

**DRAFT**  
**Agenda**  
**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**Thursday, September 10, 2009 – 8:00 A.M.**  
**Annex Board Room (207 E. Grant Caro, Mi.)**

**Non-Committee**

**Finance**

Committee Leaders-Commissioner Bardwell and Peterson

**Primary Finance Items**

1. **Circuit/Family Court 2009 Supplemental Appropriation Request (See A)**
2. **BCBSM Claim**
3. **Aerial Photograph Potentials (See B)**
4. **NACO Prescription Drug Discount Card Update (See C)**

Secondary/On-Going Finance Items

1. Treasurer Bank Statement Reconciliation (Balanced through August)
2. ACS Contract Potential Changes – Corporate Council Language Needed
3. Update Regarding Broadband Application
4. Revolving Loan Fund and Enterprise Facilitation
5. Potential Changes in Dog License Issue Periods
6. Dispatch Pager Update
7. ATM, PayPal, Touch Pay Options for Courthouse – Circuit/Court Administrator
8. SBCI – Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant Funds - Set Meeting Date with Bay County Executive
9. Monthly Financial Reports
10. Discussion of Tether Program Potentials-Commissioner to Call Judge
11. 2010 Budget Development
12. Child Care Foster Care Cost Changes – Letter Sent to State
13. Audio/Recording of Meetings
14. Draft Lapeer County Resolution
15. Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (**See D**)
16. Policy Change by Judge Regarding Probation Officers Arresting (**See E**)

**Personnel**

Committee Leader-Commissioners Roggenbuck and Bardwell

**Primary Personnel Items**

1. **RFP for Labor/Personnel Legal Services**
2. **Early Retirement Analysis**
3. **County Organizational Chart**

## Secondary/On-Going Personnel Items

1. Policy Regarding Recording and Publishing of Meetings
2. Review of the Policy Regarding Seeking Legal Opinions and Assistance
3. Employee Recognition
4. Open Meetings Act Discussion for Boards and Commissions – Corporate Council and County Prosecutor
5. Mosquito Abatement Committee – Policy Review
6. Farmland Preservation Committee
7. Expanded Local Official Email List
8. Potential to use Visual Explorer
9. Staff Evaluation, Discipline, Performance Evaluations, Job Descriptions
10. Incorporate County Personnel Policies and Other key Personnel Information on the County Web Site
11. Backup Computer Support for Sheriff Department
12. Electronic Time Recording System
13. Circuit/Family Court Personnel Policies
14. Veterans' Affairs Committee Vacancy
15. Draft Updated Letter to be Sent to Labor Unions

## **Building and Grounds**

Committee Leader-Commissioners Petzold and Kern

### **Primary Building and Grounds Items**

#### **1. Energy Efficiency Grants Timeline and Application Procedures – Next Steps**

##### Secondary/On-Going Building and Grounds Items

1. Vanderbilt Park Operational Cost Sharing Request with Wisner Township and Proposed Upgrades
2. Human Services Building Remodeling Update
3. Follow-Up Work for NACO Energy Star Program
4. Airport Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing Held 8-26-09
5. Review of FOC Potential Relocation to the Courthouse
6. Update Emergency Services Plan for County Operations
7. Adult Probation Update Regarding Purchase Completion Steps
8. Sheriff Auction – September 26, 2009

## **Correspondence/Other Business as Necessary**

1. MAC Super Committee Meeting September 2, 2009
2. Resolutions from Other Counties
3. RC&D News Release (**See F**)
4. 2009/1010 MAC Platform – Copies Available
5. National Flood Insurance Program
6. Economic Development
  - County EDC Strategic Planning and CAT Integration
  - Enterprise Facilitation
  - Revolving Loan Fund

- Economic Gardening
- RBEG 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Application
- ECMPDR Coastal Zone Management Grant
- Wind Energy Planning – County Planning Commission, Need for Proactive Planning?
- Regional Tourism
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - Federal Stimulus Funds

### **Public Comment Period**

### **Closed Session – If Necessary**

### **Other Business as Necessary**

### **Notes:**

Except for the Statutory Finance Committee, committee meetings of the whole are advisory only. Any decision made at an advisory committee is only a recommendation and must be approved by a formal meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

If you need accommodations to attend this meeting please notify the Tuscola County Controller/Administrator's Office (989-672-3700) two days in advance of the meeting.

This is a draft agenda and subject to change. Items may be added the day of the meeting or covered under other business at the meeting.

## **Statutory Finance Committee**

1. Claims Review and Approval

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**54<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND FAMILY COURT**

**COURT ADMINISTRATOR  
440 NORTH STATE STREET  
CARO, MICHIGAN 48723-1594**

KYLE A. JASKULKA, MA  
Court Administrator

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NICOLE M. FRIDAY  
Collections Officer

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**MEMORANDUM**

September 4, 2009

**TO:** Tuscola County Board of Commissioners  
Finance Committee

**FROM:** Kyle Jaskulka  
Court Administrator

**RE:** Supplemental Appropriation

Based on the current year-to-date expenditures and annualized for the remainder of the year, certain line items for the Circuit/Family Court budget are in need of additional appropriation.

The applicable line items are identified on the attached spreadsheet. I have identified the 2009 Budgeted amount; the year-to-date expenditures through August 2009; the projected 2009 total expenditures and the additional amount requested.

Please consider and approve the requested amount at your next committee of the whole meeting to be held on September 10, 2009.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you.

**Cc:** Hon. Patrick R. Joslyn

Line Item	2009 Budgeted	YTD Expenditures thru August	2009 Projected Expenditures	Additional Appropriation Request
132-801-010				
Court Appointed Counsel	\$ 265,000.00	\$ 233,405.59	\$ 350,108.39	\$ 85,500.00
132-805-010				
Steno Transcripts	\$ 12,630.00	\$ 13,191.35	\$ 19,787.03	\$ 7,500.00
132-990-000				
Lease Payments	\$ 1,420.00	\$ 1,391.48	\$ 2,087.22	\$ 700.00
				\$ 93,700.00



## Mike Hoagland

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**From:** Walt Schlichting [wsch@TuscolaCounty.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 04, 2009 2:42 PM  
**To:** Amanda Roggenbuck; Tom Kern; Gerald Peterson; tbardwell@hillsanddales.com; MHoagland@TuscolaCounty.org  
**Subject:** FW: State of Michigan technology partnership opportunity - 8/28 follow up RE Extension of time for response from the County

Mr Root indicates that a yes or no is needed on the issue of participating with the state in the aerial photography program by September 24. His email is below.

Walt

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**From:** Root, Everett (MDIT) [mailto:RootE@michigan.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 01, 2009 1:23 PM  
**To:** wsch@TuscolaCounty.org  
**Subject:** RE: State of Michigan technology partnership opportunity - 8/28 follow up

Walt,

If you can send me an email on September 18<sup>th</sup> with some level of confidence that you will participate (80/20, 90/10, etc.) that should suffice. I would then need a Yes or No by Thursday, September 24. If Yes, I'll trust that a letter is coming and that can be sent at your earliest convenience.

Does this scenario work for you? If not, please feel free to give me a call and we can discuss options.

Thanks for your interest. I look forward to helping make this work for Tuscola county. Has there been any discussion of interest amongst your neighboring counties?

Best,

Everett Root  
 Geodata Services Manager  
 Center for Shared Solutions & Technology Partnerships (CSSTP)  
 Department of Information Technology  
 State of Michigan

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 FAX 517-373-2939

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**From:** Walt Schlichting [mailto:wsch@TuscolaCounty.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 01, 2009 10:52 AM  
**To:** Root, Everett (MDIT)  
**Subject:** RE: State of Michigan technology partnership opportunity - 8/28 follow up

9/4/2009

## NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card Program

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
	TOTAL	PLAN PRICED W/CARD	% OF PLAN PRICED	RETAIL PRICED W/OUT CARD	% OF RETAIL PRICED	COST W/CARD	AVERAGE MEMBER COST	RETAIL PRICE W/OUT CARD	AVERAGE RETAIL SUBMITTED PRICE	PRICE SAVINGS	AVERAGE PRICE SAVINGS	% OF PRICE SAVINGS	TOTAL UTILIZERS
<b>TUSCOLA COUNTY</b>													
<b>JULY 2009</b>	235	117	49.79%	118	50.21%	\$7,436.21	\$31.64	\$9,299.04	\$39.57	\$1,862.83	\$7.93	20.03%	117
<b>JUNE 2009</b> (6/22 - 6/30)	13	8	61.54%	5	38.46%	\$1,000.78	\$76.98	\$1,136.07	\$87.39	\$135.29	\$10.41	11.91%	10

Column Headers from left to right:

1. Total RX's - this is the total number of Rxs that were adjudicated or attempted to adjudicate through the use of the card
2. Plan Priced RX's - Caremark tracks all attempts to use the cards including when the pharmacy offers a lower price than the card can give.
3. % Plan Priced Rxs - what percentage of the total attempted Rxs adjudicated via best price with the card
4. Retail Price Rxs - how many prescriptions where the pharmacy had a lower price
5. % Retail Priced Rxs - percentage of prescriptions where the pharmacy had a lower price
6. Total Drug Cost - all prescriptions totaled together at their card discount price
7. Average Drug Cost - average drug cost per Rx at the card discounted price
8. Retail Submitted Price - what the price would have been if the prescriptions weren't filled with the card
9. Average Retail Submitted Price - average per prescription price if the card wasn't presented at a discount
10. Price Savings - total dollar savings for all Rxs filled with the card
11. Average Price Savings - average price savings per prescription
12. % Price Savings - percentage price savings per prescription
13. Total Utilizers - this is the total amount of people who represent the total amount of prescriptions. I.E. some people fill multiple prescriptions.

# RAYMOND JAMES

Thomas M. Enright  
Vice President, Public Finance

September 2, 2009

Mr. Michael R. Hoagland, Controller/ Administrator  
County of Tuscola  
207 East Grand Street  
Caro, MI 48723

(D)

Re: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Refer to EDC

Dear Michael:

*Michael,*

As you may be aware the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA"), which was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009, has created several new forms of financings that are designed to stimulate the economy of your County. Since we are in Michigan, I'm sure you will agree that we need all the economic stimulation that we can get. As a part of the ARRA one of the new financing possibilities are Recovery Zone Bonds ("RZB").

You may have received information from other sources describing the RZB's and what they are designed to do, how they can be issued and for what purposes. This letter is to inform you of your County's "allocation", as determined by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and how you can take advantage of RZB's and use your allocation to stimulate the economy of your County. Attached is a list of the allocations. Understand that the amount of money shown for your County is not sum of money available to you, but rather a limit on the amount of borrowing you can undertake under the two programs described below. You will be required to make payments on any debt service on any bonds issued under the RZB program, just as you would for any other bond issuance.

On June 12, 2009, the Internal Revenue Service issued Notice 2009-50 (the "Notice"), which provides guidance regarding the \$25 billion nation-wide allocation for RZBs. The basis for this allocation is relative declines in employment for 2008. In addition, the Notice provides that eligible issuers of RZBs are Counties since they are empowered to issue bonds. In accordance with the ARRA, Recovery Zone Bonds may be issued in calendar years 2009 and 2010 only.

There are two RZB possibilities: Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds ("RZEDB"), which are taxable bonds that offer a 45% federal tax credit to the County or to the purchaser of the bonds; and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds ("RZFB"), which are a new category of private activity bonds that are tax-exempt bonds.

## Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds

RZEDB's must be used for benefits in a "recovery zone" and are a form of bonds that your County issues as taxable bonds with a federal tax credit. The County may elect to receive a direct federal cash subsidy ("Subsidy RZEDB") or the County may elect to provide non-refundable tax credits to the bond purchasers ("Credit RZEDB"). The tax credit, whether they be subsidy or credit RZEDB's, is 45% of the interest costs associated with the bonds.

You must first designate all or a portion of your County as a "Recovery Zone". Since in Michigan the entire state is essentially a recovery zone, most municipalities are finding it best to simply designate their entire area as a Recovery Zone. This complies with the rules of the ARRA because it defines a recovery zone "to include any area designated by the issuer having significant poverty, unemployment, rate of home foreclosures or general distress" and that any County that receives an allocation can, acting in good faith, determine its recovery zone area at its own discretion.

RZEDB's may be used to finance certain "qualified economic development purposes" for use within designated Recovery Zones. The ARRA defines a qualified economic development purpose as any expenditure for purposes of promoting development or other economic activity in a Recovery Zone. As such, RZEDB's may be issued for (a) capital expenditures paid or incurred with respect to property located in the recovery zone, (b) job training and educational programs, (c) the construction of public facilities and other expenditures for public infrastructure.

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No U.S. government program would be complete without some rules to focus the program to its intended purposes and RZEDB's are no exception. Briefly put, RZEDB's:

- must comply with all requirements generally applicable to Build America Bonds (also created by the ARRA);
- have to have been issued between February 17, 2009 and December 31, 2010;
- proceeds must be entirely used to finance some combination of eligible expenditures;
- can provide funds for a debt service reserve fund at a "reasonable level";
- costs of issuance cannot exceed 2% of the issue price of the bonds;
- projects will require that the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage rules apply to those projects financed with bond proceeds.

### Recovery Zone Facility Bonds

RZFB's are private activity bonds that may be used to finance projects in designated Recovery Zones and are issued as tax-exempt bonds. RZFBs may be issued for any *depreciable property* that: (a) was acquired after the date of designation of a Recovery Zone; (b) the original use of which occurs in the Recovery Zone and (c) substantially all of the use of the property is in the active conduct of a "qualified business." Under the ARRA the definition of a qualified business, in general, is any capital asset used in any trade or business except: residential rental property, golf courses, country clubs, massage parlors, hot tub facilities, suntan facilities, racetracks or other gambling facilities, or stores that principally sell alcoholic beverages for consumption offsite.

There are some basic rules of RZFB's:

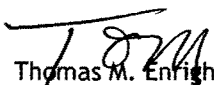
- a bond issue must be designated as a RZFB by a governmental issuer and be issued by December 31, 2010;
- 95% of the proceeds must be used for Recovery Zone property;
- the proceeds of RZFBs may be used by taxpayers engaged in certain types of businesses in recovery zones to finance depreciable property the original use of which commences in the recovery zone with the taxpayer;
- land may not be financed with such bonds, since it is not depreciable;
- substantially all of the use of the property must occur in the recovery zone;
- and the property must be constructed, reconstructed, renovated or acquired by the taxpayer after the area is designated as a recovery zone.

The RZFB's are a way for your County to promote economic development by allowing you to finance certain capital projects on a tax-exempt basis, that might have otherwise been only funded with taxable bonds, which would drive financing costs higher. The financial benefit of issuing RZFB's increases as the difference between tax-exempt interest rates and taxable interest rates widens.

There is no question that if you're County or local developers have projects that you intend to finance with a bond issue, you absolutely need to consider either or both of the new financing tools described above. Raymond James funded the first Build America Bonds, subsidy or credit, in Michigan and given our broad client base we are confident those clients will find the new Recovery Zone Bonds just as attractive.

I have attached a list of the allocations by County and I would be very interested in talking to you about the possibility of bringing a Recovery Zone bond issue to market for your County. Feel free to call me at 313.640.7632 or 313.575.0701 or by writing to me at my email address: [thomas.enright@raymondjames.com](mailto:thomas.enright@raymondjames.com), to discuss this exciting new way to stimulate the economy in your County and help put your citizens back to work by creating jobs. Remember you only have until December 31, 2010 to issue either types of these bonds so do not delay in exploring the possibility.

Very truly yours,  
*Raymond James & Associates*

  
Thomas M. Enright  
Vice President, Public Finance

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Enclosure

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Area	Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds	Recovery Zone Facility Bonds	Area	Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds	Recovery Zone Facility Bonds	Area	Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds	Recovery Zone Facility Bonds
<b>Total for the State of Michigan</b>	<b>\$773,050,000</b>	<b>\$1,159,575,000</b>						
<b>COUNTY:</b>			<b>COUNTY:</b>			<b>COUNTY:</b>		
Alcona	\$285,000	\$428,000	Gratiot	\$2,756,000	\$4,133,000	Missaukee	\$1,024,000	\$1,536,000
Alger	596,000	893,000	Hillsdale	3,082,000	4,623,000	Monroe	13,237,000	19,856,000
Allegan	7,556,000	11,334,000	Houghton	2,259,000	3,388,000	Montcalm	3,000,000	4,500,000
Alpena	1,205,000	1,807,000	Huron	2,893,000	4,339,000	Montmorency	604,000	906,000
Antrim	1,205,000	1,807,000	Ingham	13,855,000	20,782,000	Muskegon	13,890,000	20,835,000
Arenac	1,449,000	2,174,000	Ionia	4,935,000	7,402,000	Newaygo	3,702,000	5,554,000
Baraga	340,000	510,000	Iosco	727,000	1,091,000	Oakland	103,887,000	155,831,000
Barry	5,031,000	7,546,000	Iron	755,000	1,132,000	Oceana	2,692,000	4,039,000
Bay	6,612,000	9,917,000	Isabella	3,274,000	4,911,000	Ogemaw	1,005,000	1,507,000
Benzie	985,000	1,478,000	Jackson	11,459,000	17,188,000	Ontonagon	859,000	1,289,000
Berrien	10,858,000	16,286,000	Kalamazoo	18,433,000	27,649,000	Osceola	1,383,000	2,075,000
Branch	2,651,000	3,977,000	Kalkaska	952,000	1,429,000	Oscoda	1,087,000	1,630,000
Calhoun	9,653,000	14,479,000	Kent	36,571,000	54,857,000	Otsego	1,702,000	2,552,000
Cass	3,952,000	5,928,000	Keweenaw	129,000	193,000	Ottawa	20,697,000	31,045,000
Charlevoix	2,185,000	3,277,000	Lake	689,000	1,033,000	Presque Isle	832,000	1,247,000
Cheboygan	1,663,000	2,495,000	Lapeer	7,188,000	10,782,000	Roscommon	1,449,000	2,174,000
Chippewa	1,578,000	2,367,000	Leelanau	1,279,000	1,918,000	Saginaw	16,950,000	25,426,000
Clare	1,836,000	2,754,000	Lenawee	8,901,000	13,351,000	Sanilac	4,185,000	6,278,000
Clinton	5,802,000	8,703,000	Livingston	15,844,000	23,767,000	Schoolcraft	412,000	618,000
Crawford	1,106,000	1,659,000	Luce	274,000	412,000	Shiawassee	6,263,000	9,395,000
Delta	2,253,000	3,380,000	Mackinac	1,018,000	1,527,000	St. Clair	13,520,000	20,280,000
Dickinson	1,636,000	2,454,000	Macomb	46,293,000	69,439,000	St. Joseph	5,618,000	8,427,000
Eaton	8,656,000	12,985,000	Manistee	1,504,000	2,256,000	Tuscola	5,519,000	8,279,000
Emmet	1,452,000	2,178,000	Marquette	2,992,000	4,487,000	Van Buren	5,404,000	8,106,000
Genesee	35,570,000	53,354,000	Mason	1,339,000	2,009,000	Washtenaw	22,044,000	33,066,000
Gladwin	1,106,000	1,659,000	Mecosta	2,602,000	3,903,000	Wayne	78,259,000	117,388,000
Gogebic	807,000	1,210,000	Menominee	1,191,000	1,787,000	Wexford	2,286,000	3,429,000
Grand Traverse	5,456,000	8,184,000	Midland	3,307,000	4,961,000			

HONORABLE PATRICK R. JOSLYN  
54<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court Judge  
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✓ Carrie  
✓ Marie  
✓ Clayette

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September 1, 2009

TO: Charles Walker, Supervisor  
Adult Probation Department

FROM: Patrick R. Joslyn  
Circuit Court Judge

Attached hereto is a copy of a policy that was enacted in 2004. The Prosecuting Attorney, the Director of Adult Probation and this Judge met over this policy. Of concern was the length of time that a probationer would be housed in the county jail without a bond and without an immediate arraignment. This policy was enacted after a statute was implemented allowing agents to search, seize and arrest for probation violations without a warrant. At the time of implementation this Court had sufficient resources to respond effectively, however due to inadequate resources, the policy is hereby revoked.

In the future all allegations of violations of probation shall be brought before the Court on a petition and a written report for the request of an order to show cause and/or a bench warrant.

Cc: Prosecuting Attorney  
Tuscola County Sheriff Department  
Michael Hoagland, Controller/Administrator ✓  
Gerald Peterson, Chairperson, County Board

STATE OF MICHIGAN



THE CIRCUIT COURT  
54TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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JUDGE PATRICK REED JOSLYN  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE  
MR. KENNETH GANGLER, C.S.R.  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

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May 18, 2004

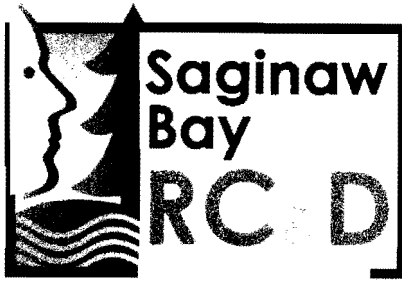
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Tuscola County Circuit Court Probation Staff is authorized to immediately detain (up to 48 hours without a warrant) any probationer they observe to be in violation of one or more conditions of his/her probation. The Court will be notified of the detention by 8:30 a.m. (unless further arrangements are made) of the next working day. At that time a formal warrant will be sought and arrangements made for an arraignment for the probation violation. In the event a warrant is not authorized, the probation staff will make arrangements to release the probationer pending further investigation.

  
PATRICK R. JOSLYN P15613  
Circuit Court Judge

*Note  
County Circuit Court  
Probation Staff  
MAY detain  
NOT Police  
with out  
consent of  
Probation Dept.*

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September 4, 2009

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners  
207 E Grant  
Caro, MI 48723

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the Saginaw Bay RC&D News Release for National RC&D Week. Please forward this to all your local media newspapers, radio, television stations). Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Ioannidis".

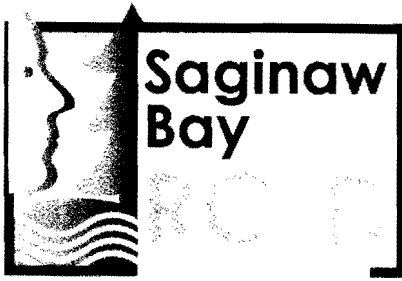
Melissa Ioannidis  
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

**Executive Board Members and Staff**

*George Randall: Chairperson, Bob Luce: Vice Chairperson, George Strom: Secretary/Treasurer, Ricky Rockwell: Human Resources, Jim Hergott: USDA/NRCS Coordinator, Melissa Ioannidis: Administrative Assistant, and John Burk: Technician*

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## PRESS RELEASE

DATE: September 4, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Contact: Melissa Ioannidis, Administrative Assistant**  
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### **Saginaw Bay Resource Conservation & Development Council Celebrates National RC&D Week – September 20-26, 2009**

Saginaw Bay RC&D Council joins the 375 RC&D Councils across the country in celebrating “RC&D Week”. RC&D week was declared in recognition of the anniversary of the designation of the first 10 RC&D areas. In the past 45 years the program has grown from 10 designated areas to 375 designated areas that cover over 85% of the United States and its territories.

Joan Smith Freeman, President of the National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils, expressed appreciation to the thousands of RC&D Council members who celebrate the National Community Service that RC&D Councils provide to America.

The Saginaw Bay RC&D works to enhance the quality of life in the Saginaw Bay Watershed by maintaining a sub-stainable natural resource base for future generations. The Saginaw Bay RC&D provides technical advice and leadership to community partners to help them meet conservation and development goals. Project activities include recreation planning and implementation, watershed management, fish and wildlife restoration, fire protection, and education. Ways RC&D can help are project development, design and implementation, grant writing, inventory, evaluation, education, and conflict resolution.

President Freeman affirmed “The strength of RC&D is that local people create solutions for local needs. In these times of economic downturn, RC&D councils are invaluable in solving community problems in conservation and community development. RC&D Councils are far too important to go unnoticed in our communities.

If you would like more information about Saginaw Bay RC&D please check out our website – [www.saginawbayrcd.com](http://www.saginawbayrcd.com). This site contains information about Saginaw Bay RC&D and its current happenings; project updates, etc.

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