

## SCWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

### MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2002

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**Present:** James Koski, Saginaw County Public Works; Keith Noble, MDEQ; John Malzahn, Bridgeport Charter Township; Dale Klein, Carrollton Township; Dick Dunnill, Bridgeport Township; Dan Hoffman, Saginaw County; Frank Starkweather, Bridgeport DDA; Ron Hansen, Russ Beaubien, Tammy Shivley.

**Absent:** John Premo (excused)

#### **School District**

**Guests:** Craig Douglas and Jack Tessman, Carrollton Public Schools; Jim Doyle, Swan Valley Schools; Sally Peterson, Saginaw Intermediate School District.

- I. **Introductions:** The meeting opened with each attendee introducing him/herself.
- II. **Review of Project for Area Schools:** School districts designated as required to have a permit under NPDES Storm Water Phase II regulations were invited to this special meeting held at the Saginaw County Governmental Center. Jim Koski provided an overview of Phase II storm water regulations and the purpose of SCWA (soon to be SASWA). At this time, school districts must determine how they will handle storm water at their facilities. Several options are available and were discussed.
  - a. Any school district can apply for its own general storm water permit and deal with its jurisdictional boundaries and the six minimum control measures.
  - b. School districts can obtain compliance under the umbrella of the municipality permit, wherein they will be required to follow municipality rules.
  - c. School districts can obtain their permits through the watershed approach (SCWA).

#### Discussion

Regardless of the size of the member, e.g. Saginaw Township (largest) or James Township (smallest), the same amount of work is required to obtain compliance. Most communities have already signed resolutions through their government boards for SCWA membership at a start up cost of \$4,000. Schools that choose to join can continue to regulate their own facilities, but will benefit from the alliance. School district fees consist of 3% of the total cost (estimated at \$100,000).

Currently, the City of Zilwaukee, Kochville Township, Tittabawassee Township, Thomas Township, Saginaw Charter Township, James Township, Spaulding Township, Bridgeport Charter Township, Buena Vista Charter Township, Carrollton Township, the county road commission, and the City of Saginaw, and Saginaw County have joined the SCWA and are working together through the watershed approach. SCWA has two executive meetings and one general meeting per month.

School districts will pay the minimum of \$4,000 and may receive a \$1,000 credit on the next assessment. Commitments are necessary as soon as possible. School district representatives are asked to go back to their districts and provide information regarding options and SCWA membership and obtain commitments by June 30, as a time frame is needed for the next step. Mr. Koski noted we have to be specific in putting a plan together – changes later will be more difficult and expensive.

Keith Noble explained that there is a fee for the permit. A WSM plan and SWPPI must be developed and then implemented, which is the most costly part of the plan. School districts must weigh the costs. There is a deadline and penalties for those who do not comply.

School districts who want to maintain control over their areas have the choice of completing the permit and the plan and implementing the plan on their own (jurisdictional permit) or joining the alliance (watershed permit).

Jurisdictional permits will be more expensive. The school district would be required to complete the many prescriptive steps individually, plus there are more steps up front and less flexibility.

Plans developed under the watershed permit can be flexible for the school districts (tailored). The alliance will structure each entity's paperwork and permit so all they have to do is sign it and send it. Each entity within the alliance will be issued its own permit and develop a WSM plan as a group.

Ms. Peterson was asked to notify Saginaw Intermediate School District members of the NPDES permitting requirement and inform them of the necessity of taking action, since there was a lack of attendance at this meeting from several school districts. Mr. Koski will work with the SISD, which meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. A standard resolution was provided for signature by each school district.

Keith noted that once an organization is listed in a permit they are required to follow through. If an organization does not work well with others, it may need a jurisdictional based permit. The organization can drop out after the DEQ has the application. Once the permit is issued by the DEQ, an entity cannot drop out. There is room for disagreement between different entities. A watershed management plan must be completed in two years, will be updated regularly, and must show if something worked, prove it worked, and show how it worked.

The project review provided for school districts concluded at 11:10 a.m.

III. **Review of Previous Minutes:** The minutes of May, 2002 were reviewed. *John Malzahn moved, with Dale Klein's support, to accept the minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.*

IV. **Review of New Urbanized Area – Dan Hoffman:**

- a. Bridgeport lost area on all sides. There were no areas of expansion. The boundary does not touch the freeway interchange.
- b. Buena Vista, Thomas, Kochville, and Saginaw townships are all increasing in area.
- c. The City of Saginaw, Carrollton and Zilwaukee areas will remain the same.
- d. James Township is losing some area and remains at the minimum.
- e. No grandfathering will be allowed.
- f. The map viewed today is the final map. Watershed boundaries will be developed soon and final apportionment percentages will be calculated from the map.
- g. The road commission has determined it will provide 15% of the cost.
- h. Tittabawassee Township can be counted and calculated in.

V. **New Business:**

- a. Ron Hansen stated that he and Dan Hoffman discussed mapping issues four months ago and have been talking to the City of Saginaw. Other than adjusting boundaries for new urban areas, it is complete. Carrollton is almost done, as is Zilwaukee. Spicer Group has pulled all of its records and redlined Saginaw Township and is working next on Bridgeport Charter Township.
- b. Next Phase: transfer of information into digital format with the county – need to decide on the best method for doing this and to develop and fine-tune a game plan. A decision also needs to be made as to layers to be turned over to the county when they are done. Mr. Koski suggested a subcommittee consisting of Dan Hoffman, Russ Beaubien, and himself to recommend a plan for GIS and Spicer Group maps to the Executive Committee. Ron indicated that Jeff Klopocic, City of Saginaw, will also need to be consulted.

*John Malzahn moved with Jim Koski supporting to appoint a subcommittee to make mapping recommendations to the Executive Committee. MOTION CARRIED.*

**VI. Old Business:**

- a. The IDEP and PEP plans are currently in revision and were tabled for the next meeting. Russ will email the revised plans to members prior to the next meeting.
- b. Jim will talk to David Meyer regarding bylaws and articles.
- c. Keith stated the DEQ is sitting on the proposed rules.
- d. A time and date must be scheduled to look at reconfiguring the watershed boundaries.

**VII. Adjournment**

*John Malzahn moved and Dale Klein supported to adjourn this meeting of the SASWA Executive Committee at 11:35 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully submitted,

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on behalf of SCWA