

LAKES AREA SEWER AUTHORITY

Minutes—April 26, 2010

The Lakes Area Sewer Authority held its regular meeting on April 26, 2010, at 7:00 pm, at the Porter Township Hall.

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

Commissioners Absent: Bainbridge

Public Comment: Fred Gebhardt questioned the legal right of way where wells had been placed. He requested that the road and its right of way be staked out in front of his property.

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

Motion by Bitely, Support by Johnson to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Authority Meeting of March 22, 2010 as emailed, all Ayes—motion passed.

Oxley presented a Treasurer's Report which reflected receipts and disbursements for the month.

Motion by Grib, Support by Bitely to receive and place on file the Treasurer's Report subject to audit, all Ayes—motion passed.

Oxley reported that Porter Township was upgrading its phones and mailbox to accommodate LASA and this should be completed by May. Porter Twp Clerk has offered to assist with payroll if needed. The task of tracking down billing addresses has been difficult. Consideration was given to send out a "pre-billing" letter to explain the process. A draft budget format was distributed for review and input.

Smaka reported on the status of construction. Contractors for Contracts A & B (Kamphis and Balkema) are up and running. All paved portions should be done in some areas by Memorial Day, in others by July 4. The treatment facility is currently on schedule. The next construction status meeting will be held on May 5, 2010 at 1:00 pm. at the site. Construction status meeting for Contracts A & B will occur on May 19, 2010, 2:00 pm at the Marcellus Twp Hall. The Cass County Board of Public Works will hold a special meeting at the Marcellus Township Hall on May 5, 2010 at 5:00 pm for the purpose of touring the treatment plant.

The O & M, RFP review committee led discussion and analysis on the four companies submitting RFPs (Infrastructure Alternatives, Severn Trent, Tetra Tech, and Wade-Trim) and two proposals (base and alternative).

Motion by Bitely, Support by Laski to use the base proposal. all Ayes—motion passed.

Motion by Bitely, Support by Laski to affirm Infrastructures Alternatives as the primary selection to operate the treatment facility and pursue a contract. Role call vote: all Ayes—motion passed.

Motion by Melko, Support by Johnson to negotiate with Tetra Tech as the alternate selection should negotiations with the primary selection fail. Role call vote: all Ayes—motion passed.

Discussion ensued regarding the length of the proposed contract.

Motion by Melko, Support by Bitely to pursue a three (3) year contract; all Ayes—motion passed.

Melko appointed a sub-committee, that being Grib, Laski, and Smaka, to negotiate the contract.

Discussion ensued regarding the future additions of homes/parcels for sewer hook-up.

Motion by Melko, Support by Grib to table the procedure for additions until the next meeting; all Ayes—motion passed. This will be placed on the May 24 LASA meeting agenda.

Grib reported that a local farmer had requested that he be allowed to rent the remainder of LASA land for farming purposes. All agreed by consensus to allow the farmer to rent the property for \$900.00/year. Grib will follow-up with the farmer and draft a suitable lease agreement.

Schuitmaker reported that here have been talks with the Village of Marcellus to revise its sewer ordinance to come in line with LASA..

Smaka presented a list of bills for payment.

Motion by Oxley, Support by Bitely to approve payment of the bills as presented, all Ayes—motion passed.

Alternative Energy: Boshoven reported that he is sending out follow-up letters to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation regarding seeking additional funding and support for the project. He again stressed the importance and reasons for securing possession of water rights.

Public Comment: Questions posed were: issues of road right of way, projected time for Gravel Lake to start hook-ups, a drainage problem in which the county drain was blocked off, and why any extras money should not be distributed back to the land owners rather than purchase additional equipment, capabilities, etc..

There being no other business before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Next meeting—May 24, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Grib, Authority Secretary