

**MINUTES  
SAGINAW AREA GIS AUTHORITY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MAY 4, 2005  
(9:30 a.m.)**

**TITTABAWASSEE TOWNSHIP OFFICE  
158 SECOND STREET  
FREELAND, MI 48623**

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**Members Present:** Brian Kischnick, Chairman; Rob Grose, Vice-Chairman; Betsy Wietfeldt, for Russ Taylor, Secretary; John Malzahan, Member; Ken Bayne, Member; Jeff Klopacic, Member; Brian Wendling, Member; Jonathan Miller, Member.

**Others Present:** Jeff Wood, Spicer Group; Larry Protasiewicz, Spicer Group; Don Scherzer, Spicer Group; Jim Koski, Saginaw County Department of Public Works; Dan Hoffman, SAGA.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kischnick at 9:40 a.m.
2. Roll Call was taken.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made by K. Bayne, supported by R. Grose to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. **Discussion of Flood Insurance Rate Mapping Project:**  
J. Koski explained to the committee that Spicer approached him about monies that were available to “County” groups for the purpose of updating FEMA’s Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). This money was available and could be garnered with out any type of application fee, so Koski felt it was a way to get the FEMA maps for Saginaw County updated, and maintained with monies that were not necessarily coming out of the local community’s pockets. Koski also felt that due to the fact that the SAGA was creating new Ortho’s, now was as good a time as any to try and get these monies, as FEMA was fast tracking those “County” groups that had the advanced technical “in kind” services that would give each of these “County” groups a good finished product, which Saginaw County has in the SAGA.

About \$243,000 was earmarked for Saginaw County to complete the updates to their FEMA maps.

L. Protasiewicz, of The Spicer Group explained that over a billion dollars was earmarked in federal dollars for the FEMA maps to be updated nationwide, and whether or not SAGA and the membership participate, these maps will be updated. At this point though, the membership has a choice about the quality of the maps. SAGA can either share their information with FEMA and have a really accurate set of maps prepared, with the fore thinking, that maybe SAGA

would be interested in maintaining these maps long term, and gaining future dollars in the maintenance end, or, take whatever mapping system FEMA comes up with and once again have a less good finished product.

Discussion took place about how a part of this \$243,000 could be earmarked for the SAGA project. L. Protasiewicz made it clear that FEMA will not pay for maps. They will pay for any of the processes to make the maps, but not the maps themselves.

Discussion also took place over the hesitancy to do this type of extensive work countywide, and letting non-member communities benefit from the use of the SAGA members money and hard work, through the FEMA data, whether it be hard copy or digital copy. L. Protasiewicz, stated however, FEMA will only do this work on a countywide basis; they will not do it community to community as it deflates the value or accuracy of the data. It was also pointed out that SAGA is updating information county wide right now with the flyover with the intention of having complete data and acquiring new members in the future.

**L. Protasiewicz stated that he will write a proposal to FEMA for the funds and write it in a way that would try and insure as much funding to SAGA for the processes to make the maps.**

**J. Koski also stated he would personally go to each NON member community and show them what they will gain by the SAGA/FEMA updates, and how this update could pay their yearly membership in SAGA.**

**Motion was made by J. Malzahan, supported by J. Kloplic to have J. Koski, through Spicer Group write a proposal for the FEMA funds, insuring it will be written with the full support of SAGA in terms that FEMA will understand that this project will have the full support of SAGA. The proposal will also be written in a manner that it will try and garner funding for the processes that will be used to gather the information to make the maps, and allow J. Koski to approach all of the NON member communities on behalf of SAGA and FEMA and relate to them the benefits that will be gained by themselves and their constituents for joining SAGA. Motion carried. (K. Bayne is not opposed to J. Koski's plan, and is in fact in favor of it.)**

L. Protasiewicz will contact FEMA and request that Saginaw County be bumped up in priority now that SAGA has given their support to the project, with B. Kischnick being the contact person between FEMA and SAGA.

Third party contracts were discussed and agreed upon, to be looked over by the executive committee and presented to the full membership once the contract was cleaned up and revised with our verbage.

It also was mentioned that it appears that 911 and Saginaw Valley were about to become members.

**Motion** was made by B. Wietfeldt, supported by K. Bayne to adjourn the meeting at 11:20. **Motion carried.**

*Minutes prepared by B. Wietfeldt on behalf of R. Taylor, edited by B. Kischnick.*