



## SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 2005 – 2:00 PM  
BRIDGEPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

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PRESENT: Ramon Rosas, *Birch Run Township*; John Malzahn, Dick Dunnill, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Marvin Kozara, *Carrollton Township*; Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Don Ackerman, *Spaulding Township*; Bob Weise, Chris Snyder, *Thomas Township*; Paul Vasold, *Tittabawassee Township*; Tom Waters, *City of Zilwaukee*; Matt Rappley, *Saginaw County*; Adam Ball, *Saginaw County Road Commission*; Robert Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Russell Beaubien, Becky Kubica, *Spicer Group*.

EXCUSED: Dan Sika, Thomas Township

ABSENT: Buena Vista Charter Township; City of Saginaw; James Township; Kochville Township; Saginaw County Board of Commissioners; Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools Saginaw ISD; Saginaw Township Community Schools; Swan Valley Schools

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. He declared that a quorum was present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Grunwell called for Public Comments and there were none.

IV. REVIEW OF OCTOBER 19, 2005 MEETING MINUTES:

*Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Vasold supported approval of the October 19, 2005 meeting minutes.  
MOTION CARRIED.*

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Malzahn reported that he had received a copy of the Resolution for the 2006 Budget Apportionment from Carrollton Township, which he gave to Mr. Beaubien for the files. Mr. Beaubien reported that he had received a copy of the Resolution from Adam Ball for the Saginaw County Road Commission.

Mr. Beaubien reported that he had received correspondence regarding a MWEA conference on December 1. He will be attending the conference, which has to do with funding of Storm Water Initiatives, MDEQ Storm Water Grants & Loans, and BMP Case Studies.

Mr. Beaubien also distributed a “Legislative Alert” from the Water Environment Federation regarding the proposed \$166 million rescission to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

VI. TREASURER’S REPORT:

Mr. Malzahn reported that the Money Market account has a balance of \$158,389.70. Approximately \$420 was earned in interest last month. The checking account has a balance, as of October 31st, of \$9,602.94.

Mr. Malzahn presented Invoice #6798 from Roberts, Boehler, & Fisher for \$550.

*A motion was made by Mr. Grunwell to approve Invoice #6798 for \$550 from Roberts, Boehler, & Fisher, and supported by Mr. Rappley. MOTION PASSED.*

Mr. Malzahn presented an Invoice from the Saginaw GIS Area Authority for \$2,600 for maps for information they provided for the SASWA's Watershed Management Plans.

*A motion was made by Mr. Snyder to approve the Invoice for \$2,600.00 from the Saginaw GIS Area Authority, and supported by Mr. Vasold. MOTION PASSED.*

Mr. Malzahn presented Invoice #143176 from Spicer Group, Inc. for \$18,422.24. Mr. Malzahn noted that this amount included the costs of producing the three (3) Watershed Management Plans.

*A motion was made by Mr. Grunwell to approve Invoice #143176 for \$18,422.24 from Spicer Group, and supported by Mr. Tutsock. MOTION PASSED.*

Mr. Malzahn noted that he had received a letter from the accounting firm, Roberts, Boehler, & Fisher to renew our contract at the same level for the same money.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Progress Report on Storm Water Ordinance – Mr. Koski was unavailable to report on the status.

B. IDEP Project Review and Update

Mr. Beaubien reported that our maps have been set up for field crews to utilize during the screening process. Examples were made available to the membership. Where appropriate we overlaid the sanitary sewer systems in some of the Areas of Concern and developed a better area map for the field crews.

The QAPP has been completed and a draft submitted to the MDEQ.

Mr. Beaubien reported that he has met with Dave Karpovich, PhD and Bruce Hart of SVSU's Independent Testing Lab. They are quite interested in the project and will also be sending us the cost of various lab tests. They would do testing that involves industrial sampling or heavy metals. They have a copy of the QAPP & IDEP for review and comment. Some sampling will also be done at local wastewater treatment plants. Mr. Grunwell requested a copy of the QAPP to review with his personnel at the Saginaw Charter Township wastewater facility.

C. Annual End of Year Authority Business

Mr. Beaubien reported that letters have been sent for resolutions for Trustee Appointments and Oath of Office to Spaulding Twp, Carrollton Twp, and the Saginaw County Road Commission. Saginaw County Road Commission requested and received an electronic copy.

Mr. Beaubien and Mr. Malzahn reported that we the 2/3 majority to approve Budget Apportionment has been achieved – (9) are in at this time.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

## A. WMP &amp; Annual Report

Mr. Beaubien presented copies for review by the membership of the Upper Saginaw, Lower Tittabawassee, and Lower Cass WMP.

He noted that a discussion was held during the Executive Meeting concerning putting the WMP's on the web site for public use, and at that time, it was suggested that it would be put in the "Members Only" section of the website. It has now been suggested that we will make it available on the web site to the public in January, 2006.

It was also decided at the Executive Meeting that the Annual Report would also be made available only to members.

*Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Snyder supported putting the three WMP's on the "Members Only" section of the SASWA website, but make it available to the public in January, 2006. MOTION CARRIED.*

B. Lansing Teleconference of October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Beaubien distributed copies of the MWEA position paper from this teleconference.

The teleconference centered on a strategy to pursue obtaining funding for the NDPES Phase II programs and providing a "fix" for Bolt vs Lansing decision.

Three aspects were discussed:

1. A constitutional amendment. Currently, 3 states have used constitutional amendments specific to Storm Water utilities (SC, FL, CA).
2. Shepard a lawsuit through the system to get the MI Supreme Court to review and change the past decision. (one problem is that if the decision goes against what we are trying then there are 2 decisions against this form of funding approach).
3. Add a specific amendment to the Drain Code for assessment districts based on watersheds.

Mr. Beaubien noted that it is obvious that the implementation phase of the NDPES will increase costs to communities and it would be nice if the local level had the option of implementing assessments as needed.

They will be looking at the following for the next meeting in January:

1. An issue to place on a ballot to put in front of the voters that would allow the creation of a storm water utility fee.
2. Develop a model municipal ordinance, similar to Ann Arbor or St Clair Shores.
3. Start a statewide public education campaign to help people understand the utility fee associated with clean water.

## C. Information on meeting with the MDEQ regarding grants

On Tuesday, Nov. 1, Mr. Beaubien met with Charlie Bauer and Keith Noble and provided a rough draft of the QAPP to Mr. Bauer. It was reviewed and revised.

Mr. Bauer and Mr. Beaubien began discussions about public education and some of his thoughts about funding sources. He feels the SASWA is in a position to be the area leader in education for LID, Rain Garden, Bio swale technology and other aspects to put together conferences or seminars during the winter on these topics and have them geared to area developers, landscape/lawn care industry, contractors and builders.

Mr. Bauer advised he would do what he can to help us obtain funding through Saginaw Bay WIN and champion our cause for the funds as long as we regionalize it as much as possible.

D. Web Site Statistics

Mr. Beaubien reported that to-date we are still averaging around 2000 hits a month and 6 visits a day on the website.

E. Other

A discussion was held regarding the hosting of the General Membership Meeting at different municipalities as opposed to having it in Bridgeport every month. The membership approved of this suggestion. Mr. Snyder stated that Thomas Township would like to host the January 18th meeting at 2:00.

It was also decided that due to the Christmas holidays, the Executive Board Meeting would be held December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at Spicer Group instead of December 28<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will go back to the regular 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

There will be an Executive Board Meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 a.m. at Spicer Group.

II. ADJOURNMENT:

*Mr. Rappley moved, and Mr. Tutsock supported to adjourn this meeting of the SASWA at 2:40 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully submitted,

John Malzahn, Treasurer