

**MINUTES OF THE
MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

President L.J. “Bud” Crist called the September 1, 2020 Merrillville Stormwater Management Board (SWMB) meeting to order at 3:31 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 members present were Executive Director Matt Lake, Attorney James Meyer and staff secretary Liz Bushemi. Others present were Steve McGrath and Michael Vode from Superior Construction Co., Keith Kegebein from Dyer Construction Co., Megan Bibler from Gariup Construction Co., John LaPaglia from Christopher Burke Engineering and Mark Hodges from G.E. Marshall.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Crist said he was glad Merrillville finally got some rain.

MINUTES

Included in the agenda packet was a copy of the minutes from the August 4, 2020, SWMB meeting. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve the minutes from the SWMB meeting held on August 4, 2020, and it was seconded by Ralph Simek. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 3/0 vote.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTERS APPROVAL

Also included in the agenda packet were copies of the accounts payable registers from August 11 and August 25, 2020. Ralph Simek made a motion to accept the accounts payable registers from August 11 and August 25, 2020, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 3/0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Crist asked if there were any other bids to be delivered for the Meadowdale Lateral project, and since there were none, he declared the acceptance of bids closed. The opening of the sealed bids received on the Meadowdale project took place, with Attorney James Meyer opening the sealed bids in the order that they were received and announcing the bid amounts, as follows”

Superior Construction Co., Inc.	Portage, IN	\$880,842.00 – Option 1 \$2,611,042.00 - Option 2
Austgen Equipment, Inc.	Crown Point, IN	\$811,033.00 – Option 1 \$2,250,855.00 – Option 2
Dyer Construction Co., Inc.	Dyer, IN	\$469,632.78 – Option 1 \$1,367,254.84 – Option 2
G.E. Marshall, Inc.	Valparaiso, IN	\$556,081.76 – Option 1 \$1,617,346.99 – Option 2
Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	Gary, In	\$1,047,500.00 – Option 1 \$3,173,500.00 – Option 2

Mr. Crist said the bids would be taken under advisement with a letting of the bid at a future date.

NEW BUSINESS

Included in the members' packets was a copy of a proposed contract from Christopher Burke Engineering for construction observation of the Meadowdale Lateral project. Matt said he wants to table the contract at this time so that he can discuss part-time construction observation with them.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Crist said the next Stormwater Management meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 3:30 pm at the Merrillville Stormwater Resource Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Bushemi
Staff Secretary