

**MINUTES  
SAGINAW AREA GIS AUTHORITY  
GENERAL MEETING  
January 28, 2013  
(9:00am)  
MSU Extension Office  
1 Tuscola  
Saginaw, MI 48601**

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**Members Present:** Russ Taylor, Vice Chairman/Secretary; Dan Sherman, Member; Tim Hildner, Member; Renee Herhold, Member; Roland Niederstadt, Member; Gail Basner, Member; Bob Corrin, Member; Mark Semon, Member; Charlie Graham, Member; Mike Comstock, Member; Julia Darnton, Member; Jim Frelitz, Member; Grant Murshel, Member.

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

**Meeting called to order at 9:00am by Vice Chairman/Secretary Taylor.**

**Roll Call was taken.**

Roll called by Vice Chairman/Secretary Taylor.  
A quorum was not present.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Niederstadt; support by Corrin, to approve the Agenda.

**Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2012:**

Without a quorum no vote could be taken.

**Accounts Payable and Review of Budget:**

Moore provided information via text that all memberships are currently paid. He also reported that there have been no unbudgeted expenses so far this fiscal year. It was reported the budget is in good shape. Taylor urged the membership to contact Moore if they had any specific budget questions.

**State Road Centerline 911 Grant Project:**

In reviewing the State road centerline/addressing grant project data Hoffman reported that issues were found with the addressing portion of the data. The data was sent back to the vendor and corrections have now been made. Currently the fixes are being analyzed for accuracy.

**USFWS/USGS Digital Elevation Model Project:**

The completed digital elevation model has now been delivered to SAGA. Hoffman stated that the data looks good. Hardcopy color and gray-scale maps portraying the data were available for viewing at the meeting. The work on this project was estimated at \$10K which SAGA received for free through a data sharing agreement with the USFWS/USGS. Although the data cannot be used for engineering purposes Hoffman stated that several surveyors have viewed the data, comparing it to known GPS points, and have said it looks good. The data will be utilized to improve our ortho accuracy, among other uses. With this data we are now able to get elevation points for anywhere in the county. Error on this dataset is 1.4' +/- . Graham asked if the data was available on the web and was told that it was not, but that SAGA would be looking into the possibility. Hoffman stated FEMA opted not to use this dataset for their on going flood map update, although no reason was provided for this decision. Hoffman said that the elevation model data would be cut based on municipal boundaries for any member community requesting it.

**Adding Mosquito Control Drainage Projects to Web:**

SAGA is in the process of adding Mosquito Control drainage catch basins to the web. Sherman stated that the information should be available to the public by the end of the week of January 27, 2013. This data will serve to inform the public of the work Mosquito Control is doing and also alert them to the existence of the drainage areas in an attempt to prevent damage to the systems through construction etc. It was stated that tile and drain lines would not be mapped, only the catch basins, but it was hoped that the presence of the lines would be inferred and precautions taken not to cut connecting tile and drain lines.

**Water Projects:**

Work by Jeruski and Hoffman is ongoing on James, Swan Creek and Saginaw Township water projects. Jeruski stated Saginaw Township as-built drawings have been cut and work is progressing on registering and rectifying this dataset. Intern Grant Mershel has been hired by Kochville Township to work on their water project.

**EMCOG/MDOT Bike Trail Mapping:**

Hoffman said that he has been contacted to update the EMCOG Bike Trail map for the fourteen county EMCOG region. SAGA would be paid for this work through EMCOG.

**EMCOG Local Fresh Food Guide Project:**

Darnton of MSU Extension reported that her office with the support of SAGA has produced a Local Fresh Food Guide. The guide maps 180

locations where locally produced food may be purchased. Mapping work was provided by Hoffman. The map will be available on EMCOG's website and also possibly the MSU Extension website. Darnton will email a pdf of this map to the membership.

**Wild Hogs in Saginaw County – Michigan Wildlife Conservancy:**

SAGA was contacted by a biologist from the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy to produce a map of areas of concern regarding feral swine. Hoffman produced the map based on addresses provided by the MWC. This map coincides with a planned informational meeting on the feral swine problem to be hosted by MWC. At this time the hog population is believed to be limited to the southwestern portion of the county; Marion and Chapin Townships.

**Need for New Executive Committee Members:**

It was brought to the attention of the membership that two Executive Committee Members have left SAGA: Brian Kischnick has taken a job downstate and Len Ballosh has retired. Taylor said he believed that Marc McGill, newly appointed Tittabawassee Township Manager, would fill one of the open positions. The General Membership was asked that if anyone is interested in filling the remaining Executive Committee Member spot that they contact Hoffman.

**SAGA/SVSU GIS Data Exchange:**

A professor at Saginaw Valley State University has contacted SAGA requesting GIS layers to use in student class exercises. Hoffman said he provided mainly aerials and other such information SAGA does not normally sell. In exchange SVSU students will provide free work to improve various SAGA data layers. At this time there is no formal agreement in place in regard to this exchange of data for services.

**Crime Data Mapping:**

Taylor asked the membership if anyone had any experience accessing the newly available crime mapping data. No one said they had. He asked if Hoffman could arrange to have the individual in charge of the Saginaw County's crime mapping data to do a presentation at the next general meeting to let everyone know what information is out there and how it can be accessed. Hoffman said he would arrange it.

**Website Update:**

Sherman stated that the City of Saginaw would not renew its contract to maintain the SAGA website once the current contract with SAGA runs out October 1, 2013. He stated the workload within City GIS and City IT have now increased to the point where the City can no longer devote the time necessary to do the SAGA site justice. He stated there will no longer

be a redesign or update of the SAGA site as previously reported at the September 17, 2012 General Meeting.

It was stated that SAGA would now need to put out an RFP to gather contractor bids for taking over redesign and maintenance of the SAGA website.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:48am.

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*Next General Meeting:* April 15, 2013 at MSU Extension.

*Next Executive Meeting* – February 4, 2013 at Thomas Township.

*Minutes prepared by Bill Jeruski*