

**MINUTES  
SAGINAW AREA GIS AUTHORITY  
EXECUTIVE MEETING  
February 17, 2015  
(10:00am)  
Saginaw Township Hall**

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**Members Present:** Rob Grose, Chairman; Russ Taylor, Vice Chairman; Paul Moore, Treasurer; Megan Weaver, Secretary; Johnathan Miller, Member; Jim Loiacano, Member, Don Hesse, Daniel Weaver Saginaw County 911, Member, Marc McGill, Member, Mike McGibney, City of Saginaw, Member.

**Others Present:** Dan Hoffman and Bill Jeruski, GIS Authority; Brian Wendling, Saginaw County Public Works; and Ron Hansen, Spicer Group.

**Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Grose.**

**Roll Call:**

A quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Moore with support by Loiacano to accept agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2014:**

Motion by Miller with support by Moore to accept December 2, 2014

Minutes as presented.

**Motion Carried.**

**SAGA LiDAR Acquisition:**

Brian Wendling, Saginaw County Public Works Commissioner, reviewed his two primary reasons for asking the Authority to include one foot contour LiDAR data with the upcoming spring flyover: 1) The LiDAR data would assist the County Public Works office in their current project of delineating all 1,200 drainage districts by reducing the fieldwork and thus reducing costs; and 2) provide the certified data needed for residents to meet the requirements of flood insurance mapping. This second purpose would be a long-term goal as the State of Michigan does not currently accept LiDAR data for flood insurance verification; however, Wendling feels that if Saginaw County sets the pace and other counties follow, we could have a system in place like the State of Minnesota and save our residents the high cost of getting a survey done by an engineer. He stated that both Gratiot and Bay counties have verbally committed to one foot

contour LiDAR data acquisition. It was noted that Gratiot received a USGS grant with 50% matching funds to obtain the data.

Ron Hansen, Spicer Group, fielded questions from the Authority on Spicer Group's involvement in this proposed acquisition. Hansen explained that Spicer would be willing to process the raw LiDAR data for a lower cost than Kucera. He also explained the benefits of one foot contour data in other areas such as: economic development, environmental permit requirements, parks and path projects, enhancing addresses for 911, and water and sewer projects. Much discussion followed.

Johnathan Miller made the point that if the Authority decided to pursue this acquisition, the data should be public so that all engineering firms have access to it. Consensus to have the data be public domain.

The costs of both two foot (\$60,000) and one foot (\$215,000) LiDAR data were reviewed by Hoffman. He explained that this would be an additional cost above the current approved project price from Kucera of \$64,500. Paul Moore gave the most recent figures of the Authority's unrestricted funds (\$340,000) and discussion was held on how the additional cost could be paid for. After much discussion, Wendling agreed to the County paying for half of the one foot contour proposed price (\$107,500) with the agreement that Spicer Group execute the processing of the LiDAR data if it was a lower cost than Kucera's quote.

A motion was brought to the table; however, after further discussion, the Authority decided to wait and look at the numbers more closely before making a final decision. It was a consensus to hold a special meeting Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Saginaw Township.

**Tax Audit Mapping:**

Grose reported that the maps produced for the tax audit went over very well and the State made a point of complimenting them. He thanked Hoffman.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Weaver with support by Taylor to adjourn.

**Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

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*Next General Meeting* – 9:00 am, April 20, 2015 at MSU Extension.

*Next Executive Meeting* – 9:00 a.m., April 6, 2015 at Thomas Township

*Minutes prepared by Megan Weaver*