

**January 2018 Minutes**  
**Board of Director Minutes**  
**Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed**

**Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed Board Members are:**

**Taylor Brook** – Director

**Jim Hergott**- Director

**Laura Ogar**-Vice-Chair

**Dennis Zimmerman** - Secretary

**Zygmunt Dworzecki** - Director

**David Karpovich**– Director

**Glenn Rowley** – Director

**Pete Frauson**- Treasurer

**Elan Lipschitz** - Director

**Bill Wright** – Chair

**January 8, 2018 – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm - Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes**

Bay County Building -3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Personnel Conference Room

515 Center Avenue - Bay City, Michigan

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**Summary of Meeting's Action Items:**

- Submission and acceptance of December 4, 2017 Minutes
- Treasurer's Update
- SPAC Update
- AOC Coordinator Update
- Involve key people in March 24<sup>th</sup> interviews with U of M students on AOC's
- Rowley and Strieter to obtain quotes for Director's and Officer's Liability Insurance
- Ogar to email updates on the criteria to all members to create a unified criterion
- Ogar to draft Power Point Presentation for future presentations to community groups
- **Next Meeting Date February 5, 2018 from 10am – Noon at the Bay County Building 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Personnel Conference Room**

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**Wright convened** the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Board Members present included: **Brook, Dworzecki, Frauson, Ogar, Wright and Zimmerman. With Karpovich on the phone.**

Also present were: **Tami Sivy** – SVSU, **Mike Assels**, Chemical Clean Up Group, **Chris Assels** – Chemical Clean Up Group, **Barbara Engelhardt** – Farm Bureau Insurance and **Jo Ellen Strieter**– Administrative Contractor

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**Motion by Zimmerman** to approve the minutes of our Regular Board Meeting from December 4, 2017. **Motion seconded by Frauson. Motion carried without dissent.**

**Administrative Matters:**

**Treasurer's Report** submitted by **Frauson** with a balance of \$7953.52. Decision by group to pay **Strieter** some past due grant money since grant money is owed to her from August and September. The decision was based on a conversation **Frauson** had with **Riley** that there may be some hold up on payment due to the restructuring of finance with the DNR. **Frauson** shared that he is attempting to register with the State of Michigan for direct payment. We need to keep a close eye on our grant expenditures so that we are staying as close to our grant amount as possible. Prior to the Annual Meeting we will send out our invitation to the Annual Meeting and a suggestion to donate to the Partnership to keep our balance at a sustainable amount.

Additionally, our eventual press release for our Beach Closing Criteria would also mention contributions. **Motion by Zimmerman** to accept the treasurer's report. **Motion seconded by Ogar. Motion carried without dissent**

**SPAC** report by **Zimmerman**. No Updates. Reminder that the SPAC has meetings three times a year. Frankenmuth is being considered to be the location of the Mid-March meeting. Hergott is working with Riley to set up the upcoming March meeting. Maybe the Partnership could assist with some planning of this meeting. It was mentioned that Frankenmuth is not in the AOC. They did receive GLRI Grant money to remove the Dam. This project is expected to contribute to restoration of the Fish and Wildlife Populations BUI in Saginaw Bay. Zimmerman mentioned that SPAC likes a quick tour of a GLRI funded projects and that Frankenmuth fills that requirement. The Partnership Board would like to get conference attendees to the Saginaw Bay. Guests at today's meeting asked for some clarification on what SPAC stood for and some other acronyms. Members of the Board explained our purpose to our guests with emphasis on explaining acronyms.

**AOC Coordinator Update – Riley** was not available to attend due to weather related conditions but sent ahead an email which **Ogar** read to the group. Synopsis: an upcoming project by Paul Seelbach, a professor with the University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability, and a contractor with the Office of the Great Lakes, is teaching a class this semester focusing on Areas of Concern and the roles of Public Advisory Councils. A team of his students would like to meet with the Partnership, or as many Partnership members who may be available, on Saturday March 24 or sometime during the week before. **Ogar** mentioned the importance of outreach to our local elected officials sharing this information with them and suggesting that a couple key people be interviewed by the students. **Zimmerman** also showed his interest in being interviewed by the U of M students to stress the importance of health effects, economics, etc., involved in having a healthy AOC. He shared that the economic benefits of a clean AOC convert to a 3 to 1 investment (amount invested x 3 for return). Muskegon who is almost ready to delist has experienced a 6.6 to 1 return. Experience has shown that a community that has been known to have environmental issues witnesses a large positive economic impact after clean-up.

#### **Old Business-**

**Beach Closing BUI Restoration Criteria –** After much discussion on the proposed criteria Ogar will make the suggested changes and send out to the group by email for input. Ogar will work on a Power point to use for presentations to the community.

**Barb Engelhardt** with Farm Bureau Insurance provided us with a presentation on Directors and Board Liability Insurance, she will follow up with **Strieter** with additional information and a quote. It was suggested that Strieter continue to follow up with Future Insurance and she should contact Rummel Agency for information as well.

#### **New Business-**

**Wright** has been in contact with Mike Kelly, Dave Karpovich and Charlie Bauer about a follow up to last fall's State of the Bay Conference. **Dworzecki** shared information on a Brownfield

Conference he recently attended. This could be a good topic for a breakout session for the upcoming follow up conference.

**Eutrophication and Undesirable Algae** – We will wait until after we have completed the Beach Closings BUI Restoration Criteria before we set up committee meetings for Eutrophication and Undesirable Algae.

**Motion by Ogar** to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 pm. **Motion seconded by Frauson.**

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Ellen Strieter – Administrative Contractor

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