

MICHIGAN STORMWATER-FLOODPLAIN ASSOCIATION
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
Tuesday, February 15, 2005

Members present: George Hosek, Executive Director, Mark Walton (National Weather Service) Chairperson, Bob Haneline (Rowe Engineering, Inc.) Vice Chair, Roger Clark (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality) Treasurer, Hope Croskey (Spicer Group) Secretary, Les Thomas (Michigan NFIP Coordinator), Jeff Friedle (Ledy Design Group), Jerry Hancock, (City of Ann Arbor), Larry Protasiewicz, Conference Committee Member (Spicer Group), MSFA Conference Attendees, Guest Speaker Pat Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner.

The board would like to thank Mr. Pat Lindemann, our guest speaker, who gave a welcome speech to the Michigan Stormwater-Floodplain Association, (MSFA), stressing the importance of the partnership of the MSFA and the County Drain Commissions. Mr. Lindemann suggested we set a goal, to become better at what we do..."Managing Water" and continue our efforts to educate the communities.

Mark Walton, Chairperson called the meeting to order.

The agenda was reviewed, voted on and approved with no additions.

The minutes of the MSFA General Membership meeting of 2004 were reviewed voted on and approved.

Financial Report

Roger Clark, Treasurer presented the financial report. (For details refer to the handout found in Section 2 of the MSFA's, Eighteenth Annual Conference Book) Checking Account Balance as of January 31, 2005 (please note date corrections – report reads 2-27-2004 and should read 2-27-2005) was \$21,284.72. There are approximately \$1,000.00 in deposits for dues and registrations that have been added during the month of February. There is \$300.00 in outstanding bills to the ASFPM for national dues received with our state dues. We have \$656.72 in outstanding checks (all are conference related expenses). The Board of Directors allowed the \$5000.00 and \$3000.00 CD's to rollover again, giving them a value of \$6,061.92 on June 9, 2004 and \$3,331.95 on December 9, 2004 respectively, which earned us \$169.32 in 2004. We will have a bill from the resort for room packages that we estimated we would sell, but were not picked up and the additional break expenses for those not staying in the facility. That will cost us about \$2,500.00.

Discussion of Executive Director Expenses \$290.00, thank you to George Hosek for his generosity, which is less than 25% of the Associations assets.

Motion to accept the financial report. The financial report was approved with the above noted date change.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Walton gave a general discussion of the multi-day conference and encouraged the completion of your evaluation sheets, so that the comments, concerns and suggestions can be considered for

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next year's conference. Thank you to the MSFA Board for the work that went into to this year's conference.

George Hosek gave a summary of the Executive Directorship Report. (For details refer to the handout found in Section 2 of the MSFA's, Eighteenth Annual Conference Book)

- General discussion of the role of the Department of Environmental Quality, Land and Water Management Division's, Dam Safety Unit. It's important that we get the word out and have interested parties call members of the appropriations committee (Senator Shirley Johnson at 517-373-2523 and Representative Scott Hummel at 517-373-1778) regarding the Governor's proposed funding cuts for the Dam Safety Program and repeal of the Dam Safety Act as part of her 2005-06 fiscal year proposed budget. 49 of the 50 states currently have a Dam Safety Program with the last state currently working on enacting legislation and developing a program.
- Issues-The pending approval of the MSFA application for 501.c.3 status with the Internal Revenue Service presents a problem that needs to be addressed by the membership. The by-laws of the MSFA require eight regional directors from eight geographic areas of the state. During the 18 years of its existence the board make up has not followed the regions established by the constitution except for 3 or 4 years. Since then the board has been made up of those "willing to serve", regardless of the geographic origin. The MSFA should establish a study committee to resolve the difference between the by-laws and actual practice and propose amendatory language for the by-laws; this language would then be presented to the membership for approval. Please send any suggested language to George Hosek at his e-mail (hosek6@aol.com).
- National Issues-General discussion of the federal hazard mitigation funding programs and the effects of the new policy adopted by the Internal Revenue Service. It has ruled that federal hazard mitigation funds are taxable as income. George recommends the association work with the other state interest groups to alert our congressional delegation to this roadblock for hazard mitigation.
- General discussion to encourage/solicit comments and/or feedback from this year's conference. If you have the desire to give a presentation next year please contact any of the board members.

Foundation Pledge

Mark Walton gave a general discussion of the ASFPM Foundation. MSFA provided a \$1000 pledge to the Foundation in 2005. We challenged other state associations to match this pledge and several did.

Scholarship Program

Hope Croskey announced that this year's scholarship award of \$1500 was given to Shane Bennett, of Clarkston, Michigan. He is currently a junior at MSU and is working towards a Bachelor of Science in Biosystems Engineering. His interests include: natural resource protection, including wetland creations and conservation, and watershed management. He has remained on the dean's list since his first semester at MSU and has a 3.9 grade point average.

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Association Incorporation Report (501.c.3 application)

Roger Clark gave the status update for the 501.c.3 application. The IRS received the application on August 16, 2004; a final reviewer was assigned on February 2, 2005. Final review may take a couple weeks and then it must go to administration approval. Our tax-exempt status (if granted) would probably be retroactive to the day received by the IRS.

Regional Representation Process for appointment to board of directors

Refer to bullet number two on page two of the summary of the Executive Directorship Report by George Hosek. Motion to maintaining status quo; motion passed and carried forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations and election of officers

Mark Walton (For details refer to the green paper handout found in Section 2 of the MSFA's, Eighteenth Annual Conference Book) proposed a motion for unanimous acceptance of nominations and call for a vote of the membership. Motion carried and approved by the membership.

We welcome and thank the new and existing board of directors, they are as follows:

Mark Walton, Chairperson

Bob Haneline, Vice Chair

Hope Croskey, Secretary

Roger Clark, Treasurer

New Association Website

Roger Clark general discuss on the progress of the new association website. It can be viewed at <http://mi.floods.org>.

CFM's Recognition

George Hosek and Les Thomas

Congratulations to:

Bob Haneline, Jeff Bednar, Michael Bastien, Daniel Zay, Andy Stamm, Shawn Middleton, Melissa Madigan, Maria Zingas, Joy Brooks, Hope Croskey, Wallace Wilson, and George Hosek.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00, the next meeting to be announced.

Minutes were received and filed 2/23/05 for next years membership meeting