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Gough, Inc. of Merrillville was awarded a \$638,086.66 storm sewer construction contract at a special meeting of the Merrillville Stormwater Management Board on Tuesday.

The contract was awarded to Gough for the 54th Avenue/Meadowdale infrastructure improvement project. Matt Lake, Executive Director of Stormwater Utility, said the infrastructure, which consists primarily of drainage pipes, is crumbling.

The project will extend along 54th Avenue from Fillmore Street to Johnson Street, where there have been some drainage problems in this approximate six-block area. The project is expected to begin within one month and should be completed within 120 days.

Gough, Inc. was the lowest, most responsive bidder of the eight (8) bids opened at the April 2 Stormwater meeting. Scott Pruitt from First Group Engineering is the construction observation contact person for the project.

Once specific details about project are available, Lake said the Merrillville Community School Corporation, Merrillville police, fire and ambulance departments and local residents will be notified.