



SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

GENERAL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 20, 2005 – 2:00 PM
CENTER COURTS RECREATION FACILITY
SAGINAW CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PRESENT: Earl Schlegel, *Birch Run Township*; John Malzahn, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Brian Baldwin, *Buena Vista Charter Township*; Debby Lopez, *Carrollton Township*; John Premo, *City of Saginaw*; Jerry Wieneke, *James Township*; Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Chris Snyder, *Thomas Township*; Tom Waters, *City of Zilwaukee*; Carl Ruth, *Saginaw County Board of Commissioners*; Brian Wendling, *Saginaw County Road Commission*; Timothy Applebee, *Saginaw Intermediate School District*; Jim Stone, *Saginaw Township Community Schools*; Bob Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Russell Beaubien, Becky Kubica, *Spicer Group*.

ABSENT: Kochville Township; Spaulding Township; Tittabawassee Township; Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools; Swan Valley Schools;

EXCUSED: James Koski, *Saginaw County*

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 MARCH 16, 2005 MINUTES:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Malzahn also brought 7 letters that had been returned from the mailing for the second stakeholders meeting.

Mr. Malzahn reported on a letter received from Jeff Mayes, State Rep., in response to the letters sent to the state legislators. Representative Mayes agrees that something needs to be done to provide funding for NPDES Phase II.

He also received a letter from the Saginaw Bay RC&D regarding the Stakeholder Meeting, which they were unable to attend. They stated it was an important issue and would try to attend upcoming meetings.

Mr. Malzahn also reported that Bridgeport Charter Township had received a notice on April 5th from MDEQ with the 2005 NPDES Permit Fees Invoice, dated January 27, with a cover letter dated February 1st. Invoice was due March 15th and was postmarked April 4th. He paid it and a few days ago received a notice from MDEQ stating that he was being assessed a fine for paying late. Mr. Beaubien noted that Bridgeport was not the only one who had received the invoice late and he had called MDEQ and they will waive the late fees. The MDEQ requests proof, such as the postmarked envelope.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Malzahn stated that as of March 31, 2005 there was a fund balance of \$193,505.47.

Mr. Malzahn reported that the audit materials had been delivered to the auditor and results should be back next month.

Mr. Malzahn presented an invoice from the Roberts, Boehler & Fisher for Inv. #5898 for \$200 for March services.

A motion was made by Mr. Grunwell to approve Invoice #5898 for \$200 from accountants, Roberts, Boehler & Fisher, and supported by Ms Lopez. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Malzahn presented an invoice from the Spicer Group for Inv. #140730 for \$14,316.42.

A motion was made by Mr. Grunwell to approve Invoice #140730 for \$14,316.42 from Spicer Group, and supported by Mr. Tutsock. MOTION PASSED.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Public Input Survey – Handout material:

Mr. Beaubien distributed and discussed the summary information that had been collected from the Survey during the first stakeholder meetings. He also discussed the possibility of having the Survey available at municipal / township meetings.

B. Press Releases and Public Meetings for 2005:

Press Releases were distributed to the media for the Public Meetings. A handout was available for the membership listing the tentative dates and times of all the May meetings. Mr. Beaubien reminded everyone that elected officials would also be welcome and requested that the membership pass the information along.

He requested that anyone who would like to host one of the General Public Informational Meetings to let him know. He will also be contacting member unable to attend this meeting to see if they would like to host a meeting.

C. Report on stakeholder and public meeting attendance and evaluations.

Mr. Beaubien reported that there was an average of five people at the General Public Informational Meetings. He also reported that there were an average of ten people at the first stakeholders' meeting. At the second stakeholders' meeting there has been an average of five, but this round is not completed.

D. New Brochures (2) and distribution – report on Mid-Michigan Fishing Expo in Freeland.

Mr. Beaubien noted that two new brochures have been printed – “Protect our Water Resources” and “Storm Water Pollution Hotline” – and they were available for the membership to take with them.

Mr. Beaubien reported that Spicer Group had a booth at the Mid-Michigan Fishing Expo in Freeland and he had handed out brochures and surveys. He also made contact with someone from the Boy Scouts at the Expo and they will see if anyone is interested in a program for the Boy Scouts to assist in getting out the Surveys to the public.

E. Contact with Boy Scouts – see above.

F. Community Rating System – follow up: Mr. Beaubien report that this is on hold at this time.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. IDEP response letter from Keith Noble.

Mr. Beaubien reported that the IDEP was submitted but we have not received a letter back from the MDEQ.

He noted that the fieldwork should start in June for this Plan.

B. Report on SWPPI meeting in Lansing on March 31st.”

Mr. Beaubien reported on the 1st training session that was held in Lansing on March 31st. The second meeting will be April 25th and he hopes to have more to report at the Executive Meeting.

C. Watershed Planning Research

Mr. Beaubien reported that he is sifting through the abundance of research he has from Saginaw for the Watershed Plan. He is also seeking information from Bay County Public Health Department.

D. Storm Water Utility Fee vs. Storm Water Management Fee

A MWEA meeting will be held on May 11th and may be an Agenda topic.

E. Web Site Statistics:

Copies of the web site statistics were handed out and reviewed by Mr. Beaubien.

F. Other:

1. Mr. Malzahn noted that the GIS Authority approved the SASWA request to become a member for \$2,000.

VII. MEETINGS:

A. Executive Committee meeting April 27th in Board Room 1 at Spicer Group at 10:00 a.m.B. General Membership meeting May 18th at **Bridgeport Charter Township Governmental Center, at 2:00 p.m.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Malzahn, Treasurer

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