



**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT SPICER GROUP
AUGUST 22, 2007 – 10:00 A.M.**

Present: Jason Casteel, *City of Saginaw*; Mark Pilkington, *Carrollton Township*; James Koski, *Saginaw County Public Works*; Chris Snyder, *Thomas Township*; Kelly Quimper, *Saginaw ISD*; Brian Wendling, *Saginaw County Road Commission*; Russell Beaubien, Becky Kubica, *Spicer Group*

Excused: John Malzahn, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Robert Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*;

Absent: Dick Dunnill, *Bridgeport Charter Township*;

I. Mr. Koski called this meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Public Comments: None

III. Review of June 27th Meeting Minutes

Mr. Snyder moved, Mr. Pilkington supported approval of the July 25th meeting minutes, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. Correspondence: None

V. Report from Treasurer: The Treasurer was unavailable.

VI. Old Business:

A. Associate Members / Member Termination:

Mr. Beaubien stated that he had received a Resolution from Birch Run Township for their withdrawal from the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority.

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder to accept the Resolution from Birch Run Township for withdrawal from the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority, in accordance with Act 21 of the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority's Articles of Incorporation. Supported by Mr. Casteel. MOTION PASSED.

All the Resolutions that were expected have been received and accepted. They include: James Township, Spaulding Township, and Birch Run Township.

B. BASWA and SASWA PEP cooperative effort

Mr. Beaubien stated that he had been unable to get in touch with Mr. Rivet (Bay County Drain Commissioner) regarding the BASWAS and SASWA PEP cooperative effort. He did report that, after reviewing the information and spending some time with Mr. Rivet, he felt that SASWA's share for the billboards and the PSAs would be approximately \$4,000. He stated that, besides the billboards, there would be approximately 340 spots on the radio. The possible site for the billboards would be on Bay Road, between Saginaw and Bay City.

A motion was made by Mr. Wendling to approve the cooperative effort in public education with the Bay Area Storm Water Authority up to but not to exceed a cost of \$4,500, Supported by Mr. Quimper. MOTION PASSED.

The total of \$4,500 includes the \$1,000 previous approved by the Board in May, 2007.

C. Other

At the August 2007 General Membership Meeting, Mr. Noble noted that the MDEQ will be publishing a definition of the Waters of the State Act to state that the County will be responsible for spills in established drains. Mr. Koski stated, at that meeting, to Mr. Noble that he could not be legally responsible for cleaning up the spills because:

1. The Public Works Commissioner's office cannot spend any money on water quality, and it would be illegal for him to do so. The law would have to be changed.
2. The drains are owned by a district, not the Public Works Commissioner's office.

Mr. Koski's plan at this time is to:

1. Ask the County Services Committee to request the Saginaw Board of Commissioners to ask their attorney for a legal opinion on if the MDEQ can make the County responsible for spills in established county drains.
2. Have the Board of Commissioners request our State Representatives to take the legal opinion to the State Attorney General and request an opinion.
3. Share this legal opinion with others.

There was a discussion on how it might effect other members (Saginaw County Road Commission and City of Saginaw). Mr. Koski explained that he felt it would be better to be pre-emptive and have the legal opinion on the records before the MDEQ finalized their definitions.

VII. New Business:

A. Draft – 2008 Annual Budget and Apportionment

Mr. Beaubien distributed copies of the draft 2008 Annual Budget and Apportionment. The budget was discussed. Mr. Beaubien stated that he felt they could further reduce the bottom line of the budget to an approximate apportionment of \$75,000. This would depend on getting more definitive figures from John Malzahn (Treasurer) and the final carryover number. Mr. Beaubien will be discussing these items with Mr. Malzahn, and he will be emailing the Final Budget and apportionment to the members before the General Membership Meeting in September.

- B. September meeting agenda for general board meeting
 - 1. Same as above
 - 2. Update from Mr. Koski regarding legal opinion

- C. "Low Impact Development in SCO Areas" Education – SB-WIN grant application.

Mr. Beaubien also reported that he was working on a grant regarding a study on Low Impact Development (LID) in CSO basin areas and developing modeling. One of the requirements of the grant is the ability to show support from other organizations or communities. Mr. Beaubien stated he was going to talk to Mr. Rivet to see if BASWA would contribute \$1,000. He stated that the Partnership for Saginaw Bay Watershed would be contributing. Mr. Beaubien asked Mr. Casteel if the City of Saginaw could contribute with information to help him with his modeling.

He also asked if the SASWA could contribute \$1,000. It was noted that the monies would be paid only if the grant was received. This notification will probably not take place until 2008. The education phase would be in 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. Casteel to approve the contribution of \$1,000 for the support of the SB-WIN grant application. Supported by Mr. Snyder. MOTION PASSED.

- D. Other – None

VIII. Adjournment –

Mr. Snyder moved, Mr. Wendling supported adjournment of the Executive Committee meeting at 11:00 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Snyder, Secretary