

**Town of Porter
Stormwater Management Board
303 Franklin Street
Porter, Indiana 46304**

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING January 24, 2017

The meeting was opened at 5:00 pm with Vice President Jim Eriksson leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers Present- Jim Eriksson, Daniel Colbert, William Lopez. Also at the meeting were Brenda Brueckheimer, Mike Barry, and Tammie Sufana.

Organizational Appointments-Jim Eriksson nominates William Lopez for President, Daniel Colbert seconded.

Motion passed 3-0

William Lopez nominates Jim Eriksson for Vice-President, Daniel Colbert seconded.

Motion passed 3-0

Jim Eriksson nominates Daniel Colbert for Treasurer, William Lopez seconded.

Motion passed 3-0

Daniel Colbert nominates Tammie Sufana for Secretary, Jim Eriksson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0

Motion to approve the minutes of October 25, 2016 as written was made by Daniel Colbert, second by Jim Eriksson.

Motion passed 3-0

Motion to approve the account payable voucher in the amount of \$27,134.09 as submitted was made by Dan Colbert, second by Jim Eriksson.

Motion passed 3-0

Treasurers Report –will have updated report next month

Brenda Brueckheimer, Director of Public Works-they are planning the annual MS4 meeting down state and the date is May 15-16. Early registration is \$65.00 by January 31, 2017 or \$85.00 for late registration. Brenda is asking for approval to do early registration for meeting.

Jim Eriksson made a motion to approve the early registration for the MS4 annual meeting, Daniel Colbert seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Secondly, we have several hot issues with the high water tables this month. The ground is saturated. One of the issues is on East Oakhill Rd south before 49 water is not moving this area is all part of Porter County.

Old Business- None

New Business-Mike Barry states that Mr. Ed Ruge, owner of Iron Triangle, owns the only agricultural property in Porter. We found that looking at storm water ordinance and the pieces that go with, we only have two options residential and commercial and the fee we are charging him is pretty exurbanite for farm land. And his property doesn't fit either option so Mike recommends we charge him for one residential lot. Legally we only have 2 choices we cannot just make up a number.

Jim Eriksson made a motion accept Mike's recommendation to charge Mr. Ruge \$6.00 per residential lot for purposes of storm water fee per month, Daniel Colbert seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Mike states we have a spread sheet for commercial and industrial and he has been updating it with the help of Brenda and Tammie. There is a lot of things in our code that doesn't cover everything nor does it define how we are to be billing. Looked at Porter County code, which is way more elaborate than ours needs to be, and talk to the consultants that put it together at Butler, Fairman, and Seufert. He is working on getting a proposal from them to review our storm water program and see if there is a better way to do them. They have also talked to them about the MS4 coordinator position that Greg Stinson gave them verbal for last year. They are putting some proposals for that also. If we hire someone then we have to pay benefits, training, space. If we outsource that function we would not have to train, pay benefits, or housing of a new person. At this point we need a storm water specialists to get it straightened out. Brenda states that we could invite them to next month's meeting for you to ask anything questions.

Wagner Hills Change Order #4-If you remember we had two back to back horrendous storms in a row. This is a change order for emergency repairs and swale project. Project

is done and it turned out real nice. Will have final invoice for project for next month meeting.

Daniel Colbert made a motion to approve Change order #4 for emergency repairs, Jim Eriksson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0

Contract approvals-we have two contract to approve one from Haas & Associates and one from Umbaugh. Mike states that if we don't use them they don't cost us money.

Jim Eriksson made a motion to approve the contracts for Umbaugh and Haas & Associates, Daniel Colbert seconded.

Motion passed 3-0

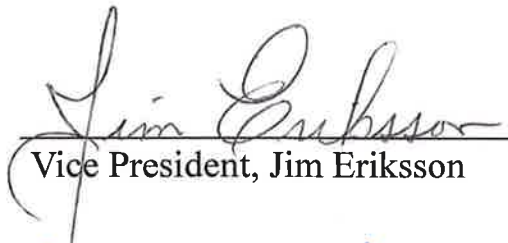
Public Comments-Jennifer Klug, 200 Franklin St, Porter states the idea for outsourcing is a very good idea because they will know how to do and compile with the laws.

Adjournment- Daniel Colbert made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Eriksson seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.



President, William Lopez



Vice President, Jim Eriksson



Treasurer, Daniel Colbert



Secretary, Tammie Sufana