

**MONROE COUNTY
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD (SWMB)
WORK SESSION
MONROE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER,
SHOWERS NORTH, ROOM 100B
3:00 P.M., APRIL 12, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Enright, Iris Kiesling, Mark Stoops

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patrick Stoffers

STAFF: Todd Stevenson (Highway), Kevin Dogan (Legal), Bill Williams (Highway), Donna Barbrick (Surveyor)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Kevin Enright.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Iris Kiesling motioned approval of the meeting minutes from March 8, 2012. Mark Stoops seconded. Motion carried: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

REPORT ON BILLING

Todd Stevenson reported that the spring tax bills with the stormwater fee would be in the mail tomorrow (April 13). He has already received phone calls asking to explain the stormwater fee. There was a discussion of the need for a script to answer questions and for PR to be in the media when the bills arrive. Kevin Enright suggested that the budget that was recently approved should be added to the County's stormwater website.

Stevenson asked to give a few other quick updates:

- 1) IDEM's illicit discharge audits are ongoing. We don't know exactly when the county's will be scheduled.
- 2) He will be attending the MS4 annual meeting on May 17.
- 3) He expects that, perhaps in June, the Stormwater Advisory Council will be ready to issues some recommendations for this board to look at regarding credits.
- 4) Intern and SPEA Fellow Colin Fraser will be ending his work for the County and will be gone this summer.

DISCUSSION OF FEE COLLECTION MECHANISM

Kevin Dogan said that the ordinance adopted by Monroe County was modeled after a Floyd County ordinance. He said some of that language that was carried over from Floyd County's ordinance was in regard to partial payments; it turns out, according to Treasurer Cathy Smith, that there is already a mechanism in the statute whereby unpaid fees

become liens. He said Cathy Smith told him that for other assessments that have gone on property tax bills they do not have any trouble collecting them; Cathy Smith also told him that with their software they could not adjust to the way Sub-Section (D) had been written. Dogan said he proposes to strike the (D) chapter from 765-5 to take out language that says payment shall be applied first to the stormwater fee. He also said that he changed language in (E) to be more consistent with statutory language.

Enright made a motion for positive recommendation by the SWMB for striking (D) and modifying (E) according to Kevin Dogan’s draft document. Mark Stoops seconded the motion.

Dogan commented that in Section 30 there is language saying that after 90 days SWMB can write off amounts under \$40. He commented that this flexibility is helpful.

Enright called the question. Motion carried: 3 Aye, 0 Nay

DISCUSSION OF NEW EMPLOYEE SELECTION PROCESS

Bill Williams said that they had so far received 40 applications for the Stormwater Inspector position and 18 for the Equipment Operator position. Stoops asked if Human Resources would be involved in the narrowing-down process. It was suggested that the field be narrowed down to the top 12 candidates for each position. It was suggested that there be a hiring committee and that it would be made up of Bill Williams, Todd Stevenson, Mark Stoops, Nancy, and for the Equipment Operator only, John Chambers.

PLAN FOR START-UP OF STORMWATER OPERATIONS

Williams said that he had prepared a checklist for the start up and a work program. He said he has already been looking at demonstrations for a new street sweeper and a vac-tor truck.

Stoops suggested designing signs for the back/front of the vac-tor truck so that people know that this effort would be made possible by the stormwater fee.

There was a discussion of problems with a dam and detention pond in a local subdivision and whose responsibility it was to maintain it.

Stoops asked if the board agreed on the need for signs for the equipment. Kiesling and Enright said “yes.”

PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____

Signed:

Secretary:

Kevin Enright, President
