

**MINUTES OF THE
MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021**

President L.J. “Bud” Crist called the May 4, 2021, Merrillville Stormwater Management Board (SWMB) meeting to order at 3:54 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said. The other member in attendance was Ralph Simek. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established. Staff members present were Executive Director Matt Lake, Attorney James Meyer, Financial Advisor Karl Cender and secretary Liz Bushemi. The other person present was Bob Cotton.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

None.

MINUTES

Included in the agenda packet was a copy of the minutes from the April 6, 2021, SWMB meeting. Ralph Simek made a motion to approve the minutes from the SWMB meeting held April 6, 2021, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTERS APPROVAL

Also included in the agenda packet were copies of the accounts payable registers from April 13 and April 27, 2021. Ralph Simek made a motion to accept the accounts payable registers from April 13 and April 27, 2021, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Included in the members’ packets was a copy of a letter from Matt Rosa from Christopher Burke Engineering recommending that Pay Request #1 from Dyer Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$49,871.73 be paid. Matt Lake said the work invoice is basically for tree removal and erosion control at the site. Ralph Simek made a motion to approve payment to Dyer Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$49,871.73, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

Matt also said Dyer Construction Company is getting ready to start the Bon Aire Lake culvert project soon; they have been coordinating with Butler, Fairman & Seufert. He expects the project to start any day now.

NEW BUSINESS

At the members’ places were copies of two small projects that were being added on to the agenda. Matt said they are borderline emergencies – one being a sinkhole in the middle of the road at 2521 and 2522 West 58th Place. Quotes were received from the following companies:

Delta III, Inc.	-	\$13,950.00
Ziese & Sons Excavating, Inc.	-	\$15,500.00
Austgen Equipment, Inc.	-	an email stating unable to bid on project

Matt recommended that Delta III be awarded the job for \$13,950.00. Ralph Simek made a motion to approve the quote of Delta III, Inc. in the amount of \$13,950.00, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

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Also provided to the members at their places were copies another small project that was added on to the agenda. Matt said at a culvert area between Grand Boulevard and Randolph Street on 93rd Avenue that they had worked before, the headwall was falling over. Matt said Stormwater already has the pipe, and the contractor would add rip rap and re-grade the ditch. Quotes were received from the following companies:

Delta III, Inc.	-	\$13,650.00
Ziese & Sons Excavating, Inc.	-	\$15,100.00
Austgen Equipment, Inc.	-	an email requesting a quote on the project

Matt recommended that Delta III be awarded the job for \$13,650.00 since it is the lowest quoter. Ralph Simek made a motion to approve the quote of Delta III, Inc. in the amount of \$13,650.00, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote. .

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Crist asked Karl Cender and Jim Meyer if they had any other business to discuss, and they both said no.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Crist said the next SWMB meeting is set for Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 3:30 pm at the Stormwater Resource Center.

Ralph Simek made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Bushemi
Staff Secretary