



SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

GENERAL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2005 – 2:00 PM
BRIDGEPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

PRESENT: Ramon Rosas, *Birch Run Township*; John Malzahn, Dick Dunnill, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Vic Killingbeck, *Buena Vista Charter Township*; Marvin Kozara, R. F. Salazar, *Carrollton Township*; John Premo, *City of Saginaw*; Mike Comstock, *Kochville Township*; Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; John Tagget, Don Ackerman, *Spaulding Township*; Dan Sika, Chris Snyder, *Thomas Township*; Paul Vasold, *Tittabawassee Township*; Tom Waters, Warren Davis *City of Zilwaukee*; James Koski, Matt Rappley, *Saginaw County*; Brian Wendling, *Saginaw County Road Commission*; John Farver, *Saginaw ISD*; Jim Stone, *Saginaw Township Community Schools*; Russell Beaubien, Becky Kubica, *Spicer Group*.

EXCUSED: Jerry Weineke, *James Township*; Robert Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*

ABSENT: Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools; Swan Valley Schools

GUESTS: David Russell, *Saginaw Conservation District*; Keith Noble, Matt Siler, *MDEQ*

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Koski called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL: Mr. Malzahn completed the roll call. He declared that a quorum was present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Koski called for Public Comments.

Mr. Malzahn took this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Beaubien on being nominated for the “Watershed Professional of the Year” for the Michigan Water Environment Association.

IV. REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 16, 2005 MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Sika supported approval of the November 16, 2005 meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Malzahn reported that he had received a Christmas card from the auditor and Accountant.

Mr. Malzahn reported that he had received a letter from the MDEQ, regarding a series of seminars in January on the non-point source grant program. This training concerns handling finances for the 2005 grant that SASWA received for the IDEP implementation. The conference is being held at different locations around the state and Mr. Malzahn and Mr. Rappley will be representing the SASWA at the training in Lansing.

Mr. Beaubien noted that he had received a “call for speakers” for the Watershed Committee on February 16th in Lansing. He also noted that there is a joint session of the AWWA on February 7th and 8th at the Lansing center.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Malzahn reported that the Money Market account has a balance of \$140,353.47. Approximately \$386 was earned in interest last month. The checking account has a balance, as of November 30th, of \$6,457.47.

Mr. Malzahn presented two invoices from Spicer Group. The first was Invoice #143533 for \$6,672.00 for consultant services.

A motion was made by Mr. Vasold to approve Invoice #143533 for \$6,672.00 from Spicer Group, and supported by Mr. Grunwell. MOTION PASSED.

He also presented Invoice #143540 for \$4,816.75 for IDEP services.

A motion was made by Mr. Premo to approve the Invoice #143540 for \$4,816.75 from the Spicer Group, and supported by Mr. Sika. MOTION PASSED.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Progress Report on Storm Water Ordinance – Mr. Koski reported that a meeting was held with the attorneys, Mr. Beaubien, and Mr. Rappley to bring them up-to-date on why the Storm Water Ordinance is in the best interests of the County. The attorneys will be contacting Mr. Meyer, Smith Bovill, and working with him on the language of the Ordinance, as necessary. He stated that the Public Health Dept. supports the Ordinance. He noted that actual approval could take place in February or March.

B. IDEP Project Update

Mr. Beaubien reported the QAPP has been verbally approved by MDEQ.

He also reported that he submitted the quarterly report for the IDEP to the MDEQ. This quarterly report, covering July through September, did not show any activity.

Mr. Beaubien reported that he had met with Deb Socier of SCDPH and Mr. Weineke, James Township, at the Streiter subdivision, where a problem had been identified. Samples were taken and Mr. Beaubien reported that because of the very cold temperature they did not get a result to verify an illicit connection. They will re-try when it is warmer. The drain is a Road Commission drain and Mr. Beaubien is keeping them informed.

He also reported that another problem area has been located on the Lenz Drain in Tittabawassee Township and that will also be revisited when the weather gets warmer.

It was previously reported that there was an investigation in Carrollton Township by the MDEQ and Mr. Beaubien reported that the investigation is now complete and no problems were found.

C. Resolutions for Trustee appointments and Oath of Office

Spaulding Township submitted their resolution at today's meeting. We are still awaiting copies of the Resolution from the Saginaw County Road Commission.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Election of Officers

1. Mr. Koski stepped aside and Mr. Malzahn presided over the meeting for the election of Chairperson. *Mr. Snyder nominated Jim Koski and Mr. Tagget seconded. After a call for any other nominations, it was moved that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Koski. MOTION PASSED.*
2. Mr. Koski then took the meeting over and asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. *Mr. Malzahn nominated Sonny Grunwell for Vice Chairman and Mr. Snyder seconded. After a call for any other nominations, it was moved by Mr. Malzahn and seconded by Mr. Premo that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Grunwell. MOTION PASSED*
3. Mr. Koski asked for nominations for Treasurer. *Mr. Grunwell nominated John Malzahn and Mr. Premo seconded. After a call for any other nominations, it was moved by Mr. Grunwell and seconded by Mr. Snyder that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Malzahn. MOTION PASSED.*
4. Mr. Koski asked for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Sika, who is the Secretary at this time, stated that he would be unavailable to serve as the Secretary. *Mr. Sika nominated Chris Snyder as his replacement and Mr. Malzahn seconded. After a call for any other nominations, it was moved by Mr. Grunwell and seconded by Mr. Premo that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Snyder. MOTION PASSED.*

B. Set meeting time and dates for General Board and Executive Committee.

Mr. Rappley motioned that the General Board Meetings continue to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and the Executive Meetings continue to be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Mr. Premo seconded. MOTION PASSED.

A list was distributed of the meeting dates for the General Board Meeting and Mr. Koski noted that all the members were welcome to host the General Board Meeting. Thomas Township will be hosting the January 2006 meeting.

C. Selection of Consultants

1. Auditor – *Mr. Malzahn motioned that the Authority continue to retain Yeo & Yeo as our Auditor. Mr. Sika seconded. MOTION PASSED.*
2. Legal – *Mr. Malzahn motioned that the Authority continue to retain David Meyer from Smith Bovill as legal consul. Mr. Premo seconded. MOTION PASSED.*
3. Technical Consultant – *Mr. Malzahn motioned that the Authority continue to retain Spicer Group, Mr. Beaubien, as the Technical Consultant. Mr. Sika seconded. MOTION PASSED.*

4. Accountant – *Mr. Rappley motioned that we continue to retain Roberts, Boehler & Fisher as the Authority's accounting firm. Mr. Grunwell seconded. MOTION PASSED.*

D. Terms of Office expiring in 2006

Mr. Beaubien reviewed the terms of office, which will expire in 2006, including any new Trustees. They are:

1. Kochville Township
2. Thomas Township
3. Saginaw County

E. Grant Information – Mr. Beaubien reported on grants that he will be researching and working on in 2006.

1. There is \$250,000 in funding available for ***MI Community Pollution Prevention (P2) Grants*** for waste reduction of school chemicals. Saginaw ISD may be interested in this program or someone else to coordinate for all the county schools. Deadline is February 15, 2006, cannot request more than \$24K, at least a 25% match.
2. ***Michigan Volunteer River, Stream & Creek Cleanup program*** there is \$25K available annually for this type of project.
Candidate areas: Birch Run Creek through Spaulding Twp; Lower Tittabawassee from Freeland down to confluence; Lower Cass River from I-75 to confluence
Swan Creek from Thomas Twp to Swan Creek Rail Trail Bridge
3. ***CMI Grants for WMP implementation*** There will be another round of funds available for this type of project. GAP's will be available in early 2005.
4. ***Saginaw Bay WIN Grants*** – There may be grant funding available to develop regional training for Low Impact Design, BMP construction and maintenance, introduction of contractors and developers to the goals and objectives of the Phase II rules and what is being implemented in this region. There might be \$50K available for this training.

F. Web Site Statistics

Mr. Beaubien reported that it was an average month.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Malzahn moved, and Mr. Grunwell supported to adjourn this meeting of the SASWA at 3:00 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sika, Secretary