

LAKES AREA SEWER AUTHORITY

Minutes—February 25, 2008

The Lakes Area Sewer Authority held its regular meeting on February 25, 2008, at 7:00 pm, at the Porter Township Hall.

Commissioners Present: Bitely, Boshoven, Grib, Oxley, Melko.

Commissioners Absent: Elsey, Laski.

Public Comment: None

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

Motion by Bitely, Support by Oxley to approve and place on file the minutes of the Authority Meeting of January 21, 2008, as e-mailed, all Ayes—motion passed.

It was reported to the Authority that the Van Buren Board of Public Works approved allowing Cass County take the lead in managing and financing the sewer project. It now will go to the Van Buren County Commission for approval. Following that, the Cass County Commission will take the matter up at their March 6 meeting.

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. A revised Project Cost Summary was distributed and reviewed. When compared with the costs as originally presented in 2006, it was determined that they had not significantly changed. Discussion ensued regarding next steps to include drafting of bond contracts, completion of the environmental studies and engineering contract, obtaining the Letter of Conditions from the USDA RD, and establishing the assessment districts. All these should be completed by July.

Boshoven and Grib reported that they have sent out letters to several legislators and the governor to seek financial support for utilizing “green” alternative technologies in the design and operation of the treatment plant. Initial response has been somewhat encouraging, but nothing definitive has been received as yet. They will continue to research grant opportunities and communications with legislators.

Public Comment: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Next meeting—March 24, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Grib

Authority Secretary