

**MONROE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HEALTH BUILDING MEETING ROOM
March 3, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Autio, Kevin Enright (*ex officio*), James Faber, William Riggert, Bill Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Dompke

STAFF PRESENT: Todd Stevenson (Drainage Engineer), Donna Barbrick (Secretary), Kevin Dogan (Legal), Chris Spiek (Planning)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Riggert at 9:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: James Faber made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 3, 2010. Autio seconded. A vote was taken and motion passed with Williams abstaining because he did not attend the February meeting.

DRAINAGE ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mapping

Faber asked about LIDAR mapping. Williams said that Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are due on March 15. Awards may come March 16. They are trying to get this going this spring.

Storm Water Utility

Stevenson said that there is now a signed contract with Image Matters. Negotiations are still underway with Christopher Burke (CBEL). Riggert asked if Image Matters was the involved in doing the County's website. Stevenson said, no (39 Degrees). He said that Jeff Ehman with Image Matters is on the Bloomington Utility Service Board and is also an adjunct professor at Indiana University involved with GIS. Dogan said that Image Matters does GIS-related services out of their offices in Virginia and has a satellite office in Bloomington. He said that this part of the contract would be done by Jeff and grad students working with him. Stevenson said that CBEL contract might be approved March 12. The Image Matters time line is 7 weeks while CBEL's timeline is 6 months.

In conjunction with these contracts, Stevenson said he has been giving presentations about the storm water utility to the Plan Commission, the County Council and the County Commissioners. Next week on March 10, there will be a presentation with the League of Women Voters. Faber said that Elizabeth Cooke, Heidi Russell Wagner, Geoff McKim

and Mark Stoops would be at the presentation to talk about the new utility. They plan a question-and-answer period afterwards.

Enright asked what counties have adopted utilities so far. Stevenson said he was aware of seven Indiana counties so far. Enright asked if CBBEL had done work for these other counties. Dogan said they have worked with municipalities and counties throughout the state. He said that in some respects, what we are asking them to do here is a little different from what they have done elsewhere. Enright talked about the role of Drainage Board in Indiana counties where there are regulated drains. A lot of the drainage functions are in the Surveyor offices. He said, in Monroe County, we do mostly section corner work. We don't have the regulated drains here. We don't have that whole structure of fee collection in place. Some of these Indiana counties have done things within the Surveyor Department. We are not going in that direction in Monroe County.

Dogan said some people get the impression that you simply take this off the shelf and that it's all set to go. But the law is not really all that clear and there really is a need to tailor whatever we do to the resources that this county already has. He said, for example, we do, by ordinance, have a Storm Water Management Department that was created at the same time as the Storm Water Management Board (SWMB). That department exists only on paper. That department can do all these things, but we don't have a revenue stream to fund anything. The utility will come with the establishment of a user fee.

Enright said that SWMB requires public notice, agendas, meeting minutes and a secretary. Donna Barbrick has been functioning as secretary to the SWMB just as she does for the Drainage Board. There is more administrative work but not more money for his department. We are making the most efficient use of our current resources. But it's not really adequate to the task.

Capital Improvements

Stevenson had sent a draft list out to Drainage Board members of potential capital improvement projects. He asked for input about the idea of the Drainage Board serving in an advisory capacity for capital improvement projects. There has been a lot of interest in the capital improvements projects list. Stevenson has been thinking more about a clean water program but capital improvements projects will be included as well. CBBEL will come up with budget and cost. We will have to prioritize some of these projects. Stevenson asked if there were any comments about the list.

Faber said, about #14 on log jams, there is a House Bill No. 12-32 related to log jams. He also mentioned House Bill 11-25.

Enright mentioned a beaver dam on Jack's Defeat Creek near Woodyard Road. He said the whole log removal law started with some beavers somewhere. Beavers are getting more active in our county. They are not a rarity anymore.

Stevenson asked if there were any more comments about the role of Drainage Board in an advisory capacity. Faber said, the only thing he has to say is, SWMB needs help.

Williams said he wanted to add to the capital improvements projects list, bridge projects, in Stinesville specifically.

Enright mentioned a potential project, the Dixon Ditch near the Monroe County landfill. There is a build-up of leachate in the ditches. Chris Spiek said he give Solid Waste Management District a permit over a year ago. He said, obviously they never did it. Enright suggested a constructed wetland. Stevenson said he could add that to the list.

Autio asked about monitoring of pre- and post- construction. Stevenson said it would be a good thing, although not necessarily under capital improvements, especially when we are looking at best management practices.

Riggert asked about Wal-Mart. He said the Wal-Mart money went to other projects and they didn't do a whole lot around Wal-Mart.

ROBINSON INDUSTRIAL PARK PHASE II

Stevenson said the Recommended Conditions of Approval (RCOA) were sent out. He said that Rick Coppock had checked with the developers and these were all OK'd. The owner and the developer are evidently good with these. Riggert asked if there were plans to spruce up the basin. Stevenson said these RCOA are in Phase II and he didn't think there was any interest in doing anything in Phase I. He could recommend it, though. Enright said this petition was heard at Plat Committee last Thursday. He said there was a lot of discussion about piles of shot rock. Stevenson said he considered that to be a Planning issue.

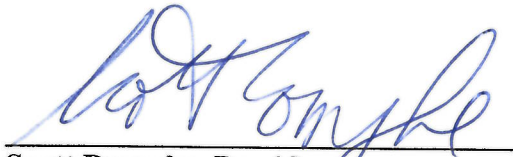
Faber moved to give the Drainage Engineer responsibility in regard to the 6 items on the RCOA. Williams seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no more official business of the Drainage Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Approved: 4-7-2010

Signed:

Attest:


Scott Dompke, President


Donna Barbrick, Secretary

**ROBINSON INDUSTRIAL PARK – PHASE II
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

1. Grout a short section of 18 inch diameter (smooth interior) pipe into the upstream end of the existing 36 inch outlet pipe for Pond 2.
2. Raise the berm elevation of Pond 2 one foot and raise the riprap emergency spillway to within one-half foot of the revised top of berm.
3. Grout a short section of 24 inch diameter (smooth interior) pipe into the upstream end of the existing 48 inch outlet pipe for Pond 1.
4. Raise the berm elevation of Pond 1 one foot and eliminate any berm emergency overflow.
5. Provide a plan showing the transition of the detention ponds from temporary construction practices to long term practices, including soil amendments and plantings needed for water quality practices.
6. Details of the design are to be worked out with the Drainage Engineer.