

Amended Minutes January 2019

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
Robin Oeming – Director
Dennis Zimmerman - Secretary

Zygmunt Dworzecki - Director
Elan Lipschitz - Director
Glenn Rowley – Director

Pete Frauson- Treasurer
Laura Ogar-Vice-Chair
Bill Wright – Chair

January 7, 2019 – 10:00 pm to 12:00 pm - Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

Bay County Building- 3rd Floor Conference Room
515 Center Avenue - Bay City, Michigan

Summary of Meeting's Action Items:

- Submission and acceptance of December 3, 2018 Minutes.
- **Frauson** will follow up on the outstanding check for \$20.00.
- **Williams/Strieter** provide qualifications and contact info for Williams.
- **Strieter** will make schedule changes and check location availability.
- **Wright/Strieter** will go over surveys from the last student group.
- **Wright** to draft a letter to Clark McCreedy regarding the wildlife near confined disposal sites.
- **Next Meeting Date, February 5, 2019 from 10:00 – Noon at the Bay County Building 515 Center Avenue in the 3rd Floor Personnel Conference Room. Eutrophication Task Group - Education and Outreach Sub-committee to meet prior to this meeting at 9 am at same location. Restoration Sub-committee to meet after this meeting at 12 pm at the same location.**

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

Board Members present included: **Dworzecki, Frauson, Lipschitz, and Wright**. Also, present were: **John Riley**, AOC Coordinator, **Warren Smith, Mike Kelly, Jo Ellen Strieter**– Administrative Contractor and **Kylee Williams**, Administrative Assistant. On the phone were **Brook** and **Hergott**.

Motion by Dworzecki to approve the minutes of our Regular Board Meeting from December 2018. **Motion seconded by Lipschitz. Motion carried.**

Amendments:

- Potential mistake on listing of Milwaukee for the SPAC meeting.
- Do not use the term delist in reference to BUIs. Use restoration or removal

Administrative Matters:

Treasurer's Report submitted by **Frauson**, December's end balance was \$5,032.95. There is one outstanding check, \$20.00, to state of Michigan. **Action Item: Frauson** will follow up on the outstanding check. Currently waiting on \$ 3,650.00 (July through September) from the state. **Riley** will look into this and report back to **Frauson**. **Motion by Dworzecki** to approve the minutes of our Regular Board Meeting from December 2018. **Motion seconded by Lipschitz. Motion carried without dissent.**

SPAC Report – Zimmerman was not present due to weather. **Riley** mentioned SPAC is working on new by-laws in subcommittee, hope to be finalized by the next meeting.

AOC Coordinator Report – The Office of Great Lakes is putting together a RFP for the next PAC Support Grant. They are looking to financially support groups that are working toward BUI removal. It is possible more

funding will be available; be creative, productive and more ambitious with submitted proposals. February 28, 2019 is the last day of this grant. Concern was expressed in getting the new grant going by March 1. It may be possible to extend the current grant for another month. **Riley** will help us on extending the current grant. There is \$8,660 left in this year's grant.

Administrator - Strieter is working full time and would like to hire **Williams** to help with Partnership work. **Strieter** will assist and advise **Williams** as needed and will be her backup. Board discussion as to whether **Strieter's** contract is written for her or her business. As long as the contract is written for **Strieter's** business she can have a representative of her business fill in, without the need to post the position. **Motion by Hergott** to approve. **Motion seconded by Dworzecki. Motion carried without dissent. Action Item: Williams** qualifications and contact information will be given to the Board.

Old Business

Future Meeting Schedule - Board majority in favor of switching meetings to the first Tuesday of every month. Motion by **Hergott** to approve. Motion seconded by **Dworzecki. Action Item: Strieter** will make schedule change and check location availability.

U of M Grad Student Activity - See memo from Paul Seelbach. The students are looking to work on something concrete. We should think of a good question to get them to figure out for us. Michigan Area of Concern Beneficial Use Impairment Removals matrix may be a good tool to give the students. **Riley** will send the matrix to the board. **Riley** stated the matrix has not been updated in at least 5 years. The matrix needs to be made useful. It may be more practical to scrap the matrix and start over. Updating the matrix would be a very ambitious project for the students and should instead be something the board should take on. **Action Item: Wright / Strieter** will go over surveys from the last student group.

Eutrophication Education - Strieter drafted a newsletter containing articles for discussion purposes. The audience we are trying to reach is Bayfront property owners and Farmers throughout the Watershed. Frauson will work on a capsulized message (sticker/sign) encouraging locals to only use fertilizer with 0 phosphorus in it.

Eutrophication Restoration – Discussion to stop using the word delisting and use the word restoration only. Restoration Meeting to follow at 12 p.m.

Declaration of Interest Form – Move to next month, **Zimmerman** is working on a draft form for us and was not in attendance at today's meeting.

Partnerships – **Dworzecki** discussed possibly partnering with Saginaw Bay Cisma. Cisma exists to create and support collaborative invasive species management among federal and state agencies, municipalities, tribes, nonprofits, community organizations and private landowners within 15 counties in the Saginaw Bay Watershed. The two groups could work together on some project, providing more ease when applying for grants. **Motion by Dworzecki** to pursue partnerships. **Lipschitz** suggested a point person to contact groups and educate on what we do. A paid person could be part of the next grant, possibly a board member. Challenge to tie in invasive species to AOC. **Motion seconded by Hergott.** A subcommittee may be beneficial in pointing us in a direction to put more effort into partnerships. Getting started; **Hergott** volunteered to be on this committee. An outline of what to focus on is needed. **Wright/Hergott** will work on outline. **Motion was withdrawn until further direction is decided.**

New Business

Natural Resource Damage Assessment - 1998 General Motors Settlement provided for substantial cleanup of contamination resulting from the release of PCBs. The settlement allowed for the purchase of several properties and funding for dredging projects to remove PCBs to confined disposal sites. Over \$5 million remains to be spent. Concern about confined disposal sites affecting wildlife was addressed. **Action Item:**

Motion by Frauson for Wright to draft a letter to Clark McCreedy regarding the wildlife near confined disposal sites. **Motion seconded by Dworzecki. Motion carried without dissent.**

Hergott is interested in working on grants for the Partnership and **Brook** is interested in helping with this grant project.

Motion by Dworzecki to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m., **seconded by Lipschitz.**

Respectfully Submitted, Kylee Williams – Administrative Assistant

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