



GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2011 – 2:00 P.M.
SPICER GROUP, INC.
1ST FLOOR PRESENTATION ROOM

PRESENT: Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Ruthann Evans, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Mark Pilkington, *Carrollton Township*; Jake Golden & Kelly Quimper *Saginaw ISD*; Wallace Butler, *Buena Vista Charter Township*; Mike Burger, *Kochville Township*; Dan Sika, *Thomas Township*; Bob Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Carl Ruth, *Saginaw County Board of Commissioners*; John Premo & Jason Casteel, *City of Saginaw*; Troy Linton, *Swan Valley Schools*; Russell Beaubien & Natalie Franz, *Spicer Group*.

ABSENT: *Bridgeport Spaulding Community Schools; Saginaw Township Community Schools; City of Zilwaukee.*

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

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

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A. None

IV. **REVIEW OF JUNE 15th MEETING MINUTES:**

Mr. Tutsock moved to approve the June 15th meeting minutes. Mr. Sika supported the motion, MOTION CARRIED.

V. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

A. Mr. Pilkington presented an invoice from Roberts, Boehler, & Fisher for \$675.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Tutsock to approve an invoice for \$675.00 from Roberts, Boehler, & Fisher, and supported by Mr. Sika. MOTION PASSED.

B. Mr. Pilkington presented an invoice from Spicer Group for \$8,175.00 for general services.

A motion was made by Mr. Sika to approve an invoice for \$8,175.00 from Spicer Group, and supported by Mr. Pilkington. MOTION PASSED.

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. Letter from MDEQ Regarding Additives

Mr. Beaubien reported that the MDEQ has sent letters to the townships and educational institutions regarding the Additives to Storm Water System for Mosquito Control. This completed the requirement that the NPDES permittee provide permission for an additive to be placed in a storm water system under jurisdiction of a permittee.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Meeting of June 21st & August 16th for MS4s in Lansing – Meeting Summary

Mr. Beaubien reported that the meetings and negotiations with MDEQ have been moving forward. The proposed input follows what was in the original 2008 permit. They have covered the Public Participation plan (no changes), Public Education Plan (no changes), Illicit Discharge Elimination Plan had significant discussion regarding the value of wet weather monitoring. This will be taken into consideration with the new permit. The August meeting centered on Post Construction Controls and how that will be handled by the various permittees especially treatment technologies. MDEQ advised they will only be looking at the basic water quality requirements as was presented in the 2008 permit. The remaining discussion was on TMDLs or total maximum daily loads as may be present in a watershed. This topic received a lot of comment from permittees that are under TMDLs, it was apparent that many still did not understand what a TMDL was and how they should be addressed by a permittee. MDEQ wants a workable plan that can be documented. The MDEQ expectations were reasonable and achievable, some of the permittees were making more of this topic than was necessary to meet federal requirements.

B. Training Dates for Staff –

1. November 8, Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., City of Saginaw Water Treatment Plant classroom.
2. November 10, Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thomas Twp Public Safety Building
3. December 6, Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Spicer Group, 3rd Floor Presentation Room.
4. December 8, Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Bridgeport Charter Township

Mr. Beaubien reported that the dates listed above are now established for training county, municipal and educational staff in reference to IDEP, Good Housekeeping, spill reporting and clean up, management of vegetated properties and other required topics. The program will last about 4 hours and meet the training requirements of the 2003 permit.

C. Audits for 2011

Mr. Beaubien reported on the audit of Swan Valley Schools by the MDEQ, it went well both in the procedural aspects and in the site inspection. The inspection results letter was received August 26th. The report centered on public education and training. A site map was recommended. And a date for screening the point source on site.

Russ advised that the Saginaw County Road Commission will also be audited this year.

D. Other

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The SASWA and BASWA have again cooperated with a public education venture for the Saginaw Bay region. This is a radio campaign using the NEXT Media Group and will center on Phosphorus education. The ads run on various area stations, the most prominent is WSGW and the ads are heard during the Tigers games.
- B. Members were reminded that a public education article was sent to all members for use in education of residents. This article helps reinforce the radio campaign mentioned above. Members are encouraged to use this in community newsletters, on their websites or have copies available for people to pick up in their offices. It would be a good thing to provide to all employees / staff.
- C. Mr Beaubien reported that the summer Co-op has started the screening of outfalls for SASWA and that additional screening will be done by an SVSU student.
- D. The PEP and IDEP has been revised per comments received from the MDEQ audit process. These documents are available on the SASWA website at www.saswa.org . Additionally, the 2009/2010 Annual Report is on the website and was submitted before the deadline.
- E. Other – Mr. Beaubien handed out a copy of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Initiative for those members present. He advised them to mark which items they did not feel were applicable for the website documentation system that will be revised soon. These SWPPIs will be emailed to all members so they can work on them and sent them back to Russ.
- F. Web Statistics – Google has changed its web statistics application and it is no longer an easy task to obtain these statistics. Spicer IT staff will advise on an inexpensive means of obtaining this information in the future.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Sika moved, and Mr. Pilkington supported to adjourn this meeting of the SASWA General Board at 2:36 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sika, Secretary