

**SCWA GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES OF  
NOVEMBER 20, 2002**

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**Present:** Carl Schlegel, *Birch Run Township*; John Malzahn, Dick Dunnill, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Art Clough, *Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools*; Dale Klein, Debby Lopez, *Carrollton Township*; Len Ballosh, *James Township*; Mike Comstock, *Kochville Township*; Rob Grose, Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Michael O'Hare, *Saginaw County Board of Commissioners*; John Premo, *City of Saginaw*; Timothy Applebee, *Saginaw Intermediate School District*; Brian Bacigalupo, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Dan Sika, Chris Snyder, *Thomas Township*; Warren Davis, Tom Waters, *City of Zilwaukee*; Russ Beaubien, Tammy Shivley, *Spicer Group*

**Absent:** *Buena Vista Charter Township; Saginaw Correctional Facility; Saginaw County Road Commission; Saginaw County Public Works Commissioner; Saginaw Township Community Schools; Spaulding Township, Swan Valley Schools; Tittabawassee Township.*

**I. Call to Order:** Mr. Grose called this meeting of SCWA to order at 2:00 pm.

**II. Roll Call:** Roll call was taken by Mr. Grose.

**III. Review of Previous Minutes:** The minutes of October 16, 2002 were reviewed and approved. *Len Ballosh moved, supported by Sonny Grunwell, to accept the minutes of October 16, 2002, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.*

**IV. Progress on Authority Foundation:**

**Articles of Incorporation - Resolutions:** David Meyer sent a letter to the clerk of each charter entity requesting signatures on a certification of adoption of the SASWA Articles of Incorporation. SCWA charter entity representatives must check with their clerks as to whether this document has been received, signed and returned to Mr. Meyer. It must be signed and returned as soon as possible.

Although Kochville Township attorneys have agreed that it makes the most sense to amend the Articles of Incorporation after SASWA is formed, Mr. Bayne has expressed concerns to Rob Grose. Because of deadlines, paperwork must be filed as soon as possible. Entities who have not signed will have to join later.

James Township was not listed in the Articles of Incorporation as an incorporating municipality and, unfortunately, will have to be admitted as a member immediately following official formation of the SASWA.

David Meyer is working on a contract for the schools, correctional facility, and university. Mr. Beaubien will check with Mr. Meyer regarding progress on this contract.

**V. Old Business**

**2003 Budget & Funding Issues:** Russ Beaubien distributed a current apportionment worksheet based on the approved budget of \$220,000. Some members' apportionments have been lowered since Birch Run has joined. Rob Grose asked entity representatives to provide their fiscal directors with the proposed budget for informational purposes.

Mr. Grose reported that user fees to cover costs do not currently appear feasible. A special assessment may also cause legal problems. Many communities are experiencing the same funding issues as Saginaw County and must put pressure on legislators. Legislative action is anticipated over the next year. The search for funding sources continues.

Board packets contained two informational articles from Stormwater magazine, one entitled "*The Stormwater Utility: Will it Work in Your Community?*" and the other "*Designing Stormwater User Fees: Issues and Options*".

SASWA should become a legal entity by the end of the year. Members will be billed quarterly at 25% of their apportionments. The first invoices should be sent out in January.

**VI. New Business**

**MDEQ:** Mr. Beaubien met with Keith Noble and learned that public institutions (colleges, universities, hospitals and correctional facilities) will have the same guidelines as schools and fall under “nested” systems (systems with a separate storm sewer system within a jurisdictional township). MDEQ is currently wrestling with the definition of a campus, but, in sticking with the letter of the law, SCWA will do only what is required. Mr. Beaubien included *Phase II School District Questions, Draft 10/17/92* in the board packet.

The NPDES Wastewater Discharge General Permit also contained a change in terminology. “Outfall” is now changed to “point source discharge” Because storm sewers have already been mapped, this change does not effect SCWA as much as other groups. The number of outfalls will possibly double.

The IDEP and PEP now do not have to be submitted until March of 2004, putting the authority ahead of schedule. Once they are submitted, only 90 days are allowed for the implementation process. Mr. Grose cautioned that the executive committee discussed this issue and decided work should continue to move forward in hopes of finding grants to address funding issues.

The biggest issue on the authority’s plate is development of a policy and procedure for tracking illicit discharges. The MDEQ is currently responsible for spills, but eventually the authority must have a procedure in place. An emergency response procedure will be written, and MDEQ involvement will be listed as part of that procedure. An ordinance will also be written to recoup costs from known illicit discharge sources.

**MWEA:** A MWEA Conference will be held in Battle Creek on December 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>. Interested parties were advised to contact Russ Beaubien or Rob Grose for more information.

**VII. Adjournment**

*Sonny Grunwell moved, Dan Sika supported, to adjourn the November 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the SCWA. MOTION CARRIED.*

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sika, Secretary