

## Meeting Notes

### Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed Beach Closings Task Group Meeting

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

**Kyle Bostwick**- Director    **Zygmunt Dworzecki** - Director    **Pete Frauson**- Treasurer  
**Jim Hergott**- Director    **Taylor Hollis** – Director    **David Karpovich**– Director  
**Elan Lipschitz** - Director    **Laura Ogar**-Vice-Chair    **Glenn Rowley** - Director  
**Bill Wright** – Chair **Dennis Zimmerman** - Secretary

**January 9, 2017 10a.m. to 12p.m.**

Bay County Building - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Personnel Conference Room  
515 Center Street Bay City, Michigan

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#### Summary of Meeting's Action items:

- *Seventh meeting of the Task Group for Beach Closings/BUI Review. Chair/Wright convened the meeting at 10:00a.m.*

Team Members present included: **Dworzecki, Frauson, Ogar, Rowley, Wright** and **Zimmerman**.

Also attending were: **Michael Duranczyk** – Bay County Commissioner; **Ernie Krieger** -Bay County Commissioner; **Tom Ryder** - Bay County Commissioner, **John Riley** - DEQ and **Jo Ellen Strieter** - Administrative Contractor.

**Dworzecki** made a motion to approve meeting notes. **Zimmerman** seconded. All were in favor of accepting minutes.

#### **Old Business –**

Action Item –**Ogar** distributed a draft Beach Closings Tracking Table, based on the same format as the previous 'Table A' developed by DEQ, that lists the historical sources of pathogens/Fecal bacteria that were identified as contributing to Beach Closings in previous editions of the Remedial Action Plan (RAP); **Ogar** described that the proposed Inventory should, as a first step 1) identify all Public/Waste Water Treatment Plants that discharge directly into the AOC – which is the Saginaw Bay and the Saginaw River, and after further discussion it was agreed to also include those Public Wastewater Treatment Plants that discharge to a river or tributary that directly flow (within several miles) into the Saginaw Bay or the Saginaw River. It was agreed to remove 'Birds' as a potential source as it had not been identified in previous RAPs but add: Natural Sources. The next step in the inventory would be to evaluate the performance record of the Wastewater Treatment Plants using available public records such as the DEQ database and EPA site (**Ogar** will provide more info) but careful review needs to be made as not all information is reflected on the DEQ website, mostly only reflecting which have had Combined Sewer Overflows or Sanitary Sewer Overflows,

Action Item -Motion made by **Ogar** to have **Strieter** compile a 1-2 page inventory of Waste Water Treatment Plants within several miles of the Saginaw Bay as noted. **Rowley** seconded.

The motion carried. Board members offered to assist where needed in this identification. Consideration will also be given to Waste Water Treatment Plants that discharge into rivers that drain into the Bay. MIWaters database will be used as a resource. Ogar said the EPA has a much more complete website. We will need to review treatment plant performance data as well.

### **New Business –**

State Parks Beach Water Quality Comparisons – DEQ Inventory presented by **Riley**, Chart is attached.

Action Items - In reference to **Ogar's** request for Bay County Health Department water quality monitoring results data from the annual Beach Monitoring Program, now performed by SVSU, as well as the Agreement for Services or Scope of Work, to review for reporting requirements. Commissioner Duranczyk asked her to put a list of what data she wants in an email. Bay County Commissioners will keep us informed of any data they receive.

Action Item – **Wright** distributed a proposal for selecting a Target for Beach Closings. He will put an item on the February agenda to select criteria for removing this BUI.

Action Item – **Wright** asked those present to focus on coming up with a “de-listing” target and its measurement, because that is our designated task and we don’t have all the information yet that we will need for working toward a process to achieve de-listing.

**Public Comment – Ogar** has been contacted by other County Commissioners and agencies (in areas around the AOC) that may have an interest in attending our Beach Closings meetings. She will suggest that they look at our website and see if they are interested. We can add them to our mailing list.

Adjourn – 11:50am moved by **Zimmerman** and supported by **Rowley**.

Respectfully submitted, Jo Ellen Strieter, Administrative Contractor

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