

**MINUTES OF THE  
MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

President L.J. “Bud” Crist called the February 2, 2016 Merrillville Stormwater Management Board (SWMB) meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said. The other members in attendance were Barbara Ghoston and Ralph Simek. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established. Staff present was Executive Director Matt Lake, Attorney James Meyer, financial advisor Karl Cender and secretary Liz Bushemi. Others present were Councilwoman Chrissy Barron -- the Town Council liaison to the Stormwater Management Board, Councilman Richard Hardaway, Town Manager Bruce Spires and Dolores Flaska.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Crist said the only comment he had was “Only Rain in the Drain” since it had rained all day.

**MINUTES**

Included in the agenda packet was a copy of the minutes from the January 19, 2016 SWMB meeting. Ralph Simek made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2016 SWMB meeting, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and all members voted to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2016 meeting, and the motion unanimously passed with a 3/0 vote.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTERS APPROVAL**

Also included in the agenda packet was a copy of the accounts payable register from January 26, 2016. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve the accounts payable register from January 26, 2016, and it was seconded by Ralph Simek. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and all members voted to approve the accounts payable register from January 26, 2016, and the motion unanimously passed with a 3/0 vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Regarding the Ross Meadow Farms project, Matt Lake said there is a February 9, 2016 pre-construction meeting at 10:00 am at the Stormwater Resource Center where representatives from Gough, Inc., the contractor who will do the project, and Christopher Burke Engineering (CBBEL) will discuss scheduling and the terms of a contract, which is being prepared by Attorney James Meyer. Matt invited the members to attend. Included in the agenda packet was a copy of the proposal from CBBEL for construction observation services in the amount of \$11,900 or Alternative #1 for \$10,700, which would reduce the on-site construction frequency from five (5) days per week at three (3) man-hours per day to four (4) days per week at three (3) man-hours per day. Matt recommended approval of Alternative #1. Mr. Simek asked if all permitting was complete, and Matt said they were submitted to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), who will have a 30-day public notice period. As soon as the IDEM permit is approved, Gough can begin the work. Ralph Simek made a motion to approve Alternative #1 of the CBBEL proposal for construction observation services, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston. Attorney Jim Meyer reminded everyone that the E-verify and No Iranian involvement forms must be included in the contract. There were no further questions. A roll call vote was taken, and all members voted to approve Alternative #1 of the CBBEL proposal for construction observation services, and the motion unanimously passed with a 3/0 vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Matt said the Crossroads Chamber of Commerce will hold its State of the Region on March 3, 2016, at the Radisson. He also said the LTAP Road School will be held at Purdue University March 8-10, 2016, where sessions will be held for road-related issues. He reminded everyone that the MS4 Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. Mr. Simek said he wants to talk to Matt about it and will probably attend; Mrs. Ghoston said she is unable to attend.

Matt submitted the Merrillville Rule 13 MS4 Annual Report to IDEM in January after it was signed by Councilman Hardaway on behalf of the town, verifying that Merrillville is in compliance with all MS4 regulations. He also said that Reggie Korthals, the former MS4 coordinator with IDEM in Indianapolis, is now with the Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance at the Valparaiso IDEM office.

He said members of the Northwest Indiana Stormwater Advisory Group (NISWAG) are looking at co-permitting to streamline paperwork for stormwater permits. If it becomes a reality, NISWAG would be the largest partnership in the country to co-permit.

Matt will be presenting at the LTAP Drainage Conference where he will address low impact development (LID) standards. He passed out pictures of concrete pave drains installed at a new business at 5840 Broadway, showing the rain going directly into the pavement which will help with drainage. He spoke with the contractor, who liked it. Matt said D-2 Land & Water gave Stormwater 62 free pave drains that will be installed at the back door of the Stormwater Resource Center, where the concrete has buckled. Matt hopes to take these LID standards to engineers, developers and contractors who can use them for future projects. Mr. Simek asked about the practicality for snow plowing on pave drains, and Matt said D-2 hopes to use them on roads. Matt will be monitoring them for LID standards and practicality. He said since the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is looking for a reduction of stormwater not leaving a site, he thinks this is a good technique for pervious hardscapes. Mr. Simek asked about the cost, and Matt said he believes the cost may be 20% higher than regular concrete pavement.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Crist said the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 4:30 pm at the Stormwater Resource Center.

Ralph Simek made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Bushemi  
Staff Secretary