



SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2003 – 2:00 PM TO 2:35 PM
BRIDGEPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

PRESENT: Earl Schlegel, *Birch Run Township*; John Malzahn, Dick Dunnill, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Vic Killingbeck, *Buena Vista Charter Township*; Debby Lopez, Dale Klein, *Carrollton Township*; John Premo, *City of Saginaw*; Len Ballosh, *James Township*; Mike Comstock, *Kochville Township*; Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Dan Sika, Chris Snyder, *Thomas Township*; Brian Kischnick, Paul Vasold, *Tittabawassee Township*; Warren Davis, Tom Waters, *City of Zilwaukee*; James Koski, *Saginaw County*; Carl Ruth, *Saginaw County Board of Commissioners*; Joe Periard, Brian Wendling, *Saginaw County Road Commission*; Tim Applebee, *Saginaw Intermediate School District*; Bob Cherry, *Saginaw Township Community Schools*; Robert Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Ken Cichosz, *Swan Valley School District*; Representative, *Buena Vista School District*; Russ Beaubien, Tammy Shivley, *Spicer Group*.

ABSENT: *Spaulding Township; Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools*

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Koski called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL: Mr. Malzahn completed the roll call.

III. REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2003 MINUTES: *Mr. Ballosh moved, Mr. Grunwell supported, approval of the September 17, 2003 minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.*

IV. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Malzahn reported a fund balance of \$87,361.58. The confusion regarding deposit of member apportionments has been squared away, and Merrill Lynch will now be sending copies of all checks to the Treasurer. Fourth quarter billings will be sent next week, and Mr. Malzahn asked that members remind their accounts payable departments to send the bottom half of the invoices with their payments.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Executive Committee: The committee has reviewed the final PEP draft and a copy was included in the board packets. Spicer Group will forward it to the MDEQ for review and comments.

The MDEQ has changed the definition of a school district campus, and Buena Vista may be pulled into the system. If a district has multiple buildings and only one in the urbanized area, they may be exempt. If there are two or more buildings, then the district may be pulled in. Dave Drullinger of the Lansing DEQ has requested that Mr. Noble look at the Buena Vista School District to determine their status. SASWA will provide the district with its options, as member districts have been in the past. If the district joins SASWA, it will not be charged a surcharge for joining late, and they will be assessed the minimum 3%.

B. SNITCH Committee: Board packets contained a copy of the countywide ordinance drafted with the assistance of David Meyer. Members were asked to review it and bring comments, concerns, and questions back to the membership. The goal is to pass this ordinance as a countywide ordinance by the end of the year. This ordinance will allow the county to issue civil violations, which will be handled similarly to soil erosion and sediment control violations. The ordinance allows for fines and compensatory action.

C. Website Committee: The information to be posted on the website has been organized and converted into a website format. Minutes, agendas, a calendar, membership information, etc. will be posted on the website shortly.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **2004 Budget:** Members were asked to review the budget and apportionments which were included in the board packet. In answer to a question regarding the GIS/mapping line item, members were informed that the \$10,000 was set aside in case the SASWA must pay fees to GIS. In answer to a question regarding how apportionments were derived, members were informed that when the authority was first formed and apportionments were discussed, a decision was made by the membership to set a maximum of 15% and a minimum of 3% . The percentage of the regulated area, service area, impervious factor, and existence of roadside drainage records were all considered in the percentages.
- B. Mr. Beaubien announced that the MDEQ will be issuing certificates of coverage on or about October 15th, 2003. The authority will have two years from that date to submit watershed management plans for the lower Cass, lower Tittabawassee, and upper Saginaw watersheds. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Initiative Plans (SWPPI) will be due 2½ years later.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: A certified storm water operator training session will be held after the upcoming holiday season. Approximately eight people have been identified for this training, and members were encouraged to utilize this opportunity, as it involves only two hours of time, there is no cost, and members will save money on projects after the contractor has pulled off site if it has its own certified storm water operators.

Mr. Beaubien has developed an education program for soil erosion and sediment control for school-aged children, in addition to one on watersheds. He has received good responses from students and is trying to incorporate those into measurable goals. The PowerPoint presentations are available, as is Mr. Beaubien, if members are interested. Mr. Koski indicated that statewide material and a website will also be available soon.

IX. Meetings: The Executive Committee will be meeting only once a month in November and December unless additional meetings are deemed necessary. Other committees will continue to meet as needed.

X. ADJOURNMENT: *Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Ballosh supported to adjourn this meeting of the SASWA at 2:45 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sika, Secretary