

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013**

President Barbara Ghoston called the April 23, 2013 Merrillville Stormwater Management Board (SWMB) special meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. Members in attendance were Leonard White and Dorinda Gregor. Staff present was Executive Director Matt Lake and Secretary Liz Bushemi. Scott Pruitt from First Group Engineering was also present.

Mrs. Ghoston said the sole purpose of the meeting is to award the bid for the 54th Avenue Meadowdale storm sewer project. Mr. Lake said that Gough, Inc. of Merrillville was the lowest bidder at \$638,086.66. He said that First Group Engineering reviewed all eight (8) bids submitted for the project, and their only concern was that Gough did not list subcontractors and equipment on their Form 96, although Gough's financial statement did include the information. He said Stormwater Attorney Jim Meyer reviewed the Gough bid and recommended that the project be awarded to Gough, Inc. since they were the lowest and most responsive bidder. Matt said Rex Construction Company, the second lowest bidder, was just over \$10,000 more than Gough's, but the decision is the Board's to make.

Barbara Ghoston made a motion to award the bid in the amount of \$638,086.66 for the 54th Avenue/Meadowdale project to Gough, Inc., and it was seconded by Leonard White. A roll call vote was taken, and all three members voted yes, and the motion was approved and unanimously carried.

Matt said the next step is to get the contracts signed with Gough, and then he will issue the notice to proceed to Gough. Scott Pruitt from First Group Engineering said he will contact Gough tomorrow to notify them that the Board voted to award the bid to their company. Matt asked Mr. Pruitt to keep Councilman Richard Hardaway informed about the project since Mr. Hardaway would like to notify all property owners in the affected area.

Mrs. Ghoston adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Bushemi
Secretary