

MINUTES
SAGINAW AREA GIS AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE MEETING
February 1, 2016
(9:00am)
Thomas Township Hall
249 North Miller Road

Members Present: Rob Grose, Chairman; Russ Taylor, Vice Chairman; Paul Moore, Treasurer; Marc McGill, Member; Brian Wendling, Member; Tom Luck, Member; Tom McIntyre, Member; Jim Loiacano, Member; Randy Pfau, Member.

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00am by Chairman Grose.

Roll Call:

It was agreed to forego roll call. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2015:

Motion by Moore with support by Loiacano to accept December 7, 2015 Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried.

Discuss LiDAR Project Status:

Wendling related that the State of Michigan/USGS LiDAR grant opportunity that SAGA has been waiting on has been discontinued. It was stated that due to the securing of an additional one million dollars for LIDAR work in Michigan by the USDA Conservation Service a new grant opportunity is in the offing. To be eligible for consideration for these monies SAGA/Saginaw County would need to re-apply for the grant.

Wendling reported that the new grant opportunity is being administered by MiSAIL and that the original 15 participating counties will be flown first. A time line of one year was mentioned.

Wendling said a conference call has been scheduled for February 2, 2016 in the Saginaw Department of Public Works Office with MDARD to discuss the particulars of these changes to the LiDAR grant opportunity. Hoffman has been invited to lend technical expertise to the conversation.

It is unclear at this point if MiSAIL will be able to credit SAGA for the LiDAR already flown or if they will foot the bill to re-fly again this year. It is hoped a clarification on this point will be given on February 2.

Wendling said he felt confident that SAGA would be a recipient of some funding even under this grant change. He said it was questionable if that funding would be in the form of a credit for the \$64,000 already spent.

The matter was clarified when it was put forth that previously SAGA was going to pay Spicer to process the LiDAR data but now most likely the work will be done through grant by MiSAIL. Wendling said that this statement was essentially correct with the exception of the cost of some ground control work.

Hoffman recommended to the Board that they immediately move ahead with ground truthing the LiDAR we have in order to get it certified QL2 and be able to hand it over to FEMA before their March deadline. FEMA has informed SAGA that in order to incorporate our new LiDAR data into the latest FEMA flood map update that certified data must be delivered to them by March of 2016. The cost through Spicer for this certification would be \$10,000.

It was stated SAGA already had \$64,000 invested toward LiDAR not including the additional \$10,000 being discussed for QL2 certification.

Motion to: *Contract with Spicer Group to certify our LiDAR data to QL2 standard.* So moved by Loiacano, support by Taylor.

Motion Carried.

Discuss City of Saginaw Maintenance of SAGA Website:

It was stated that the current City of Saginaw contract for SAGAGIS maintenance was \$9600 annually.

Hoffman said that Kloplic might be open to negotiation with SAGA for continued maintenance of the site. It was agreed among the membership that the volume of work being required for web maintenance may be outstripping the contract payment to the City.

Consensus was to pursue other options for maintaining and hosting the SAGA website.

Taylor recommended opening up the contract to bids.

Hoffman said that ideally the data on the site should in future pull from the County BS&A database to avoid the extremely cumbersome and time consuming process of getting individual data pulls from each member municipality. As an example of utilization of this data, Jeruski confirmed to Hoffman that Saginaw County Equalization currently maintains a live parcel data webpage linked to their BS&A ownership data. The Board was reminded that in past conversations with BS&A they had quoted SAGA a \$25,000 annual fee to administer our data online.

County Treasurer Novak was stated as offering his BS&A data on a pay for use basis online. Grose and Taylor both specifically said they did not want to see SAGA become a pay site.

It was decided a meeting would be in order to discuss how best to proceed to get BS&A data directly linked into the SAGA website. Hoffman was tasked with setting up a meeting with Jim Totten-Director of Saginaw County Equalization, Josh Brown-Director of Saginaw County Information Systems, Tim Novak-Treasurer Saginaw County, Dan Sherman, Rob Grose and Dan Hoffman.

It was stated that the City of Saginaw was still under obligation to maintain SAGAGIS until the current contract ends on September 30, 2016.

Other Business:

Request for Data by Saginaw Conservation District Grose stated that the Saginaw Conservation District has requested GIS data (parcels and aerials) that will be used by their contractor to produce new hardcopy plat books as well as a companion online site. Grose and McGill advised giving them the data but only for the exclusive use by their vendor for this Conservation District project.

In answer to specific questions regarding the sale of these plat books and the profit ratios between the Saginaw Conservation District and its vendor, Grose said he would speak to the Saginaw Conservation District to determine their financial relationship in this case. He said he would contact Hoffman after this information was at hand and advise him how to proceed in providing data for this request. There was no Board disagreement.

Adjournment:

Motion by Loiacano with support by Moore to adjourn.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48am.

Next Executive Meeting – 9:00am, April 4, 2016 at Kochville Township Hall

Next General Meeting – 9:00am, April 18, 2016 at MSU Extension.

Minutes prepared by Bill Jeruski