

**Stormwater Management Board Meeting  
Town of Porter, Indiana  
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Porter, Indiana 46304  
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**Minutes From The Meeting Held On August 23, 2005**

Board President Roger Abraham called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. President Abraham led those in attendance in the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were Roger Abraham, Stephen Rohe and Ed Pilarski. Others present at the meeting were Karl Bauer, Hesham Khalil and Bill Sexton.

The minutes from the Board Meeting and the Workshop conducted on June 28, 2005 were approved by the board 3-0.

The minutes from the Board Meeting conducted on July 26, 2005 were approved by the board 3-0.

The board meeting began with Mr. Karl Bauer, Town of Porter Public Works Director, reporting that there were two (2) construction bids received by the Town of Porter and the Town of Chesterton for the start up and completion of the Woodlaw Avenue Cooperative Stormwater Project. The two (2) bids received were as follows:

1. RV Sutton: \$73,270.00
2. Boyd Construction: \$170,952.49

Public Works Director Bauer discussed both bids. It is noted here that the Town of Chesterton has recently approved the bid submitted for the work by RV Sutton. Attached as reference to these minutes is a copy of a comparison of both bids for the project. The project should be completed by the end of October of 2005. At the end of further discussion concerning both bids, President Abraham made a motion to accept the bid from RV Sutton for the project and to forward the board's recommendation to the Town of Porter Town Council for final approval. The motion was carried by the board 3-0.

Mr. Bauer then reported staff from his department will be checking into the necessary work required along and in Petersen's Ditch in October of 2005. This includes performing work at Petersen's Ditch near the intersection of Pearson Road and Carlson Corners as soon as possible. Especially near the residence of Mr. Mike Kingery. In addition, Porter County will provide man power to the Town's Public Works Department, at no cost to the Town, in order to assist in the work. Mr. Bauer further reported the replacement of a stormwater drain underneath Ballard Avenue at the intersection with Waverly Road is almost complete and was conducted by staff from the Public Works Department.

Mr. Bauer discussed the need for the Town to purchase a portable flow meter and recommended the purchase of a portable flow meter through Build Indiana Funds. The flow meter could be used and is needed for a variety of wastewater and stormwater flow studies. In addition, current and calibrated flow meters have shown no appreciable increase of sanitary wastewater flow at the various Town of Porter connection points into the Town of Chesterton's Sanitary Wastewater Collection System due to excessive infiltration or inflow of stormwater after wet weather events. Recent flow charts from the flow meters after wet weather events is not showing an appreciable increase in the amount wastewater flow due to stormwater infiltration or in flow into the Town of Porter's Sanitary Wastewater Collection System.

Mr. Hesham Khalil, Town of Porter Engineer, reported and presented the calculation of the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) for determining a stormwater user fee for the Town. Attached to these minutes as reference is a copy of Haas & Associates's ERU determination. The board further discussed the calculations. The board further considered the typical single family residence to be determined at 10 acres or less and a single parcel at 3 acres or less within the Town of Porter. President Abraham requested further information regarding industrial and commercial properties.

Town of Porter resident Mr. Dick Lahayne requested from the board a review of a copy of the Town's IDEM submitted Stormwater Quality Management Plan (SWQMP) and the USEPA stormwater regulations -which are affecting the Town. In addition, Mr. Lang discussed his concerns regarding lot sizes for calculating stormwater user fees in Porter Beach. President Abraham and Vice President Rohe satisfactorily addressed Mr. Lang's concerns.

Mr. Sexton then presented to the board educational materials produced by the Educational Workgroup of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC). The Town of Porter has contracted with the NIRPC for providing two (2) of the six (6) Minimum Control Measures as required by IDEM. Attached to these minutes as reference is a copy of the overview page for the NIRPC's *Water Resource Protection and Conservation Toolkit*.

There was no further discussion or comment from the members of the board or from those present at the meeting. President Abraham adjourned the board meeting at 6:00 p.m. after a motion to adjourn was carried by the board 3-0.

Roger Abraham  
President

Stephen A. Rohe  
Vice President

Edward J. Pilarski  
Secretary