

## LAKES AREA SEWER AUTHORITY

Minutes—January 21, 2008

The Lakes Area Sewer Authority held its regular meeting on January 21, 2008, at 7:00 pm, at the Porter Township Hall.

Commissioners Present: Bitely, Grib, Oxley, Laski, Melko, Elsey .

Commissioners Absent: Boshoven

Public Comment: None

Motion by Bitely, Support by Laski to approve the Agenda as presented, all Ayes—motion passed.

Motion by Elsey, Support by Grib to approve and place on file the minutes of the Authority Meeting of November 26, 2007, as e-mailed, all Ayes—motion passed.

Melko shared several correspondence items. Received Nov 28—a letter from Rural Development informing of cost for the project—\$11M and \$1M grant. Received Dec 21—e-mail from Alan Smaka informing that interest rates have decreased and the project could be funded with 4.375% interest if a letter of conditions is sent by March 31. Received e-mail from Christie Cook, rural Development Assessment Program confirming environmental study to be done. Dec. 5--received from Jim White the revised PA 185 Resolutions for the Rural Development Application. These are to be adopted by each Twp board and forwarded to Schuitmaker and White. Jan. 8--Received letter from Jim White informing of meeting with Bob Wagel of Cass County to discuss willingness of Cass County to manage and finance the project. Jan. 21—received letter from Jim White containing revised project schedule.

Smaka reported on the status of the funding application as well as project schedule. Items still needed to be completed include drafts of Legal and Engineering Agreements as well as the Bond Contracts between each Twp and the Authority and between the Authority and the County. Discussion ensued regarding next steps and the need to update project costs given the selected treatment option, revised service area, and grant money.

Discussion followed regarding the possibilities of utilizing “green” alternative technologies such as solar and wind power in the design of the treatment plant. Members agreed to have Boshoven and Grib research this further to include exploring possible grant opportunities.

Public Comment: One citizen inquired as to when and where construction on the project would begin.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting—February 25, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John A. Grib  
Authority Secretary