

**MINUTES  
SAGINAW AREA GIS AUTHORITY  
GENERAL MEETING  
April 20, 2009  
(9:05am)**

**MSU Extension Offices  
1 Tuscola  
Saginaw, MI 48601**

**Members Present:** Robe Grose, Vice Chairman; Paul T. Moore, Treasurer; Len Ballosh, Member; John Malzahn, Member; Jeff Kloplic, Member; Jonathan Miller, Member; Megan King, Member; Brian Wendling, Member; Mike Marr, Member; Charlie Graham, Member; Richard Prezzato, Member; Bob Corrin, Member; Paul Bergdolt, Member; Tom Mayan, Member; Renee Herhold, Member; Sheila Hill, Member; Jim Jackson, Member; Gail Basner, Member .

**Others Present:** Julia Darnton, MSU Extension; Dan Hoffman and Bill Jeruski, GIS Authority.

**Meeting called to order at 9:05am by Vice Chairman Grose.**

**Roll Call was taken.**

Twenty-one members were present.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Graham, with support, to approve the agenda as presented.  
**Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Minutes**

January 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes.  
Motion by Malzahn, with support, to approve the minutes.  
**Motion Carried.**

**Accounts Payable and Budget Review**

Paul Moore reported that the Money Market balance stood at \$326,974.44 as of 3-31-2009 and Checking was at \$1,409.57. Moore stated that he had since drawn down the Money Market account to be below the FDIC \$250,000 mark and transferred the money to checking.

Graham asked if the money could have been transferred to another institution and placed in a money market there to capture a higher interest rate. Moore said he would look into that possibility.

## **Staff Report**

### **a. Data Creation Update**

Hoffman stated that building footprints were  $\frac{3}{4}$  updated within the county.

Hoffman reported that the SAGA staff are preparing to delve full force into the creation of a countywide drainage district layer.

### **b. Web Update**

Hoffman reported that there were no current issues with the web. He thanked Dube and Sherman of the City of Saginaw GIS for their work on updating the web now that the March Board of Reviews are all complete.

Megan King expressed concern over the way the Property Owner's name is displayed on the web. The information in the initial blue box is drawn from county records (updated nightly) whereas the owners name in the rest of the site is drawn from the assessor records (updated at municipality request). There are instances where the two will not match.

Hoffman reported that he and Sherman of Saginaw City GIS went to ESRI ArcServer training. The software runs the interactive map portion of the web site. He indicated that lot dimensions might now be able to be placed online.

### **c. ArcView Update**

Hoffman reminded the membership that ArcView 9.3 is available for update if anyone needs it.

Jackson inquired whether or not 9.3 would work with Vista.

Hoffman said that it would work but that the software was "touchy" with Vista and to expect an occasional crash. Miller suggested members downgrade Vista to XP. Hoffman also stated that ArcInfo has issues with Vista and licensing. Grose suggested Hoffman and Miller send an email to the membership explaining how to go about downgrading Vista to XP.

## **MDOT Bay Region Incident Management Plan Contract Update**

Hoffman reported that he received a contract from the State of Michigan for MDOT emergency routing work. The work consists of mapping

alternate routes off I-75 in case of emergency closures of the interstate. It was stated that the contract was rejected by the Executive Committee based on the indemnification language. Hoffman said he is currently trying to work through East Central Michigan Planning to still do the work without the contract.

Malzahn informed the group that the Executive Committee has proposed having David Meyer create a boiler-plate contract for SAGA to handle future data requests and work. Mayan asked how much the contract was for and was told by Hoffman the amount is \$17,000.

The general consensus of the membership is that due to the liability involved in the indemnification language of the State contract, it is a good idea to turn it down.

### **East Central Michigan Planning – GIS Committee**

Hoffman reported that he is about to start work on a map of the M-25 Heritage Route in the Thumb from roughly Bay City to Port Huron. The map will highlight historic, recreational and scenic sites along the route. Grose asked how much revenue the project would generate. Hoffman stated that he did not currently have a figure.

### **Tri-County Park Map Complete**

Hoffman stated he has complete the Tri-County Park Map. The work was done on behalf of the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Department. He stated that Bay and Midland Counties were both heavily involved in this project which was initially started by Dow Chemical Company in an attempt to attract new employees to the area. Hoffman said that 281 area parks were mapped.

Grose asked if the map was available online and Hoffman stated that it was not at this time but that he would put a copy out on the SAGA ftp site.

### **Other Business**

Graham asked where SAGA stood in regard to a new aerial flyover for orthos. Hoffman told the membership that we are currently looking at Spring 2010 to do the flyover. He stated SAGA had banked the \$60,000 already received from Dow for the project. Grose asked what the total estimated cost would be. Hoffman stated Kuchera would charge +/- \$140,000 making our portion \$80,000. Hoffman added that it is possible that by next year the \$140,000 may come in lower.

Grose wanted to know if we would fly with the same specs or if they would be updated. Hoffman stated that the specs would definitely be updated.

Jackson wanted to know when the last flyover was. Hoffman said it was Spring 2005 and added that a five year interval between flyovers was typical for GIS work.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Malzahn, support by Ballosh, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned by Grose at 9:25am.

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**Next General Meeting** – July 20, 2009 at MSU Extension.

**Next Executive Meeting**-June 1, 2009 at Kochvile Township.

*Minutes prepared by Bill Jeruski*