

**SCWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9 2002**

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**Present:** Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; John Malzahn, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Dan Sika, *Thomas Township*; Russ Beaubien, Tammy Shivley, *Spicer Group*

**Absent:** James Koski, Matt Rappley, *Office of Saginaw County Public Works Commissioner*; Rob Grose, *Saginaw Charter Township*; John Premo, *City of Saginaw*; Dale Klein, *Carrollton Township*; Dan Armentrout, *Saginaw County Road Commission*. All excused.

**Guest:** Marc Thibaudeau, *Marie A. Herzog, Inc.*

I. **Call to Order:** As a quorum was not achieved, this meeting was conducted as a committee of the whole.

II. **Review of Previous Minutes:** The minutes of September 25, 2002 were reviewed, no changes were noted, and they will be held pending approval at the next Executive Committee meeting.

III. **Old Business:**

a. **Accounting:** Mr. Malzahn noted that Spicer Group's September invoice totaled \$10,581.00. As of October 8<sup>th</sup>, the trust account balance was \$20,712.00. Outstanding membership dues total \$19,000.00. Partial or full payment is due from Bridgeport-Spaulling Schools, Saginaw Township Community Schools, Saginaw County Road Commission, and Spaulding Township. The committee discussed the necessity of holding down expenses as much as possible. Mr. Malzahn authorized payment to Spicer Group and directed Mr. Thibaudeau to re-invoice Bridgeport-Spaulling Schools and Spaulding Township. He is also to contact Jim Stone of Saginaw Township Community Schools.

b. **IDEP and PEP:** Keith Noble has informed Mr. Beaubien that the State has taken a position to discourage use of the jurisdictional approach. As a result, to equalize the playing field, the deadline for completion of the PEP and IDEP has been postponed to the end of the first year. Mr. Beaubien presented several options: a) move forward with the IDEP; b) select a township to use as a pilot and do a full IDEP and work the bugs out of the system. Thomas Township was presented as a good choice because it has a moderate number of outfalls and newer infrastructure; c) complete smaller townships, such as James or Spaulding, after the pilot is done.

c. **Assessment Mechanisms:** Mr. Beaubien will be discussing with Mr. Koski the idea of completing outfall reports in conjunction with drain maintenance inspections, which may allow the cost to be assessed back to residents of a drainage district. Mr. Beaubien reported that he has a co-op completing internet research on funding mechanisms. He is actively pursuing Ben and Jerry's as an option, as they focus on environmental issues and have funds available for watershed plans and public education for watershed organizations. Research for funding sources continues.

d. **Birch Run Township:** Mr. Koski, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Beaubien, Amy Cook, Earl Schlegel, and Jim Gerth of the Genesee County Drain Commissioner's office met on October 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss options for Birch Run to comply with NPDES regulations. Birch Run chose to join the SASWA, which will contract with Genesee County to obtain necessary information to complete Birch Run's plan. SASWA will do the mapping. Birch Run will pay for the PEP and IDEP, which has already been completed in Genesee County. Any ordinances developed by SASWA will contain language stating that Birch Run Township will adhere to ordinances that affect the watershed. Birch Run will be assessed at three percent and is currently putting together the resolution and payment request.

IV. **October 16 General Meeting Agenda:** All items shown for today's Executive Committee meeting. Funding mechanisms are top priority; a report from David Meyer is critical. Mr. Beaubien is to find out how Phase I areas are assessing back to their districts. Mr. Koski needs to provide an updated list of organizations that have approved the Articles of Incorporation. It looks as though only Spaulding Township has not.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sika, Secretary