

October 2018 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

October 1, 2018 – 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 September 10, 2018 Minutes.
- **Board** drafting letter to OGL.
- **Strieter** to check By-laws to see if we have a Declaration of Conflict in our By-Laws.
- **Ogar** will send Declaration of Interest Form that the Bay Area Community Foundation uses.
- **Next Meeting Date, November 5, 2018 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/Delisting Sub-committee to meet after this meeting at 12 pm at the same location.**

Wright convened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Board Members present included: **Brook, Dworzecki, Frauson, Hergott, Ogar and Wright.** **Lipschitz** on phone. Also present were: **Meaghan Gass** – Michigan State University Sea Grant Extension Agent, **Tula Ngasla** – MSU Sea Grant Intern, **Eric Parker** – Central Michigan University, **Kylee Williams** - Community Member and **Jo Ellen Strieter**– Administrative Contractor

Motion by Dworzecki to approve the amended minutes of our Regular Board Meeting from September, 2018. **Motion seconded by Hergott. Amended by Frauson. Motion carried without dissent.**

Administrative Matters:

Treasurer's Report submitted by **Frauson**, we have an August balance of \$8,117.45. The Board requested names of who had outstanding invoices which included State of Michigan and Strieter both from invoice for grant and for reimbursement for transferring of the website. **Motion by Dworzecki** to accept the treasurer's report. **Motion seconded by Hergott.**
Motion carried without dissent.

SPAC Report - no report was given.

AOC Report – no report was given.

It was noted that this meeting was the third month in a row without participation from the Office of the Great Lakes. **Motion by Frauson** to have the Board of Directors draft a letter to **Riley** and **Hobrla** regarding an engaged relationship with the OGL along with clarification on RAP implementation, including next steps toward

restoration and clarification of defined roles and responsibilities of OGL. **Motion seconded by Ogar. Hergott voted no** (He will reserve final judgement until he sees draft letter) **Motion carried.**

A question was raised about how we might address potential conflicts of interest. **Strieter** will check the By-laws to see if we have a Declaration of Conflict section. **Ogar** will send Declaration of Interest Form that the Bay Area Community Foundation uses to all members.

Old Business –

Eutrophication Task Group Update:

The newly formed task group is looking to proceed in two ways:

1. Education and Outreach regarding phosphorus usage. Members of the task force includes: **Brook, Dworzecki, Frauson, Gass, Ngsala, Ogar, Parker and Wright.** The group will meet on the first Monday of each month at 9 am.
2. Restoration/Delisting group to Study the Michigan Restoration Criteria and Assessment and research Criteria for the delisting of the Saginaw Bay under Eutrophication or Undesirable Algae. Members of the task force includes: **Dworzecki, Ngsala and Wright.** The group will meet on the first Monday of each month at 12 pm.

Parker informed that CMU has two sites on Saginaw Bay for data collection.

Strieter to set up proposed meeting dates for next year.

Microbial Source Tracking

The Beach Closing Task Group is still in existence. We have grant money still available. **Ogar** shared that Bay County Government is looking at how we send out Beach Closing notifications. Currently when there is a beach closing the Bay County Health Department sends out a notice. She asked for suggestions from the board on ways of notification of a beach closing. Some suggestions included a Kiosk at the beach, QR code at beach, website, signage at a small beach, text alerts and a flag system.

Ogar informed on the Rock Reef Project. Discussion about a 501C3 becoming a subcontractor to DEQ on a bulk of the grant involving obtaining rock.

Motion by Dworzecki to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 am, **seconded by Ogar.**

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Ellen Strieter – Administrative Contractor

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