

**MONROE COUNTY
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2022 at 3:00 PM
Nat U Hill Meeting Room
Hybrid Meeting with Virtual Attendance via Zoom**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trohn Enright-Randolph, Penny Githens (chair), Lee Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT: Julie Thomas

STAFF: Kelsey Thetonia (MS4 Coordinator), Erica Penna (Stormwater Inspector) TSD, Lynette Murphy (Stormwater)

OTHERS: Adrien Reid (Aztec), Tamby Wikle-Cassady, Robert Logsdon

- 1. Call to Order. Githens called to order.**
- 2. Public Input for Items not on Agenda: None.**
- 3. Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2022: Motion to approve by Lee Jones; second by Trohn Enright-Randolph. VOTE: YES (unanimous). Motion carried.**
- 4. Stormwater Expenditure Report for November 2022**

Kelsey Thetonia went through the report noting the larger items. She said we are finishing out the 2022 budget. She said there were repairs to the Grad-all. She said we have had flagging services under a new contract, and under remote monitoring, that is for the Fieldstone sluice gates. She said the company had not previously billed us, so the invoice was for a couple of years. Thetonia noted that the software is not fully functioning. She noted disposal fees for street sweepings, and design fees for a project on SR 45. She said there would be discussions with the homeowner across the street about acquiring right-of-way and coordinating permitting with INDOT. She said there were fees from Christopher Burke regarding implementing the new general permit. She said Lynette Murphy did a fantastic job of going through the contracts and updating. She said we have very thorough tracking now.

Trohn commented about the rental of a straw blower and wondered about purchasing versus renting. Thetonia said we have only used it a handful of times, so it is a pretty low cost. She said I could talk with Jason about this.

- 5. Old Business**
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Stipp Road/Moore's Creek Road Project - New Task Order – Aztec – Stipp Road/Moore's Creek project**

Thetonia said this is to get this project ready for construction. She said Adrian Reid is here to answer any of your questions. She said this task order is to cover the construction bidding for the two separate sections of the road; we will do them separately so we don't have to close off the entire section during construction. She said access to Car Top DNR property would be maintained. She said that would require bidding two separate times. She said there would be staking for tree removal and a tree planting plan that was not in the original contract but we decided to include that since we will be removing many trees in the area.

Adrian Reid spoke. He said I don't think anyone would question the public need to raise the roads because they flood. He said based on funding we have had to sequence bids. He said we are almost ready to turn dirt.

Githens commented that breaking it into two sections would be a nice way of doing it for the residents.

Jones commented when the report says "percent complete" it is a little disappointing to find out that is only the design part.

Trohn said I think that some basic outline of what has been put into this project, these final phases to complete the design/engineering work, for the public, would be good. He said even some pictures would be great, especially if we are talking about staking out for trees; a drawing or two would be amazing, too.

Reid said I just gave Kelsey the plans for the tree removal so she can fill you in on that. Thetonia said our graduate fellows have created a one-page factsheet for this project. She said my goal is to have a web page devoted to this project, where general information, links to plan sets and environmental plans are posted. She said we have started on it, but we are not quite there yet.

Jones commented it would also be helpful to have pictures of the flooding. Thetonia said that is explained in the environmental assessment and we do have pictures.

Githens asked about tree removal. Reid said the very next thing would be to get the trees down so that the project can be constructed. Thetonia said we have the easement packet from the Army Corps, Dave Schilling has reviewed it, and so the commissioners will see this at their meeting in January.

Githens asked if there was a motion. **Trohn said I move for approval the Stipp Road/Moore's Creek Road new task order from Aztec for legal descriptions, bidding, staking and environmental monitoring. Second by Jones. Githens said I will point out for the record that this is for the amount of \$78,760. Trohn said yes, thank you. Githens asked for public comment; there was none. VOTE: YES (unanimous). Motion carried.**

b. Baby Creek Project Update

Thetonia said this is close to being able to go out for construction bidding. She said we are working on retaining walls on the sides of the structures; there has been some back and forth on materials to use. She said there is a wait period after those permits are in place but I hope to have it ready to bid by this winter.

7. Staff Reports

a. Erica Penna, Stormwater Inspector – Stormwater Inspections Update

Erica Penna spoke. She said it has been a while since I gave you an update on our permitted construction side of things. She had a slideshow with updates. She noted 54 active sites and 125 year-to-date inspections. She noted issues such as offsite tracking, maintaining perimeter controls, and applying temporary or permanent stabilization measures. She said we are inventorying all of our stormwater detention features around the county; we have 290 in our inventory currently. She said we will be using the data collected to do some analysis. She noted that more than half of the features are in good condition, some are in fair condition and some are in poor condition. She said the features are spread around the county. She said we have made some recommendations based on drainage complaints.

Penna spoke about the annual contractors workshop held in 2022. She said we focused this year on erosion controls and BMPs on construction sites, spill prevention and response, waterway permitting requirements, and a mini presentation on karst topography.

Jones said thank you for all the work you have put into this and it is a real relief to have an inspector. She said it makes a big difference to have people follow their plans that were okayed by the county. Githens said I appreciate the contractors workshop; it lets people know what we expect, and lets them know about changes in the regulations. She said keep up the good work.

b. Kelsey Thetonia, MS4 Coordinator

Thetonia said Lynette Murphy made a summary of the stormwater crew's work, showing calls and requests, culverts replaced by the bridge crew, installed, cleaned and so on. She said we have closed a lot of stormwater requests this year. She talked about miles of street sweeping and hauling off sand. She talked about using more brine in sensitive areas to reduce the amount of sand on the roads that might eventually go into sinkholes. She talked about completing 44.7 miles of ditching in the year. She said I give my thanks to all my staff and crew for all the work they have done this year.

Jones said thank you; it's good to know all this. Githens said thank you to Lynette. Thetonia said having a full crew always helps. Trohn said I like the layout of the summary; it is very eye-catching and easy to understand. Githens asked for this to be included in the minutes as a permanent part of the record.

Githens said there was a member of the public who wanted to speak. She asked for the comments to be limited to three minutes or less.

8. Public Comment

Tamby Wikle-Cassady spoke. She said thank you for letting me in; we had trouble getting online at the beginning of the meeting. She said I am down here in Clear Creek with my neighbor, Bob Logsdon. She said we are really seeking help in this area for sustainable solutions to help mitigate the flooding risks and problems in this area.

Robert Logsdon spoke. He said I am a lifelong resident and I am very familiar with the flooding in the area. He said the overload is tremendous and I have seen a lot of flooding here and it is getting worse. He said Jackson Creek connects to Clear Creek just down the road from me. He said the west part of Clear Creek comes in at Church Lane, and the creek is so overloaded that it just can't handle it. He said I run a business here. He said I appreciate anything that you can do. He said I have some video of floods down here a few years back. He said I am afraid when they dump the Big Dig into it and all the other construction projects going on and do not address the runoff downstream that is really going to do a lot of damage to our properties here.

Wikle-Cassady said I could talk a long time, but thank you for your time. Githens said thank you for talking with us.

Trohn said Tamby has circulated a letter of her concerns to the commissioners, the surveyor's office, stormwater and maybe even highway and the county council. He said I do not want to jump in front of the process that Kelsey was considering. Thetonia said I have this on the agenda for our January 4 Drainage Board meeting. She said I think that would be a good venue to start discussing these drainage issues. Thetonia said the meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. in Room 106 of the North Showers Building or there will be a Zoom link on the county calendar website for virtual attendance.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Approved:

Signed:

Secretary:

Penny Githens, Chair

Monroe County Stormwater Services

2022 End of Year Report Totals



REQUESTS/Calls

Opened

342

Closed

418

CULVERTS

Bridge Crew

Replaced

134

Bridge Crew

Installed NEW

9

County

Cleaned

80

Private Driveway

Cleaned/Installed

26

STONE

Tons used

2,529.28

STREET SWEEPING

Miles

281.9

Hauled Sand

Tons

1,171.13

DITCHING

Miles

44.7

