

**MINUTES
SAGINAW AREA GIS AUTHORITY
GENERAL MEETING
January 26, 2015
9:00 am
MSU Extension**

Members Present: Rob Grose, Chairman; Russ Taylor, Vice Chairman; Paul Moore, Treasurer; Megan Weaver, Secretary; Marc McGill, Member; Tom Luck, Member; Brandon DuVall, Member; David Smigiel, Member; Gail Basner, Member; James Frelitz, Member; Phillip Kerns, Member; Richard Prezzato, Member; Jim Loiacano, Member; Tom Mayan, Member; Julia Darnton, Member; Larry, Fleming, Member; Bob Corrin, Member.

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

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

Roll Call:

Roll was taken by Treasurer Moore. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Loiacano with support to approve the Agenda.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2014:

Motion with support to accept the September 22, 2014 Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable and Review of Budget:

Moore reported that as of January 20, 2015, SAGA's Money Market account stood at \$336,206.23 and checking at \$1,721.58.

Moore reported revenues were at 86% of anticipated. He noted that the Google ad revenues for December were \$477.51. Expenses were showing at 19% of expected.

Motion with support to accept Treasurer and Budget Reports as presented.

Motion Carried.

Web Update:

Brandon DuVall, City of Saginaw Webmaster, reported on behalf of Dan Sherman who was out sick. He explained that they were working on a list of tasks including: adjusting the print style sheet so that the google ads do not print and posting “How-To” videos for mapping as well as other functions on the site. DuVall also reported that as of that morning, the google ad revenue totaled \$1,275.53 since the ads began on October 17, 2014.

E911 Update:

Dan Hoffman reported that there were some minor boundary issues among other fixes that he worked on over the holiday break.

Water Projects:

Bill Jeruski reported that the water project for Swan Creek Township was almost complete. He would be moving on to the Village of Birch Run’s project next.

2015 Orthophotography Project:

Dan Hoffman reported that the contract with Kucera for the 2015 Orthophotography project had been approved and submitted on December 2 for a total amount of \$64,500 of which the Authority is responsible for \$24,500. Hoffman invoiced Dow for their portion of \$40,000 last week.

LiDAR Data Request:

Brian Wendling, Saginaw County Public Works Commissioner, addressed the Authority about the possibility of obtaining LiDAR data when the 2015 flyover is executed. He explained that his department is currently doing a sweep of the county with current LiDAR data to improve the mapping and locations of the county drains; however, he feels that there is better data that can be obtained with the upcoming flyover. This would reduce the manpower costs that eventually are assessed back to the residents and individual municipalities.

Wendling also explained that a long-term goal that could be achieved with the LiDAR technology would be to provide residents who are required to obtain flood insurance due to the recent FEMA map amendments. Currently, residents have to obtain a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA), which requires hiring an engineer for a survey and can be quite costly. He explained that the State of Minnesota has a program that is working quite well where residents can access the certified LiDAR data (with a one foot contour) on the state’s website and do a “streamlined LOMA” eliminating the need for hiring a professional engineer.

Dan Hoffman stated that the current LiDAR data available has a four foot contour. The quote for LiDAR data with a two foot contour is an

additional \$60,000 if it were added to the 2015 flyover. He also requested Kucera provide a one foot contour quote but did not receive it before the meeting. Grose requested that they explore this request further with the executive committee after the one foot contour quote is received.

Mapping for Tax Audit:

Rob Grose explained that the State of Michigan would be conducting a 14-point audit on Saginaw County's assessing departments in mid-February. One of the requirements is that all municipalities have land value maps (which no one has or uses currently). Dan Hoffman gave an update that SAGA will be able to create these maps for each entity before the deadline.

Bay County/City Meeting:

Dan Hoffman informed the Authority that he was invited by Bay County and Bay City to talk to them about SAGA and how we operate. He stated that they were very impressed with our group.

Adjournment:

Motion with support to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:27am.

Motion carried.

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

Next Executive Meeting 9:00am, February 2, 2015 at Thomas Township

Minutes prepared by Megan Weaver