

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
September 9, 2013**

The Storm Water Management Board of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on September 9, 2013 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Raymond Eckerle, who presided, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Raymond Eckerle	present
Vice Chairman Roger Messmer	present
Secretary Tom Schmidt	present

Also present were City Engineer Chad Hurm and Storm Water Coordinator Chad Mundy and City Attorney Renee Kabrick.

Chairman Raymond Eckerle announced that a majority of the board members must be present for a quorum. All three members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Eckerle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The Board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting that was held on August 9, 2013. Vice Chairman Messmer **motioned** and Chairman Eckerle seconded to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion** carried 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

Chairman Eckerle presented claims in the amount of \$1,236.89 from August 9, 2013, through September 5, 2013. Secretary Schmidt **motioned** to approve the claims as presented. Vice Chairman Messmer seconded. **Motion** passed 3-0.

**STORM WATER DEPARTMENT REPORTS by City Engineer**

**Krodel Braun Project** City Engineer Chad Hurm stated that the City has received bids on this project at the Public Works & Safety Meeting two weeks ago. Huntingburg Machine Works was the low bidder. Chad Hurm stated that a Notice of Award was sent to them. The project should start in the next couple weeks.

**Project Rate Study** City Engineer Chad Hurm asked the Board to make a motion to open a public hearing for discussion on the rate study.

Vice Chairman Messmer **motioned** to open a public hearing to discuss the rate study. Secretary Schmidt seconded. **Motion** passed 3-0.

Chairman Eckerle announced that the public hearing was open. Chad Hurm stated that it has been ten years since the last rate study. The City of Jasper basically has 2.5 million dollars worth of stormwater infrastructure that needs to be repaired and replaced. Plus, there are also

additional mandates coming down from EPA through IDEM to the City of Jasper, which have initiated the rate study. Chad Hurm presented a letter to the Stormwater Board.

*City of Jasper Storm Water Management Board  
September 9, 2013*

*Dear Board Members:*

*As you know, we have been in the process of reviewing the rates for the City of Jasper storm water user fees. The rates we assess property owners are used for many items, including replacement of storm sewers. The City is one of many MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) communities throughout the state. MS4 designation and related requirements are unfunded mandates passed down from the EPA. User fees are the only mechanism available, outside of bonding, to pay for the cost of maintaining the storm water department and the infrastructure. There are six (6) items called Minimum Control Measures that MS4 cities must address under their permits. They are as follows:*

- 1. Public Education and Outreach (i.e. TV and radio advertisements; various flyers; public speaking to groups and organizations; and inlet markers).*
- 2. Public Participation and Involvement (i.e. Adopt a Street; Patoka River paddles; and a Facebook page)*
- 3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (i.e. corporate employee training; system mapping; monitoring IUPPS locate requests; and outfall monitoring)*
- 4. Construction Site Storm Water Runoff (i.e. Erosion control permits; and construction site monitoring)*
- 5. Post-construction Storm Water Runoff (i.e. enforcement of various ordinances and standards to ensure compliance)*
- 6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping (i.e. city employee training; street sweeping; site inspections; annual review of department Storm Water Pollution Prevention plans; and inlet cleaning)*

*The City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan, adopted in July 2010, sets forward the goal of protecting and enhancing water quality throughout Jasper. The Plan provides that the City is must do the following:*

- 1. Ensure the water quality of the Patoka River and its tributaries;*
- 2. Protect flood prone areas;*
- 3. Increase public awareness of water quality issues;*
- 4. Protect the groundwater supply; and*
- 5. Reduce storm water runoff.*

*These goals go hand in hand with the aforementioned Minimum Control Measures.*

*The current rate for the storm water user fee is Two Dollars (\$2.00) per Equivalent Residential Unit ("ERU"). This rate has not been changed since the rate was established in 2003, when fees were initiated. Currently our ERU is set at 5,000 square feet of impervious surface. This, also, has not been adjusted since 2003. The ERU rate cannot generate enough revenue to pay for the list of much needed storm water projects. In order to assist with the rate study, the Storm Water Department with the assistance of the Street Department compiled a list of urgent, semi-urgent and low urgency projects. The rate study takes into account these necessary projects and a recommended time frame for completion. The rate study as presented recommends the rate be increased to \$3.96 per ERU with no change to the square footage. If the increase is converted to an annual increase, the rate of change would be approximately 7.0% per year. The proposed rate of \$3.96 per ERU is still below the current state average of \$5.00 per ERU. In addition, many of those communities have ERU's small than the 5,000 square feet we are using. This proposed rate will allow the City of Jasper Storm Water Department to complete the current list of projects (approximately \$2,500,000 worth) in a seven (7) year time frame.*

*We have reviewed the rate study and we recommend to the City Council the rate increase proposed therein. We also suggest review of the storm water rate on a more regular basis of approximately 2-3 years, similar to the City utility rates. In this way we can more accurately account for any changes in our permit requirements and project list. Thank you for your consideration and patience.*

Mayor Seitz commended the Stormwater Board for its hard work and their decision to use a pay program instead of bonding these projects. Using a pay program could save the City of Jasper over \$500,000. Mayor Seitz also stated that with the new rate, the City of Jasper would still have one of the lowest comparable rates in the state of Indiana.

Secretary Schmitt **motioned** to close the public hearing. Vice Chairman Messmer seconded. **Motion** passed 3-0.

Vice Chairman Messmer **motioned** to recommend that the Common Council approve resolution 2013-1, changing the rate from 2.00 to 3.96. Vice Chairman Messmer seconded. **Motion** passed 3-0.

## **STORM WATER DEPARTMENT REPORTS by Storm Water Coordinator**

**ERU Update** Storm Water Coordinator Chad Mundy presented to the Board a copy of the August 2013 Building Permits, with 4 additional ERU indicated on the list.

Chairman Eckerle **motioned** to approve the list as presented; with 4 new ERUs. Vice Chairman Messmer seconded the motion. **Motion** passed 3-0.

**Drainage Permits** Storm Water Coordinator Chad Mundy stated there were three new drainage permits since last month's Storm Water Board meeting. There are also three open drainage permits.

**IDEM Monthly Report** Storm Water Coordinator Chad Mundy stated that the monthly IDEM report has been completed and filed. The report listed 19 sites that were inspected in the month of July. There was also one rain inspection on August 31, 2013, of all Rule 5 construction sites.

**Erosion Control Permits** Storm Water Coordinator Chad Mundy stated there was one plan submitted to the Stormwater Department. This plan was a revision for Northwood Therapy Room Addition.

**Violations** Storm Water Coordinator Chad Mundy stated there was one violation since the last Stormwater board meeting. The violation was for the Jasper Chair project. Sediment was leaving the site from an unprotected culvert. Chad Mundy presented pictures to the Stormwater Board.

**Illicit Discharge Update** Storm Water Coordinator Chad Mundy updated the Board on two illicit discharges:

- There was an illicit discharge at Uebelhor & Son's at 972 Wernsing Road. There was a concrete truck washing out in the north east corner on the property. This washout was uncontained and flowing toward Ditch Branch Creek. Chad Mundy presented pictures to the Stormwater Board of the illicit discharge.
- The Celestine Park, Inc. submitted a \$100 check to pay for the violation from last month.

**2013 Illicit Discharge Audit** Storm Water Coordinator Chad Mundy stated the City of Jasper will be hosting a group Illicit Discharge Audit. Chad Mundy stated he is still preparing for the Audit. The date for the Audit is September 25, 2013.

**Kimball – Hawoper Training** Storm Water Coordinator Chad Mundy stated that he has done the Kimball Haswoper Training. This training was August 12, 2013 and August 16, 2013.

**City of Jasper Department Training** Storm Water Coordinator Chad Mundy stated that the City of Jasper stormwater employee training was completed at the Waste Water Department August 28, 2013. Other departments will begin to be scheduled.

**IDEM Rule 5 Audit** Storm Water Coordinator Chad Mundy stated that Sue Bock, of IDEM, returned to the City of Jasper for inspection of sites. During discussions, Sue asked if the City of Jasper has had our Rule 5 audit. Since the City of Jasper hasn't had the Rule 5 Audit, we started that process. A lot was accomplished toward completing the Rule 5 audit. Sue said she will need to return one more time to evaluate the City of Jasper's plan review process. Since the IDDE audit was on September 25, 2013, Sue said she will give the City's Stormwater Department some time to prepare for that audit.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Messmer, seconded by Chairman Eckerle and carried 3-0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

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**Chairman Raymond Eckerle**  
**Presiding Officer**

**Attest:**

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**Tom Schmidt, Secretary**

Chad Mundy, Storm Water Coordinator