are going to clean over 300 high priority storm sewers. They will photograph and keep a record of how much is removed.

Old South Haven Storm Water Improvements

Baltimore Road has curb work done. All the storm sewer is in. Driveway work will follow dependent on weather.

Squirrel Creek Diversion. Army Corp of Engineering/DeBoer Egolf. The excavation is starting today. There will be a ribbon cutting in late June or early July.

Bauer Ditch Drain Tile Reconstruction. They are at final installation. Residents have been complimentary of the work. They have noticed a difference.

Emerald Ridge Subd. – Blarney Stone Dr. Drainage Improvements. Mike showed pictures of the work being done.

Project Status Report

To date 38 projects have been started. Estimated contract value of the projects is just under \$1.2 Million. Most of the projects are work orders at an average value of just over \$11,000.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2021, 9:00 am

There being no further business, the meeting recessed.

Jeff Good, President

Mike Novotney, Engineer/Program Director