



SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT SPICER GROUP, INC.
APRIL 23, 2003**

PRESENT: James Koski, *Saginaw County Public Works*; John Malzahn, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Dan Sika, *Thomas Township*; Joseph Periard, Brian Wendling, *Saginaw County Road Commission*; Sally Kushion, *Saginaw Intermediate School District*; Bob Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*.

ABSENT: Rob Grose, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Dale Klein, *Carrollton Township*, John Premo, *City of Saginaw* - (all excused).

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** James Koski called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

II. **REVIEW OF APRIL 9, 2003 MEETING MINUTES:** *John Malzahn moved, Bob Tutsock supported, to approve the April 9, 2003 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.*

III. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

IV. **REPORT FROM TREASURER:**

Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Sika supported, payment to Spicer Group for invoice number 133066 upon availability of funds. MOTION CARRIED.

V. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **Oath of Office Forms:** Zilwaukee returned two forms and Joe Periard returned his form. Mrs. Shivley will send another request for return of signed forms.

B. **PEP Implementation Schedule:** An update was given at the last general membership meeting and comments were requested, but none were received.

Mr. Koski indicated that the Grand Rapids watershed group received a grant. An advertising firm will be hired to plan a state-wide storm water media blitz, and SASWA will focus on complementing the state-wide blitz. The state blitz will focus on "everything which enters a catch basin flows into the rivers and streams untreated". Members agreed that a campaign focusing on providing information to kids would be most effective, as statistics show that every child reaches seven adults. Mr. Malzahn mentioned that the Mid Michigan Waste Authority has a theater group which puts on an effective skit that is presented to school kids.

Mr. Beaubien indicated that the MDEQ is particularly interested in seeing a measurement of effectiveness based on behavioral changes after the fact. He suggested approaching the intermediate school district regarding using a marketing class to deal with this subject.

Catch basin inlets are available which have "drains to river" forged on them. It was suggested that these catch basins be written into member specifications, as they cost only a little more than standard grates.

- C. News Articles for Public Education: tabled for the next meeting
 - D. Illicit Discharge Reporting Procedures Committee: The committee has chosen the acronym “SNITCH” for the time being. Accurate Safety and USA Blue Book list spill kits for sale at a price of between \$300 and \$500, and it was suggested that all members may wish to invest in one. Mr. Koski suggested a centrally acceptable place to store spill handling equipment, such as booms.

Sonny Grunwell and John Premo are working on membership training. Mr. Koski indicated that training will be done in house so that he has a knowledgeable contact for each SASWA entity. However, he reinforced that the MDEQ will be responsible for handling spills and prosecuting offenders. Municipalities do need to adopt ordinances and penalties, and Mr. Koski indicates the health department has personnel to handle this issue
 - E. Agenda for Next Executive Committee Meeting: PEP implementation and news articles.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Malzahn received a letter from Saginaw County GIS indicating that the county will no longer be funding its GIS department. All municipalities should have or will shortly receive that same letter. It wants Saginaw County municipalities to each pay \$2.00 per parcel for a membership with its GIS department as a source of funding. The letter requested a commitment by May 23, which will be difficult for most municipalities. All members agreed that the Saginaw County GIS department is definitely of benefit to the community and also is a selling point for the county. GIS has been written in as the source to map identified point sources and discharges. This is significant for SASWA, as well as for the community. Mr. Malzahn suggested approaching the city to assume the county GIS system or perhaps appoint a GIS authority. This issue was discussed at length, and all agreed that the GIS system needs to somehow remain intact.
- VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sika, Secretary