



SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

GENERAL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 16, 2005 – 2:00 PM
CENTER COURTS RECREATION FACILITY
SAGINAW CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PRESENT: John Malzahn, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Vic Killingbeck, *Buena Vista Charter Township*; Debby Lopez, *Carrrollton Township*; John Premo, *City of Saginaw*; Jerry Wieneke, *James Township*; Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Don Ackerman, *Spaulding Township*; Dan Sika, *Chris Snyder, Thomas Township*; Matt Rappley, *Saginaw County*; Jim Stone, *Saginaw Township Community Schools*; Bob Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Ken Cichosz, *Swan Valley Schools*; Keith Nobel; *MDEQ*; Russell Beaubien, *Becky Kubica, Spicer Group*.

ABSENT: Birch Run Township; Kochville Township; Tittabawassee Township; City of Zilwaukee; Saginaw County Board of Commissioners; Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools; Saginaw Intermediate School District

EXCUSED: James Koski; Brian Wendling

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

II. ROLL CALL: Mr. Malzahn completed the roll call. A quorum was present.

III. REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 16, 2005 MINUTES:

Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Snyder supported, approval of the February 16, 2005 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Malzahn reported he had received two responses to the letter that was sent to the legislators. One letter was from Senator Liz Brater, who was a sponsor of (SB 252), Public Act 91 of 2004, but she was forwarding our letter to the DEQ Legislative Liaison, Carol Linteau, for a response. The other response was from the Chief of Staff of Rep. Roger Kahn suggesting Mr. Koski arrange an information meeting with Rep. Kahn. Copies of the letter were distributed to the membership. A response will be sent to Sen. Brater and Rep. Kahn.

Mr. Malzahn also brought the 22 letters that had been returned so far from the mailing to the stakeholders. There were over 1,000 letters mailed out. The mailing list will be updated to reflect the returned letters.

Mr. Beaubien reported that he had received an email from the MDEQ referring to the fact that there are 37 other states regulated the same as Michigan as far as the NPDES Phase II Program, and they believe that the fee structure in those states is higher than Michigan's fee structure. Mr. Beaubien requested information that showed the higher fees.

Mr. Beaubien noted that during his attendance at a MWEA meeting last week he mentioned to the Michigan Water Environment Association that we had sent out letters to the Legislators, and they requested a copy for all the committee members. They would like to push the letter campaign, focusing on the funding issue. Eventually they would like to put together a legislative breakfast/dinner inviting all the legislators to discuss the issues.

Mr. Grunwell asked Mr. Beaubien to report on his being asked to serve on a special committee. Mr. Beaubien informed the members that he has been requested by the State to serve on a training committee for the storm water pollution prevention initiative that has to be written. He is the only consultant at this time that has been asked to participate. It will be helpful to the SASWA to be able to see how the guidelines are being developed, especially when SWPPI's have to be written.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Malzahn stated that as of February 28, 2005 there was a fund balance of \$195,877.80.

Mr. Malzahn presented an invoice from the Smith Bovill for Inv. #20560 for \$525.70 for work on the Storm Water Ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Grunwell to approve Invoice #20560 for \$525.70 from Smith Bovill, and was supported by Mr. Premo. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Malzahn reported that the interest rates on the SASWA Merrill Lynch account had dropped drastically, and at the direction the Executive Committee, he had researched other institutions and opportunities for the SASWA funds. He noted that the best opportunities were at 1st State Bank. He presented the numbers and answered questions from the membership.

A motion was made by Mr. Sika to move the SASWA account from Merrill Lynch to 1st State Bank, and was supported by Mr. Premo. MOTION PASSED.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Education Program accreditation: Mr. Beaubien reported at this time it was on hold because of the Public Participation meetings. He also noted that he would be contacting the new principal at List School in Frankenmuth to get some assistance from them.

B. Press Releases and Public Meetings for 2005:

Press Releases went out last week to all the area newspapers for the Public Meetings. A handout was available for the membership listing the dates and times of all the public meetings. Mr. Beaubien also noted that we provided the information to radio and TV calendars. He reminded everyone that elected officials would also be welcome and requested that the membership pass the information along.

He noted that dates had been set for the next two sections of meetings and asked that anyone who would like to host one of the meetings to let him know.

Mr. Premo and Mr. Wieneke tentatively volunteered for two of the evening meetings.

C. County Storm Water Ordinance:

Mr. Beaubien reported a copy of the final draft was available for the membership. Mr. Koski will have the County Civil Attorney review it and then it will go to the County Board for approval. Mr. Malzahn noted that when the Ordinance was drafted it was written up so that "County" could be replaced easily with "local" if any members were inclined to adapt it locally.

D. Brochures and distribution:

Mr. Beaubien reported that he had approved the proofs for the “Protect our Water Resources” brochure and the “Storm Water Pollution Hotline” brochure. They will be available at the next General Membership Meeting.

The RV brochure was distributed at the Boat Show and the Birch Run Expo Center RV show. The brochures will also be distributed at the Mid-Michigan Fishing Expo at the high school in Tittabawassee Township in April. Spicer will have a booth at this show and Mr. Beaubien will also be doing surveys.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Assistance with public input for watershed planning.

1. Survey distribution ideas – if anyone has further ideas on how to distribute surveys, please let Mr. Beaubien know.
2. Boy Scouts – Mr. Beaubien reported that he had talked to Dave Russell, Americorp volunteer, who had asked for a project for Boy Scouts, 4-H groups, etc. Mr. Beaubien told him about the surveys and the idea to have a group work some of the shows, malls, or however he could do it to help us get public input.

B. Reminder on public participation meetings, local officials welcome to attend – discussed under “Old Business”.

C. Response letters on PEP and IDEP for MDEQ.

The PEP has been approved by the MDEQ with the condition that there is a revised schedule for 2006. The PPP has been approved.

1. Milestones – These plans were all listed as Milestones for this year.
2. Mr. Grunwell, Mr. Premo, and Mr. Beaubien had a meeting to finalize the IDEP according to the letter that had been received from the MDEQ. The deadline was March 10th and the Plan was emailed to MDEQ on that date and a hard copy mailed.

D. Web Site Statistics:

Copies of the web site statistics were handed out and reviewed by Mr. Beaubien. It was also noted that the members have access to review the statistics on the web site under Member Resources.

Mr. Malzahn asked if we were getting any activity on the survey on the web site and Mr. Beaubien reported that we have only had about 9 hits.

E. Other:

1. Community Rating System (CRS) Floodplain Insurance – Mr. Beaubien reviewed the information that was provided to the membership on the CRS. He has been trying to get in touch with Joy Brooks from the MDEQ to have her speak at a General Membership meeting.
2. Information was distributed on the City of Rock Island, IL Storm Water Utility.

VIII. MEETINGS:

- A. Executive Committee meeting March 23rd in Board Room 1 at Spicer Group at 10:00 a.m.
- B. General Membership meeting April 20th at **Bridgeport Charter Township Governmental Center, at 2:00 p.m.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Tutsock supported to adjourn this meeting of the SASWA at 2:55 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sika, Secretary