



## Minutes

### MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 3:30 PM

Merrillville Stormwater Resource Center, 7404 Broadway, Merrillville, IN

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** President L.J. “Bud” Crist called the February 1st, 2022 Stormwater Management Board (SWMB) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Crist led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** A roll call was taken, members in attendance were, President, Bud Crist, Vice President, and Secretary, Barbara Ghoston. A quorum was established. Staff members present were Executive Director Matt Lake, Financial Advisor Karl Cender and secretary Adra Breclaw-Csanyi.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:** None

#### MINUTES

Stormwater Management Board Minutes (SWMB) from January 4th, 2022, approved. Bud Crist made a motion to approve the minutes from the SWMB meeting held January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passes with a 2/0 vote.

#### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTERS APPROVAL

Due to Year End transitions the appropriation/Funds reports from the Clerk Treasurers office have been delays. There will not be an approval of claims for January 2022. There were no questions.

Accounts Payable Register for ARP, there are no Stormwater appropriations.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Bud Crist - None

Matt Lake - None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bud Crist – None

Matt Lake -

Included in the members’ packets was a copy of Lake & Pond Biologists and Aquatic Weed Control 2022 contract for pond/lake maintenance services not to exceed \$10,648.00. This is a \$489.00 increase from the previous year 2021 of \$10,159.00. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve the contract with Lake & Pond Biologist and Aquatic Week Control, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. Matt Lake stated that we haven’t had call from Bon Aire.

Included in the members’ packets was a copy of Microbac service proposal to provide baseline testing for outfall characterization and ongoing monitoring of select waterways not to exceed \$6,450.00. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve the contract with Microbac, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. Microbac will collect and test 30 samples quarterly, totaling 120 samples. Matt Lake stated that outfall locations will be in areas where samples are accessible and can be safely collected. Matt Lake noted that this company has a local laboratory that is located in Merrillville. The intent is to detect and locate the source of pollutants in our waterways especially those impairments on the IDEM list. Our main waterways are the regulated drains located within our corporate limits.

## American Recovery Act Plan – Phase I – Update

Matt Lake said that the initial the risk tree inventory/ assessment is completed. Meadowdale subdivision will be the first area with additional prioritization to balance it out. Robinson Engineering, Ltd. is working on bid documents/request for quotes for Phase I, once completed it will go out to contractors that specialize in tree removal and stump grinding.

At the same time Matt Lake is still waiting to hear back from the U.S. Forest Service on the tree planting grant that we applied for and partnership with the Delta Institute, that would provide up to 1,000 trees to plant on town-owned property. This would more than mitigate the loss of trees within the rights-of-ways.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Matt Lake will be attending the professional development training at the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) at Purdue University February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Matt is a speaker and will be part of a panel regarding s session on Stormwater Ordinances and the new IDEM Permit.

The Board was invited to attend the 2022 Northwest Indiana “Trained Individual” Erosion Control Certification Workshop to be held February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 8:00 am till 3:00 pm at the Dean & Barbara White Community Center. This event is sponsored by Northwest Indiana Storm Water Advisory Group (NISWAG). As part of the workshop the state will be discussing the new permit and some of the changes that will be happening.

All renewals were submitted for the annual FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) recertification which automatically lowers flood insurance for all residents and businesses.

Comment from Matt Lake, the town will be looking at the Town-wide Comprehensive Master Plan, the last time it was updated was over 10 years ago.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Crist said the next SWMB meeting is set for Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 3:30 pm at the Stormwater Resource Center.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adra Breclaw-Csanyi, Staff Secretary  
Staff Secretary