

## Meeting Notes

### Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed

### Eutrophication Task Group Meeting

### Education/Outreach Committee

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

**Taylor Brook** – Director                      **Zygmunt Dworzecki** - Director                      **Pete Frauson**- Treasurer

**Jim Hergott**- Director                      **Elan Lipschitz** - Director                      **Laura Ogar**-Vice-Chair

**Robin Oeming** – Director                      **Glenn Rowley** – Director                      **Bill Wright** – Chair

**Dennis Zimmerman** - Secretary

**January 7, 2019 9 am to 10 am**

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

515 Center Street Bay City, Michigan

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- *Fifth meeting of the Task Group for Eutrophication. This is the third official meeting of the Education/Outreach Committee.*
- **Summary of Meeting's Action items:**
- **Ogar** will send out information on upcoming Nature Conservancy Lunch and Learn meetings.
- **Ogar** will formulate some question to ask DEQ on what kind of oversight there is for nutrients on land.
- **Frauson** working on sticker for algae awareness. **Brook** will contact Tribe and CMU Graphics for assistance.
- **Frauson** following up with Health Department on notification of Bay County Ordinance requiring sale of fertilizers not containing nitrates to big box stores.
- **Strieter** to resend out list of landscapers.
- Next Meeting of the Education/Outreach Committee is February 5th. 9 am to 10 am

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*Chair Wright* convened the meeting at 9:02 am

Team Members present included: **Dworzecki, Frauson, Ogar, Wright**. **Brook** attended by phone. Also attending were: **Jo Ellen Strieter** - Administrative Contractor. Guest **Kylee Williams**

**Motion by Dworzecki** to approve the meeting notes of our Eutrophication Task Group Education Subcommittee Meeting from December 3, 2018. **Motion seconded by Frauson. Motion carried without dissent.**

## Education/Outreach

Our audience is farmers throughout the watershed and Bayfront property owners. We cannot force best practices; we can inform about practices. It is important that we put our name on all things attached to the partnership so the community always know what we work on. **Drowzecki** shared the website <https://nocafos.org>

**Action Item:** Ask DEQ to come in and speak on CAFOS. Audrey Schwing and Charlie Bauer with DEQ were both suggested as good speakers. **Ogar** will formulate some questions on what kind of oversight there is for spreading such nutrients as manure from agricultural operations or sewage solids from wastewater treatment plants on land.

**Action Item:** **Ogar** will send out to the task group notices on upcoming Nature Conservancy Lunch and Learns.

**Action Item:** Create a sticker for people who utilize the water (boaters, fisherman and kayakers, etc.) that talks about only use fertilizer with a zero in it. A type of quick message to stop algae, located where boaters launch, etc. **Frauson** will work on a sticker. **Brook** will also check with CMU Graphics Department and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to see if they would help with this designing this project.

**Next Steps:** check out Facebook pages for kayaking groups, water groups etc., to see if we can put a flyer on their pages. We should also look into public service announcements, radio spots, etc.,

Discussion followed on contacting big box stores to encourage them to sell low nitrate fertilizers.

**Action Item:** **Frauson** will check with Joel Kwiatkowski. to see if the Health Department is doing this.

**Strieter** to resend list of landscapers to task force.

Next meeting will be held February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

**Motion by Wright** to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 am, **seconded by Dworzecki**

Respectfully submitted, Kylee Williams, Administrative Contractor

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