

MINUTES
SAGINAW AREA GIS AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE MEETING
April 7, 2014
(9:00am)
Kochville Township Hall

Members Present: Rob Grose, Chairman; Russ Taylor, Vice Chairman; Megan Weaver, Secretary; Johnathan Miller, Member; Tom Luck, Member; Dan Sherman, Member; Marc McGill, Member; Jim Loiacano, Member.

Others Present: Dan Hoffman and Bill Jeruski, GIS Authority; Ken Berthiaume, Berthiaume & Company.

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

Roll Call:

A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2013:

Motion by Taylor with support by Loiacano to accept December 2, 2013 Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried.

SAGA Audit Review for 2013:

Ken Berthiaume of Berthiaume and Company Certified Public Accountants reported the Saginaw Area GIS Authority Financial Statement dated September 30, 2013.

Hard copies of the report were distributed to the membership.

Revenues stood at \$260,786, up from 2012. This was explained as due to the per parcel fee having been raised by five cents a parcel.

Operating expenses were reported as \$270,021 up slightly from 2012.

As of 9-30-2013 the SAGA cash position was up slightly at \$182,859.

No new capital assets were reported.

There were no questions for Berthiaume from the Executive Committee.

Motion by Taylor with support by Miller to accept the 2013 Audit Review as presented.

Motion Carried.

Discuss / Approve SAGA Contract with the County:

An amendment to the Professional Service Agreement was presented. The Amendment extends the SAGA contract with Saginaw County until 9-30-2014. The new contract contains the addition of an annual automatic renewal clause.

Per Miller the total County cost being billed to SAGA is \$189,058. This billing is done in quarterly installments.

Motion by McGill with support by Loiacano to approve the Professional Service Agreement with Saginaw County including the Amendment to said Agreement.

Motion Carried.

Discuss \ Approve Stipend Renewal for Dan Hoffman:

Hoffman's stipend will renew with a 2% increase going forward. This increase is down from 5% in past years.

Motion by McGill with support by Taylor to approve the Saginaw Area GIS Authority Resolution Adopting Stipend Pay.

Motion Carried.

Website Update:

Sherman said work on the website is progressing. The online tax page will incorporate some changes. There will now be a five year tax history available.

Sherman estimated that within two weeks SAGA Members would be able to begin a second round of review on the updated beta site.

Grose requested that personal property values be added to the site. Sherman said he thought that could be done.

Sherman said some government general use maps would be added to the site to include voting district and polling maps as well as FEMA Flood Maps.

Taylor asked if Sherman could link information on the SAGA site with the Google Maps Street View feature. Sherman said yes.

Emergency 911 Authority, SAGA Membership Update:

Grose said that currently no progress had been made on this issue. He said he would bring up the membership fee increase at the next 911 Authority meeting. He said the meeting would most likely occur in the next two to three weeks. It was reiterated that SAGA was asking 911 for a \$48,000 annual membership fee.

Hoffman stated that Motorola was scheduled to update the CAD software for 911 in the near future.

2015 Orthophotography Project Update:

Hoffman said a re-fly in the Spring of 2015 would keep us on our five year cycle of new aerials. It was stated that we would be partnering with Bay and Midland Counties again. Hoffman also stated that he would like to partner with Dow again as well.

McGill asked if it would be possible to use Google aerials instead of re-flying. Hoffman indicated that it was possible to use the photos but that they would be of far inferior quality, both in resolution and base map accuracy, than a re-fly. He also stated that the Google photos did not adhere to leaf off convention. Sherman concurred that the Google aerials were shot while the trees had leaves thus severely limiting their usefulness for identifying ground features.

Miller asked if we could incorporate a layer of Google aerials on the SAGA website as a secondary source of information. Sherman said that technically it could be done but that he was of the understanding that Google charged a subscription fee for that service. He said he would look into it.

Hoffman stated that the cost for the 2015 flyover from Sanborn utilizing the same specifications as 2010 would cost \$95,000. This is less than 2010 because we will not be paying for LiDAR data in 2015.

Luck said that using Google aerials as a replacement for a 2015 re-fly would not be acceptable to the Road Commission.

A verbal agreement was given by the Executive Board to move ahead with partnering agreements and RFPs in preparation for a 2015 Orthophotography re-fly of Saginaw County.

No motion was proposed.

Other Business:

Grose reported that an April 3, 2014 Flood Planning and Preparedness meeting, organized by Lt Lounsbury (of the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department) for the Saginaw County Emergency Operations Center, was very helpful and informative. He said representatives from the Tri County Area as well as the Michigan State Police were present. He said he had a copy of the power point presentation given at the meeting if anyone was interested in obtaining a copy. He stated managerial responsibilities in the event of a flood emergency were covered.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:40am.

Next General Meeting – 9:00am, April 21, 2014 at MSU Extension.

Next Executive Meeting – 9:00am, June 2, 2014 at Saginaw Charter Township.

Minutes prepared by Bill Jeruski