

Austin Lake Governmental Lake Board
Meeting of 3-1-10

8:00 AM: Call to Order

Members Present: Ed Sackley, John Zull, Don Mordas, Pat Crowley and Elizabeth Campbell

Others Present: Kirk Wolff, Larry Pio, Seth Geim, David Brownell, Bob Hutchins and Brett Grossman.

Minutes accepted and approved from our meeting, October 28, 2009.

Conversation resumed on the southwest bay aeration project. Some of the comments were:

If we plan on pursuing, we will need to retain a qualified engineer for a feasibility study. Should we look to create an RFP for the project?

LEI was a consultant that was used when Austin Lake Riparian Board was gathering information on this project before it came before the City of Portage.

The charge of this board is to focus on the aeration project. If so, we should get together a list of independent engineers. Send them our RFP to see what the cost could be for a feasibility study.

The board discussed sending our letters to engineering firms to look for the scope of the project, cost and feasibility.

Web Sites- there were letters for GLB's on the east side of the state on their sites. We could just borrow their letters instead of recreating one.

The letters can be sent to any licensed professional engineer.

Letters to Engineering firm need a minimum number of how many firms to send them to.
Minimum- 3 Maximum- 7

Make sure the letter states only aeration project- that dredging is not an option. Also ask for references and information on any other similar projects that the firm may have worked on.

Have the letter identify an end point. Don had negotiated an "opt out" with Lake Savers at 2 years. That would need to be discussed with an independent engineering firm. We would also want to state what is "feasible" with end results expected with this project. Possibly look to ask the engineer what they think is the amount of reduction to be expected.

Old Engineering reports were discussed. Don Mordas has the previous documents at his home. He may want to look to have the old reports cataloged by the City Clerk and held at City Hall.

After much discussion there was a motion made to draft the letter and send to between 3 – 7 qualified, engineering firms for recommendations. Don Mordas will draft the letter and send to the board for approval before being mailed out.

Another motion was made to have Pat Crowley, approach the Kalamazoo County Government to find out what it takes to make sure funds are available for “if” the project were to go forward.

More discussion followed with questions being raised on if an attorney needs to be on hand at this point. However, at this point we do not need an attorney since we are still in the conception/discussion phase.

No other business to discuss.

Set date and time for our next meeting: Meeting will be held April 12, 2010 at 8:00 AM at City Hall, Conference Room #1.

Letters should be sent out by April 1, 2010.

Public Comment: Questions were raised on the assessment district however, that has not been discussed yet. Before an assessment district is planned there will be public hearing that will be held for citizen’s input.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Campbell