

LAKES AREA SEWER AUTHORITY

Minutes—June 28, 2010

The Lakes Area Sewer Authority held its regular meeting on June 28, 2010, at 7:00 pm, at the Porter Township Hall.

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

Commissioners Absent: Bainbridge

Public Comment: Inquiries were expressed over: a manhole that was too high, confusion about sewer hook-ups, and how profits from the septage service would be used.

Motion by Melko, Support by Grib to approve the agenda with changes, all Ayes—motion passed.

Motion by Bitely, Support by Oxley to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Authority Meeting of May 24, 2010 as emailed, all Ayes—motion passed.

Oxley presented a Treasurer's Report which reflected receipts and disbursements for the month. Also presented for review were the 2010-2011 LASA budget and bills for payment.

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

Motion by Bitely, Support by Grib to approve the 2010-2011 LASA budget as presented, all Ayes—motion passed.

Motion by Johnson, Support by Bitely to authorize the Treasurer to print and distribute hook-up notices when time appropriate, all Ayes—motion passed.

Oxley reported that Jerry Melko will be putting in much time to oversee the issuance of permits at the hall and suggested that LASA consider some compensation since this expense was not included in the original administration cost. It was suggested that a rate of \$2.50 per customer be paid for permit pulling work.

Motion by Bitely, Support by Johnson to reimburse Jerry Melko \$2.50 per customer up to a total of \$1840 for permit work. Role Call vote: all Ayes with Melko abstaining—motion passed.

Smaka reported on the status of construction. Final restoration work around Gravel Lake is in process. Installation of the collection system around Fish Lake is completed. Huyck Lake Dr. and Saddlebag areas are now under construction and should be completed by mid-July. Lift stations are being finished up. A punch list for Gravel and other lake areas is being created. The treatment plant is wrapping up and will begin start-up testing and schedule by the end of the month. Hook-ups could get started by mid-July. The next

construction status meeting will be held on July 14, 2010 at 1:00 pm. at the site.
Construction status meeting for Contracts A & B will occur on July 14, 2010, 3:00 pm at the Marcellus Twp Hall.

Jack Niemi, the operator for Infrastructure Alternatives, presented an Operations Report. He will be added to the agenda of future meetings and will report regularly.

Smaka presented the bills for payment to the Cass County Board of Public Works.

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

A change order (#A1) from Kamphuis was presented for discussion. There is additional expense due to some land areas being very wet and not able to support pipe and electric service without additional stabilization.

Motion by Melko, Support by Bitely to approve Change Order # A1, all Ayes—motion passed.

Smaka led discussion regarding costs of several of the recommended “wish-list” items to include: the septage station, cleanouts, radio control / monitoring of the plant, and lab equipment.

Motion by Melko, Support by Oxley to pursue purchase of clean-out covers, Roll Call vote: Melko, Oxley--Yes; Bitely, Grib, Johnson, Laski—No, motion failed.

Motion by Bitely, Support by Oxley to proceed with the septage receiving station not to exceed \$500k, all Ayes—motion passed.

Discussion ensued regarding a request from a property owner to relocate a control panel for the lift station. It was felt that this would improve the appearance and view from the lot and would make it more suitable for building.

Motion by Bitely, Support by Johnson to approve spending \$1655 to move the control panel contingent upon the lot being buildable. Roll Call vote: Bitely, Johnson-Yes; Grib, Laski, Melko, Oxley-No, motion failed.

Discussion ensued for future consideration of some compensation to Marcellus Twp for repair of Hemlock Lake Road. This is due to the heavy construction on that road for the treatment plant. Also discussed the use of a demurge charge to offset future road work related to usage of the treatment plant.

Also discussed for future consideration was the review of LASA membership requirements.

Attorney Schuitmaker will only attend LASA meetings on an as needed basis.

Alternative Energy: Boshoven reported that he received a letter from Representative Lori in response to his letter.

Public Comment: Questions were posed regarding: the fine/penalty for not hooking up and soft asphalt on South St.

There being no other business before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Next meeting—July 26, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Grib, Authority Secretary