

**MONROE COUNTY
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD
NAT HILL MEETING ROOM
3 P.M., MARCH 9, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patrick Stoffers, Julie Thomas, Trohn Enright-Randolph, Amanda Barge

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF: Lisa Ridge (Highway), Terry Quillman (MS4 Coordinator), Donna Barbrick (Secretary), Dana Wilkinson (Stormwater Inspector)

OTHERS: CATS TV

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Amanda Barge

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 12, 2017.

Julie Thomas motioned approval of minutes. Trohn Randolph-Enright seconded. Barge asked if there was any public comment concerning the meeting minutes. There was none. Thomas said call the question. VOTE: AYE (unanimous). Minutes approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS: Resolution 2017-01 Monroe County Fairgrounds Bio-retention Area

Dana Wilkinson spoke about the resolution. She noted she had a presentation but had no means to show it unless IT showed up. She said the fairgrounds has asked for assistance to put in bio-retention and this resolution is what we need to do to fund something like this. She said it will handle additional stormwater due to two new horse barns and additional impervious surface out there. She said the amount is \$25,000 and they hope to do it this this spring. She said I believe that the process would be that SWMB could approve it today and then the next meeting would be the public hearing where SWMB can confirm it with public comment.

Patrick Stoffers said move approval of Resolution 2017-01. Julie Thomas seconded. Barge asked if there was public comment.

James Faber (Monroe County Drainage Board) spoke. He said as a member of the Drainage Board (DB) I feel this should have come before Drainage Board for evaluation because there is only one person up there, Trohn, who has any experience with drainage. He said I think this type of thing should always come before DB. Thomas asked is there a reason why this hasn't gone before DB. Dana Wilkinson said that it went through the Planning Department and approval by our drainage engineer which is what we have done for several projects. She said my understanding is not everything goes before DB just some things when additional review is needed. Faber said I think this review should have been needed.

Trohn Randolph-Enright said I think we should consider having a standard practice where we send this before DB. He said we have a lot of experts with great understanding of the county's ordinance and methods of bioretention and things of that nature. He said I don't understand why this is the first time it was even discussed to take it before DB. He said it eludes me why this isn't something that isn't standard to go before DB. Barge asked about the DB approval. Dana Wilkinson said I personally can't answer why

something is chosen to go before DB or not but I know that in previous years the only items that went before DB were bigger subdivisions and those that were more complicated in the review process. She said so if you want everything that goes to Planning to go through DB review that is something that could be set up.

Thomas said I think it is as he pointed out, I think it's when there is a public project where there isn't a developer, I think that could be very clearly established. She said I would want their input so I would say that's important. Patrick Stoffers asked what state statute says. He said it's what the statute says is what counts.

Quillman said it predates me but the only thing that I might guess is that this was a bio-retention basin and the standards for the bio-retention basin are in the Planning ordinance and so they may have felt that they were reviewing it there. He said if it's something where you guys decide that you want any commercial or government projects to go, we are more than happy to do that. Trohn asked how this could not fall under Good Housekeeping Rule 13 Statute 6. He said we are setting forth a good effort to meet the same standards that we put on private citizens. He said it's a county-owned property, a county project and we should be leading by example.

Wilkinson said it was designed to Chapter 761. Thomas said the reason is because we want DB input and to utilize their knowledge and experience to the fullest extent. She said I think the statute might say one thing about what is required but I don't think it's a bad thing to take some of these projects that don't have other oversight and run them past the DB for their input because the more voices we have the better.

Quillman said can I offer to check with Dave (Schilling/Legal) and get his take on it and unless he says something different we will route all issues to the DB so that everybody is on the same page.

Faber said I didn't see anything in this that said that the Drainage Engineer has looked at this. Wilkinson said it went through the Planning Department process for a grading permit back in August or September and so it would have their stamp for approved set of plans, an approved project that they had to go through like any other plan. Faber asked if it went through the Plan Commission. Thomas said no, there are a number of administrative decisions that are made outside of Plan Commission for expediency. She said otherwise it could take months to get anything done.

Trohn said just to clarify you are going to follow up and hopefully future projects could go through the DB just to utilize their skill sets. Quillman said yes. Thomas asked if we could get this one heard in a timely matter. Quillman said we can. Trohn said we have a DB member here. He asked do you think that should go to the DB before we move forward with it or do you think that since it's been reviewed by the previous drainage engineer. Faber said you might as well let this one go through at the present time but any future ones could. Ridge asked is there any reason that this resolution could not go through since this is just about the funding of it and we put it on the next DB agenda. Thomas said that sounds like a good plan since this is just the funding level of it. Barge asked if there was anyone else who wanted to speak on this matter.

Trohn said I second Pat's motion. VOTE: AYE (unanimous). Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2017-02 City of Bloomington Utilities Kennedy Drive Stormwater Improvements

Stoffers said move approval. Thomas said second.

Wilkinson said that the City of Bloomington utilities approached us about a joint project on Kennedy Drive/Kennedy Court area. She said they would be providing labor and other components and we would be paying for length of pipe and backfill of stone for a total of \$5,435.

Thomas asked if this was in the annexation area. Wilkinson said she was not 100% but I would say yes. Thomas said I would appreciate knowing how urgent this is because my motion would be continue this item until after a decision is made by the City. Wilkinson said they are doing it no matter what and they were just going to invoice us for the materials. Trohn said I think this is a perfect time to extend collaboration with the City. He said it would be nice if we had someone from the City to speak on this and then have informal meetings of how the annexation will impact the Stormwater utility and how our long term plan goes with these areas. He said I think it is a great avenue to create a good relationship with the City as we go through this annexation process. He said I think I would support Julie's comment to continue it so we can leverage it to have someone have a conversation. Quillman said I attempted to contact Phil this week and he is out.

Thomas said I move to continue. Trohn said second. Barge said motion carried to continue this item until further information.

Trohn said I just want to say one thing, I am in support of collaborating with the City to improve some of these waterways and stormwater quality.

Barge said all those in favor of continuing Resolution 2017-02. Vote: 3 AYES (Thomas, Trohn, Barge) 1 NO (Stoffers). Barge said motion carries 3 to 1.

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Quillman said I will run through the budget. He said I think you all got in your packet a one-page summary that we've been asked to develop so you can see how the money is being spent. He said this is our first stab at it. He said this covers January and February and every time we come I will have this updated. Quillman said I will run down through this. He went through all the figures on the list and asked if there were any questions.

Trohn said I have a few comments. He said I pulled up the transaction history and saw the allocations of the educational fund. He said there are two \$700 and some change and then a larger one. He said with the \$35,000 allocation to the Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) I am curious about projects; I have never really seen a report and I know that they continue to get funding and I would love to see a general report. He said there is a statement here that said they had a report in one of our meetings and that they would send it to us; I have never received it. He said I think it should be basic communication for SWMB to get a report from there. He said there is nothing included in the packet about the program; I have no idea where this educational fund is being spent after we allocate it.

Ridge said Martha (Miller/SWCD) did provide an itemized list and it was included in one of the packets but we can re-forward that to you with what they did with the money last year. Trohn said that would be great. He said and then I would like to hear back, is it working. He said I know that some of what we do, we do in hopes that the people going through the program will take it on their own responsibility to move forward with some of these programs. He said I don't really want to get on touchy subjects so I am being a little vague. He said I would be really curious who continues to use these programs.

SWMB RESOLUTION 2017-01

A resolution approving the construction of a proposed retention area that would serve the Monroe County Fairgrounds, Karst Farm Park, and surrounding lands, as a project of the Monroe County Storm Water Management Board.

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Storm Water Management Board ("SWMB") is responsible for maintaining storm water collection and disposal systems within the unincorporated areas of Monroe County, Indiana ("Storm Water District"), including the repairing, and improving of such systems;

WHEREAS, recent and proposed improvements to real property in the area of the Monroe County Highway Garage, the Monroe County Fairgrounds, and Karst Park Farm, have given rise to the need for additional storm water retention in that area ("Area");

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the construction of an additional horse barn at the Monroe County Fairgrounds, the installation of a retention facility ("Retention Facility") that would serve the storm water retention needs of the Area has been proposed;

WHEREAS, representatives of the Monroe County Fair Board have requested the SWMB to provide funding for the Retention Facility from Storm Water System Fee revenues; and,

WHEREAS, the SWMB has reviewed and considered the request and finds that the construction of the Retention Facility by the SWMB and the use of Storm Water System Fee revenues to do so is consistent with the SWMB's responsibilities, would promote the safe and efficient collection and disposal of storm water within the Area, and would generally promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Monroe County, Indiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the SWMB as follows:

Section 1. The SWMB finds and concludes as follows:

- a. The construction of the Retention Facility is necessary for the protection of the public health and welfare of the inhabitants, and of personal and real property, within the Storm Water District.
- b. Constructing the Retention Facility would be of public benefit and utility.
- c. Constructing the Retention Facility will not require the appropriation of property.
- d. Constructing the Retention Facility will not require the purchase of land.

got paid through his office. Trohn said it is a statutory requirement; 25% of the surveyor salary comes out of there. He said I think that went into effect I think about five years ago. Faber said I just wanted to clarify that because I didn't know. Trohn said yes, we have gotten better about clarifying that to the public and have put notations on the stormwater fund that 25% of my salary comes out of there and on the general fund that there is a portion coming out of stormwater. He said I think it is just a process of getting everyone to understand. He said I had no idea it was created in that fashion. Stoffers said it was created because the County Council decided that in their salary ordinance.

Faber asked on the expenditure report for the month, Item 30.2619 for the interns, is that for the whole year. Wilkinson said yes, that pays for our School of Public and Environmental Affairs fellows. She said that is for the whole year; they charge us in January. She said it is basically an invoice for the whole year. There are two federal work-study positions and so we pay 25% of their position and IU pays 75%. Faber said I thought I heard it was 80/20. Wilkinson said I was told yesterday it was 75/25. Faber said thank you.

Faber said public education has \$36,000; has that been spent already. Wilkinson said yes, \$35,000 was given to Soil & Water Conservation District at the beginning of the year and so that's why that number is so large. Faber said I agree with Trohn to have a breakdown for where that money is spent. He said I heard from the county council that part of it goes to the fair. He said but in the fair you get people coming from other counties and it's not all strictly from Monroe County so I don't know if that is a legitimate expense to be spent at the fair itself. Wilkinson said I can't control who all comes to the county fair but I find that the booth is really useful and a great way to get the word out about water quality and I'd say there's probably still a good majority of Monroe County residents. Faber said OK, I'd really like a breakdown about how the money is spent. Ridge said we stated that we could get that from Martha. Stoffers said Martha has provided that every year.

Faber said the ESRI license, is that for the entire year also. Ridge said that line should actually say Cartegraph. She said we didn't really spend \$31,500 for an ESRI license; our secretary paid for it out of the wrong line and we transferred it back. She said the ESRI license isn't \$31,500. She said that's for an upgrade to our software program. She said that is a one-time fee for us to update our asset management program; it won't be that next year. She said we will have only maintenance agreements after this year. She said we use that for all our pavement, signs, signals, culverts, bridges, pavement markings, storm inlets, storm culverts; that keeps all of that inventory into one spot so we can provide an asset management plan. She said we can provide this to INDOT to keep going for federal funding. She said this \$31,500 is out of stormwater so we can keep the inventories for storm culverts, inlets and all the street sweeping, everything we do on the pavement; this was split in half for the whole program. Faber said OK.

Faber said on the budget, there is a miscellaneous drainage improvements line of \$386,964 for the year. He asked has any of that been spent for January and February. Ridge said you have what has been spent out of this budget during these months. She said what we have done is you have pavement and repair materials; we have been out doing ditching work and street sweeping at this point. Faber said this is Item 30.0021. Ridge said if it is not on this monthly budget report then we did not spend anything out of it. Faber said OK.

Ridge said that line is for, for instance if you do pass a resolution for an expensive drainage improvement project then we can take it out of that overall drainage maintenance. Faber said does that cover for instance Fieldstone? Ridge said I would assume so. Faber said thank you.

STREET SWEEPING MATERIAL STORAGE AND DISPOSAL UPDATE

Wilkinson said I think it would be best if we invited Martha Miller to come to the meeting in April or May and share what they are working on. Trohn said I have a request on what to have in the report: who uses it, policy around the expenses that we are funding. He said I would love it if we are not just routinely giving the same pile of money to the same people and they never actually move forward and put these programs into practice for themselves. He said I would love to see that; I'd love to put limits on it, maybe whatever they would recommend is a good amount of time for them to have this educational program. He said maybe one year would be reasonable or three years and then they can't come back through the program, because that in a way incentivizes people. He said the money saved doesn't necessarily come back to the SWMB. He said another thing that I'd like to see is the whole educational fund looked at from a ratepayer's perspective. He said I think we keep allocating a lot of money because I don't really understand the details. He said how much are we giving this SWCD compared to all the other ratepayers and is that fair; should we look at educating the rate payers. He said from the standpoint of when it gets to the SWCD, I would love to understand a little more thoroughly; I would love for her to come to the office and talk. I am not against this. He said I would love a report to see how it has been used.

Barge asked who you are going to invite next month. Lisa Ridge said Martha Miller from SWCD; that is who we work with and Rick Routen is also a good resource there. She said I know SWMB has always been very supportive of helping with their educational programs. She said Dana does a great job with educational programs in our department. She said I know she is going to Binford Elementary today at 4 pm. She said the contractor's workshop was very well attended yesterday with I think about 40 contractors discussing stormwater. She said I invite anyone to come into our department to learn more about the programs within our department and I know that SWCD would be happy to meet with anyone to discuss what they do with the funds.

Trohn said that's great. He said like I said I just really want to get more familiar with everything. He said and have it been sent routinely to SWMB; I think there are a lot of things that don't come across my desk and I have to go out and find it; you can shut me up by just sending an email pretty much.

Trohn said the \$31,500 is for software program that is asset management. He said I feel like a demo to the SWMB would be nice. Ridge said we have used that program since 1997 and we are having to go to a new platform because the old platform is becoming obsolete so we split that fee between our local road and street fund and the stormwater fund because if we want any federal dollars from the State we have to have an asset management program so we can receive federal dollars for projects. She said it is something that we have to have; it's mandatory. She said so we split that and we are going through the implementation progress and we should be up and going with everything transferred over and up and running this fall. She said I would rather wait and bring the new platform to you. Trohn said great; like I said I think the public might be interested; I think I would be more interested. It would just be neat to see how that program is utilized and how it functions. Ridge said we use it for everything.

Quillman I might suggest that I will look up their webpage and send you a link to it. He said there is a lot of information there. Trohn said I kind of want to see the boots on the ground aspect and see how you guys utilize it. Quillman said it sounds like fall is the best chance.

Barge said when we have events that are coming up, are those announced. Wilkinson said yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Faber (Drainage Board) spoke. He said I have a few questions and comments about both the expenditure report for the month and I also obtained the budget that the stormwater has for the entire year. He said I noticed that the Surveyor has a line for salary from the stormwater fund; I thought the Surveyor

Wilkinson said this is just an FYI because I have mentioned it a few times now. She said we have finally established a decent storage site for our street sweepings and we will be disposing of it in Medora. She said we reached out to Young Trucking, who will be hauling it for us. She said it's not a hazardous material but IDEM makes us deal with it in a particular way. She said we have a large tarp to put over it to keep it as dry as possible to keep down the water weight. She said that is the solution right now out at the garage.

Wilkinson said moving on to the last topic there. We did, as Lisa mentioned, have our annual contractors' workshop yesterday and had about forty people attend. She said we had some really great speakers on a variety of topics related to implementing erosion and sediment control practices on active construction sites, stream and wetland laws and regulations and permitting and the attendees ranged from excavators and utility workers and those out in the field and also designers and engineers creating those plans. She said we hope to continue doing that every year. She said we may partner with the City next year, too.

PUBLIC COMMENT

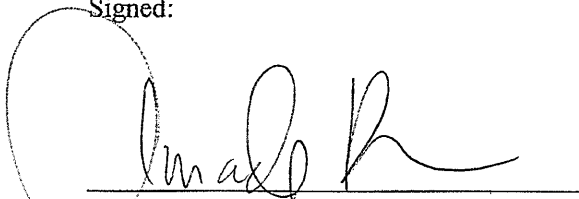
Barge asked if there was any other public comment. There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Minutes approved: 4-13-2017

Signed:

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Amanda Barge

Secretary:

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Donna Barbrick