

**MINUTES
SAGINAW AREA GIS AUTHORITY
GENERAL MEETING
January 27, 2014
9:00 am
MSU Extension**

Members Present: Rob Grose, Chairman; Paul Moore, Treasurer; Johnathan Miller, Member; Tom Luck, Member; Dan Sherman, Member; David Smigiel, Member; Roland Niederstadt, Member; Gail Basner, Member; James Frelitz, Member; Charlie Graham, Member; Richard Prezzato, Member; Renee Herhold, Member; Tim Hildner, Member; Tom Mayan, Member; Julia Darnton, Member; Larry, Fleming, 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 Chairman Grose. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion with support by Moore to approve the Agenda.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2013:

Motion by Niederstadt with support by Sherman to accept the September 16, 2013 Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable and Review of Budget:

Moore reported that as of December 31, 2013 SAGA's Money Market account stood at \$307,797.32 and checking at \$43,338.37.

All memberships were reported as paid with the exception of Brant Township. It was reported a second notice has been sent to Brant.

The SAGA Financial audit has now been completed.

Motion by Mayan with support by Sherman to accept Budget Report as stated.

Motion Carried.

Discuss SAGA/County Contract and Possible Change of Employer to Saginaw Township for Dan Hoffman & Bill Jeruski:

Grose reported that in December 2013 Saginaw Township did approve taking on Hoffman and Jeruski as employees. However, Grose stated that after considerations, including, but not limited to, personal future health, he is recommending the membership maintain the status quo in regards to payroll/benefits for Hoffman and Jeruski and again extend the current SAGA contract with the County. The recommended extension would be for the rest of the financial year to end September 30, 2014. In the interim Grose suggested SAGA investigate an employment structure modeled on Solid Waste Authority for Hoffman and Jeruski. In this scenario payroll/benefits would be run through Tina Fischer. Grose had preliminary figures that the cost for this option would be an estimated \$400 a month (i.e. \$4800 annually).

The General Membership did not question the refusal of payroll transfer to Saginaw Township nor the proposed extension to the County contract.

E-911 SAGA Membership Status:

Grose reported that there has been no move forward on the proposed membership increase to the 911 Authority. He said a meeting would most likely take place within the next month between the 911 Finance Committee and the SAGA Executive Committee. It was reported that a good deal of Hoffman's time is still being used to address issues with the 911 system. Jeruski is also currently working on a Commonplace Map update for 911.

Staff Report:

Web Update: Sherman reported the web project is progressing nicely. The membership was invited to check out the progress at ***beta.sagagis.org*** and report any suggestions that may arise.

An issue with the tax page is currently being rectified and Sherman reported that the completed site could be ready for unveiling in as little as a month.

A possibility of partnering with Google Ads to generate more income for SAGA was discussed. The suggestion was for small unobtrusive banner ads, not pop ups, to appear on SAGAGIS. The content of these ads would be solely controlled by SAGA. There would be no contract to sign and SAGA would retain the right to terminate the ads at any time. It was estimated, based on a similar City of Saginaw GIS Google Ads partnership, that SAGA could see annual revenue in the \$8,000 to 12,000 range.

*Motion by McGill with support by Niederstadt to approve the Executive Committee to move forward with Google Ads for SAGA.
There were two no votes against Google Ads; Graham and Hildner.
The yes votes prevailed.*

Motion Carried.

E-911: Hoffman stated that 911 was moving forward with new Motorola software this week. There were no reported issues as of this meeting. Hoffman stated he was continuing to clean up 911 data.

PASER Maps: Hoffman stated that PASER Mapping for a fourteen county area had been completed. These are road rating maps. He reported that these maps done for EMCOG do not include Saginaw County. Grose asked if the Saginaw County PASER Map maintained by the Saginaw County Road Commission could be integrated into SAGA GIS. The answer being yes he then asked Hoffman and Sherman if they could see that this was done. The integration was agreed to.

Import/Export Maps by County: Hoffman told the membership that he had recently created Import/Export Maps for EMCOG. These maps were created from a provided dataset to track the economic importation and exportation of trade goods within several Michigan counties.

2015 Orthophotography Project: Hoffman stated that the next fly over was being planned for the Spring of 2015. He said the State of Michigan currently has a partnership program for orthos. The estimated cost under this program to refly Saginaw County would be \$95,000. These orthos would be flown at the same quality as the 2010/11 orthos. Hoffman stated that he did not see a cost benefit in an increase to our ortho quality at this time. Graham asked how this price quote differed from 2010. Hoffman stated it was a bit lower.

As in past ortho projects, Hoffman stated SAGA would again be looking to partner with Dow Chemical to gain revenue to cover the fly over cost.

It was stated the process of arranging for the Spring 2015 flight would begin in the Spring of 2014.

Adjournment:

Motion by Niederstadt with support by Moore to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:40am.

Motion carried.

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

Next Executive Meeting – 9:00am, February 3, 2014 Thomas Township (subsequently cancelled by Chairman Grose).

Minutes prepared by Bill Jeruski