

MINUTES
SAGINAW AREA GIS AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE MEETING
April 9, 2009
(8:00am)

Thomas Township
249 North Miller Road
Saginaw, MI 48609

Members Present: Brian Kischnick, Chairman; Russ Taylor, Secretary; John Malzahn, Member; Dan Sherman, Member; Jim Totten, Member; Len Ballosh, Member; Brian Wendling, Member; Ken Bayne, Member.

Others Present: Dan Hoffman and Bill Jeruski, GIS Authority.

Meeting called to order at 8:05am by Chairman Kischnick.

Roll Call was taken.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Bayne, with support by Ballosh, to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes:

February 2, 2009 Minutes.

Motion by Malzahn with support by Ballosh, to approve the minutes.

Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable and Budget Review:

Budget was distributed. Paid \$640 to MSU Extension for ArcView licenses. Malzahn reported that Moore told him he had dropped the money market account below the \$250,000 threshold as of April 8, 2009. The excess balance was placed in checking.

Motion by Ballosh, support by Bayne to accept Budget review.

Motion carried.

Adopt MDOT Contract for update of Emergency Incident Plan:

Hoffman reported that he submitted the MDOT contract to David Meyer for review. Meyer suggested several changes which Hoffman then submitted to MDOT. MDOT responded that they would not change their contract.

Hoffman reported that MDOT had set a deadline of April 10th to accept the contract.

The main sticking point in the contract with MDOT was their stipulation of incorporating an “indemnify clause” in the contract with SAGA.

The contract is for \$17,680.

The consensus among the membership is that the current MDOT contract is unacceptable.

Taylor indicated that SAGA cannot indemnify which would prevent adoption of the contract.

All indicated they were in favor of the contract if the “indemnify clause” were removed.

Motion by Malzahn to have David Meyer develop a “boiler plate” proposal response SAGA could hand out in the future for work or data requests. As a step two, this motion also covers sending a copy of this proposal to MDOT. **Motion carried.**

Data Requests:

Robert Fagan of Farm & Home Publishers has requested a free copy of the county parcel shapefile. The cost of this data is normally \$7500.

Motion by Bayne to deny the request, support by Sherman.

Motion carried.

East Central Michigan Planning Projects:

- a. *M-25 Scenic Highway Project:* Hoffman informed the membership that he would be working on a map of M-25 as it runs around the thumb from Bay City to Port Huron, mapping features of scenic interest. He stated SAGA would be paid for the work.
- b. *Regional GIS Project:* Hoffman stated that East Central Michigan Planning is holding a meeting in May in Isabella County to discuss the formation of a regional GIS. Fourteen counties are invited. No information on an agenda was known. It was requested that Hoffman attend.

Other Business:

Tourism Data Request: Malzahn asked if there had ever been any follow up on Annette Rummel's request, on behalf of the Saginaw Valley Convention & Visitor's Bureau, for Saginaw County tourism information to pass on to Garmin, Tom Tom and similar mapping system companies. Hoffman stated that he did contact Ms Rummel after the April 21, 2008 meeting in which she had requested data but that he has not heard back from her since.

Adjournment:

Motion by Malzahn, with support by Bayne, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52am. **Motion Carried.**

Next Regular Meeting – April 20, 2009 at MSU Extension.

Next Executive Meeting – June 1, 2009 at Kochville Township.

Minutes prepared by Bill Jeruski