

**MONROE COUNTY
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
NAT HILL MEETING ROOM
3:00 P.M., AUGUST 9, 2018**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF: Terry Quillman (MS4 Coordinator), Donna Barbrick (Secretary), Dana Wilkinson (MS4 Assistant), Lisa Ridge (Public Works Director), David Schilling (Legal)

OTHERS: CATS TV, James Faber (Drainage Board), Sherry Mitchell-Bruker (Friends of Lake Monroe), Dave Mattick (Ivy Tech)

CALL TO ORDER: Called to order at 3:03 P.M. by Patrick Stoffers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 12, 2018

Julie Thomas motioned for approval. Amanda Barge seconded. Stoffers asked if there were any corrections or comments. There were none. VOTE: AYE (unanimous). Minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Monthly Budget Report--July 2018

Terry Quillman went through the report items. He said the 10s, 20s, 30s and 40s appear as they did before. He said the bottom part in yellow, I've tried to do something for the projects we have under contract; instead of seeing a percentage of annual budget, you'll see the billings towards the contract amount. He said it is two separate items, really, and needs to be monitored in two separate ways.

Quillman noted an item for general engineering services and said that is for preliminary work and smaller projects, rather than giving that a line item. He said those are pretty small items; if you have any questions, let me know. He said on the bottom you'll see overall monthly amounts and percentages for year-to-date.

Stoffers said thank you. Thomas said, that's helpful.

b. Friends of Lake Monroe -- 319 Grant (Sherry Mitchell-Bruker)

Sherry Mitchell Bruker spoke at the podium. She introduced herself and said she is the president of Friends of Lake Monroe. She said the FLM is an organization that is all volunteer and our mission is to improve water quality in Lake Monroe and its watershed through cooperation with government and citizens and stakeholders. A map of the watershed was displayed. She said it is a huge watershed so there is a lot of issues surrounding trying to get people together. She said it's amazing that a watershed of this size and a lake of this important does not have a watershed management plan or a watershed coordinator. She said one of the issues that the lake faces on an annual basis is blue-green algae blooms; we are currently on a recreational advisory. She said this usually happens every summer about this time. She said that is a result of residential and urban runoff and farm runoff contributing nutrients in addition to shoreline erosion sediment bringing nutrients in. She said we have gotten together with the Nature Conservancy, the City of Bloomington Utilities and various other entities to identify water qualities for

Lake Monroe including preventing algae blooms, minimizing nutrient inputs particularly phosphorus, minimizing sediment delivery to the lake, maintaining water storage capacity, minimizing total organic carbon and preserving and enhancing the lake Monroe watershed and its habitats.

She said what we are doing right now is applying for a grant from IDEM that comes from the EPA to the state to develop a watershed management plan and hiring a watershed coordinator. This is EPA money that you have to have a watershed management plan in order to get the implementation money to do improvements under the 319 grant. She said the purpose of the 319 grant is to increase public awareness and to create an action plan to reduce nonpoint source pollution in the lake and watershed. She said the watershed plan includes to contract a watershed coordinator, conduct a watershed inventory, reach out to stakeholders to identify concerns, monitor the streams and lake, calculate loads and identify sources, set pollution reduction goals, identify critical areas and then come up with an action plan for reducing nutrients. We think FLM is in a unique position to bridge the gap between all these municipalities and counties in order to make a plan that works for everyone. She said we need a watershed coordinator in order to do this. She said what we are asking for is matching funds. She said we are talking to the city and people in the county and we are hoping to ask for a maximum of \$75,000 match from the stormwater fund. She said the monitoring falls right in line, along with identifying sources and those types of things with the stormwater ordinance. She said we have also met with the mayor of Bloomington and are fairly confident that number will go down to \$37,500 when Bloomington gives us a match.

Trohn Enright-Randolph said when I went to the Indiana Water Resource Association that was hosted here we got to see a lot of different presentations and demonstrations from experts who really care about water quality and quantity and I thought this was an excellent way for stormwater to address some of this. He said if we try to do something like that in house, it would be unmanageable, I would say. He said so I think this is a great way for stormwater can start providing assistant for these types of initiatives across the county. He said I have nothing for support for moving in this direction. He said I hope to meet with the mayor and talk about their match, too, since that is the City's drinking water that they should be working with us on this study.

Amanda Barge said thank you for being here. She said I know from meeting with you how passionate you are and I want to thank you and I know my commissioner colleagues share that gratitude, as well as Trohn. She asked how long would this coordinator position be for.

Mitchell-Bruker replied that the 319 grant that would be a two-year contract but what we are really hoping for, whether we get this grant or not, is that we can work with the city and the county to hire a watershed coordinator. She said the other thing that happens when these 319 grants get money and they hire a coordinator, they have a two-year contract, and at about year one they start looking for the next one and it's hard to keep them through the whole thing. She said so if we can rely on the city and the county to provide funding between grants we can recruit the best and brightest.

Thomas said your whole group is wonderful and that's a great question and I think that one of the things that we can find out in a couple years' time is the value of this position and then we can work toward figuring out where to go from there. She said I do want to point out to my colleagues is that what they are asking for is a not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000 which is specifically a grant-match so if they don't get the grant, that money is not there. She said but we need to put it in the current budget so they have proof for the grant application that they have matching funds but we also will need to move it into the next year's budget so then if something goes wrong (I'm not speaking pessimistically) and the grant doesn't come through that money is not going towards that grant.

Stoffers added I am happy to support our match. Trohn said this is a great way to work regionally because everyone knows stormwater doesn't care what municipality it's running over. Stoffers asked if FLM had talked to the Brown County Commissioners.

She said yes, I did. She said they are very supportive of our work and thanked me for what we're doing. She said we are really working hard to bring the communities together.

Stoffers asked if Julie would like to make a motion. Thomas said I will make a motion that we approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000 for 319 Grant matching for the watershed management plan for Lake Monroe. Barge seconded the motion. Stoffers asked if there was any addition discussion or public comment on the motion.

Jim Faber spoke. He said I think it's a great idea; there should be a drainage basin overall group controlling that and I think it should be started somehow. He said the other thing is I am always impressed with the way New York state handles drinking water reservoirs; they don't allow anything in it period because they want to have good, fresh drinking water and it'd be nice if Monroe Reservoir would be treated that way as well because you get all that oil and gasoline dumped into the lake as well as sewage of various kinds, I'm sure. He said we know that drainage from the land is going to fill that reservoir up at some point; it's not going to last forever, so you have to protect it and I hope this helps out here.

Thomas commented there is a plan (although it's not in cement yet) for some sort of regional steering committee, which is what you're talking about, as part of this as well.

There being no further public comment, Stoffers called for a vote. VOTE: AYE (unanimous).

c. Budget 2019

Quillman displayed a spreadsheet for the 2019 budget and said he would go through these and would focus on the red entries on the right hand side, which are adjustments from last year's budget. He said there are small changes in the payroll section and one storm equipment operator is adjusted for being a 40-year employee. He said the red is the requested department change. He said there are minor adjustments in the payroll section at the top. He said if you go down to 23940, the seed, mulch and composting is reduced a little bit; it just seemed like it was excessive for what we were doing and there are no expenditures there as of May. He said I know we have been spending money on primarily seeding and dressing up after we have done work. He said the signs have increased from \$1000 to \$5000 because we found the crew was short on signs. He said the on-call services is increased to \$75,000; we actually had a general engineering services and we have professional fees. He said the general fees and the professional fees was kind of confusing to me. He said what I look to do here is to zero out general engineering services so that I can then put professional services (small engineering tasks) in the 30321 and we pushed up the amount of what was in general engineering services up to on-call contract services so we can rely a little more on people outside. He said if you go to the second page, the other thing that I have been trying to push for is to go ahead and get a line item for the larger engineering jobs. He said we have added three line items: Mount Tabor, Bottom Road and the Stipp Road/Moores Creek job. He said then down at the bottom is that the Grade-all has been paid for and then there is a line there for the 319 grant that we just discussed.

Thomas said so this is a reduction overall of \$409,000. She said so I am going to ask that we go ahead and include the \$75,000 319 grant in here somewhere. Quillman said that is on page 2. Thomas said oh, I didn't see that comment on my computer screen; never mind. Stoffers asked for a motion on the bottom line.

Thomas said I go ahead and move that we accept the proposed budget of \$2,352,592. Barge seconded the motion.

Trohn said it looks like just line item changes with the names. He said I shot out an email earlier; as we move forward that we look at all the ordinances and things of that nature to be sure we stay in compliance. He said wherever it says drainage engineer we make it says qualified personnel or maybe MS4 coordinator. He said I know this conversation could go in other areas but this is a great time since we are looking at the budget and get an overall snapshot. He said I sent an email that outlines my concerns. He said on-call services, you addressed all that; that's great. He said then with the professional fees, you commented on that. He said one of them was the disposal fee; we are doing the street sweeper facility; I thought we were creating some type of secure drain to do the disposal. So I was curious of potential cost savings.

Wilkinson said to clarify we did build a storage structure at the garage but the sweepings still have to be disposed of in a landfill so they are only there temporarily. She said we did keep the \$25,000 in the maintenance/good housekeeping line; I think we are looking to the future out at the garage at changing the drainage design or a new pond out there that could come out of that line to address where we empty the vac-truck. She said I think that is what you were thinking of and that would be able to contain that. Trohn said I was just wondering where we were.

Trohn said my other concern ties into a later discussion; I will be real brief. He said that is with public education and outreach. He said \$35,000 usually gets requested and appropriated to SWCD and since I have been there it has been \$35,000 so we are getting some pretty solid numbers of allocating that fund, upwards to \$100,000-plus and I am still conflicted about the fact that we cannot release the names of the people in that program. He said with the email I received from Martha, she looked around the state and most people are doing it the same way. He said I can go ahead and support that allocation but unless we are able to somehow take the anonymous from the name and have it go through some program where we know where this money is being distributed because it is a service fee and these are rate payers. He said I don't think that we should be allocating anything that we can't disclose the name of. He said that is just trying to be a good steward of tax payers' money and I just want to make sure that we share that as we move forward. He said this is just my sole opinion; I am curious what my colleagues think. He said I don't ask you to weigh in but think it over.

Thomas asked what is currently in the stormwater fund and what the expected revenue is in 2019. Quillman said I don't have those numbers with me, but I can email them.

Stoffers asked if there was any public comment on our approval of the budget.

Jim Faber spoke at the podium. He said I had questions on page 2 about the \$75,000 for Lake Monroe but that got answered. He said I have two other comments. He said I agree with Trohn about the public education funding because I am very concerned about how that money is being spent and what sort of good is being accomplished with it. He said that I don't quite understand as yet. He said I am very concerned about it. He said another question is this on-call construction services; just what is that since none of it was spent this year. Quillman said that is if we have a small maintenance job that is too big for our crews, it allows me to go to one of the local contractors and have them do the maintenance. He said it's primarily if it's large enough that I don't feel comfortable with our crews doing it.

Faber asked what happens if 100% of unexpected amounts are not spent; there are a lot of them in here. Stoffers said that money returns to the fund and that spending authority goes away. Thomas unless the amount has been encumbered. She said for example if there is a contract but they haven't finished the work but the contract has been signed, so that money would not go away but if that contract had not been signed, the money goes away. Stoffers said the spending authority goes away. He said that budget appropriates money which is the authority to spend and that authority lapses with the end of the budget.

Minutes approved: 10-11-2018

Signed:

Secretary:


Patrick Stoffers


Donna Barbrick

