

MINUTES

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HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200, Saginaw, MI 48602

Monday, January 13, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Tracey Slodowski – Chair, Gerald Little – Vice-Chair, Lisa Coney, Michael Webster, Jack Tany

Others: Vanessa Guerra, Mary Catherine Hannah, Dave Gilbert, William Stanuszek, and Renee Sharkey

- I. Call to Order ---**Chair Slodowski at 4:00 p.m.**
- II. Welcome
- III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (**December 2, 2024**)
---**Moved by Coney, seconded by Tany, to approve. Motion carried.**
- IV. Public Comment (*Speakers limited to 3 minutes*)---**None**
- V. Agenda

1. **William Stanuszek, SCMAC Director, re:**

- **1-21-1** Presented the Saginaw County Mosquito Abatement Commission 2024 Annual Report for review and discussion.

---Director Stanuszek spoke of new insights into the behavior and environmental influence of mosquitoes. The longer seasons, due to warmer temperatures, have an impact on the actions of Mosquito Control. For instance, the controlled flooding of the Shiawassee State Game Area, to produce waterfowl habitat, in combination with warmer temperatures, resulted in non-typical mosquito activity beyond the established season pattern. SCMAC is collaborating with the DNR to better understand the mosquito impact due to the changing seasons to be better prepared moving forward. Director Stanuszek gave updates on the new facility at 705 N. Towerline Rd. in Buena Vista Township stating they should be moved in by the last week of January 2025. SCMAC is the largest by size and budget in the area. SCMAC has 7 aircraft used in the spring, stored at HW Browne Airport (for a very minimal fee) and employ almost 60 seasonal employees; those who stay past the normal season are paid an extra dollar per hour. St. Charles area is most impacted by mosquitoes in Saginaw County due to the State game area, Shiawassee Wildlife Refuge, and river but for the past few years mosquitoes have been troublesome in Frankenmuth near the river. Director Stanuszek advised that the Monarch butterfly will likely be listed as endangered this year and they are working toward a solution. Extended-release products are being used to allow treatment of more than one area without increasing the labor resource. To ensure treatment is the most effective, it is not done if temperatures are below 55 degrees or too much wind. SCMAC is a community resource, not intended for private businesses, but they do offer education to them. There is a Saginaw Mosquito Notifications app that residents can load to their phones to stay informed about mosquito control activities, receive notifications of nighttime adult treatment planned for their area, and request mosquito control services.

---**Moved by Tany, seconded by Little, to receive and file. Motion carried. (Receive and File)**

2. Any other matters to come before the committee ---**None**

- VI. Miscellaneous ---**None**
- VII. Adjournment ---**Moved by Coney, seconded by Little, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 4:44 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracey Slodowski, Committee Chair
Vanessa Guerra, Committee Clerk