

**November 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

**November 5, 2018 – 10:00 pm to 12:00 pm - Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes**  
Bay County Building- 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
515 Center Avenue - Bay City, Michigan

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

- Submission and acceptance of October 1, 2018 Minutes.
- **Strieter** to poll the membership on Resolution 110518-A and attach results to be sent out as directed.
- Declaration of Interest Form tabled until the December meeting.
- **Strieter** to schedule meeting rooms for 2019
- **Next Meeting Date, December 3, 2018 from 10:00 – Noon at the Bay County Building 515 Center Avenue in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

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**Acting Chair/Brook** convened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Board Members present included: **Brook, Dworzecki, Frauson, Lipschitz, Wright and Zimmerman**. Also present were: **Shannon Briggs** - Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, **Meaghan Gass** – Michigan State University Sea Grant Extension Agent, **Joel Kwiatkowski** – Environmental Health Manager with Bay County Health Department, **Tula Ngasala** – MSU Sea Grant Intern, **John Riley** – Office of the Great Lakes, **Tamy Sivy** – Saginaw Valley State University, **Joel Strasz** - Bay County Health Department and **Jo Ellen Strieter**– Administrative Contractor

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**Motion by Dworzecki** to approve the minutes of our Regular Board Meeting from October, 2018. **Motion seconded by Zimmerman. Motion carried without dissent.**

**Administrative Matters:**

**Treasurer's Report** submitted by **Frauson**, we have a September balance of \$8,677.45. We have written checks for \$3,520 for our administrative contractor covering April – June of 2018, \$119.00 for transferring our website, \$3,640 for our administrative contractor covering July – September and \$20 for the State of Michigan registration. We are anticipating a \$7,000 disbursement from the Office of the Great Lakes from our current contract to cover our administrative contractor expenses. **Motion by Zimmerman** to accept the treasurer's report. **Motion seconded by Dworzecki. Motion carried without dissent.**

**SPAC Report** – The Fall SPAC Conference is tentatively set for November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Ann Arbor. The roles and responsibilities of the Office of the Great Lakes will be an agenda item.

**AOC Coordinator Report – Riley** will incorporate this information in with the Microbial Source Tracking Report.

**Old Business –  
Eutrophication Task Group Education and Outreach Update:**

General drafts of articles pertaining to phosphorus usage to specific groups are being written and members will email to the group for additions, comments, etc. The drafts will explain who we are and what could be done to reduce phosphorus usage.

**Eutrophication Task Group – Restoration/Delisting Update:**

This group will meet at noon today.

**Microbial Source Tracking**

**Riley** facilitated as he was representing the funding mechanism. He introduced those that are present and involved in the Source Tracking, they included the Office of the Great Lakes, SVSU, the Bay County Health Department, MSU and others. The Goal is to see what we can do about understanding the source of contamination that is closing our beaches. The Source Tracking will end in February with the Federal PAC Support Grant. He is hopeful that there will be a Phase II.

MSU did source tracking for 64 Watersheds in Michigan, the Saginaw Bay Watershed was not included. They created a snapshot of what is happening in Watersheds. The SVSU project will only include the Saginaw Bay Watershed. This project is Watershed wide and not just the AOC. It included Iosco to Huron Counties, inner and outer Bay locations of which there are 31. This is a snapshot to gauge what is going on in the watershed. It is a very complicated testing process, some new tools are being used. The EPA is very excited to see results. These methods are being used for the first time.

Partnership members that are included in the conversation on Source Tracking include Wright, Ogar and Frauson.

Kwiatkowski presented on a new Bay County Septic Mapping System. Permit and inspection data is being tied to parcel-level information in the County's Geographic Information System. This will be useful for public health and water quality restoration efforts.

**Other Business**

**Zimmerman** presented a position statement regarding the proposed amendments to the Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices (GAAMPs) by the Michigan Agricultural and Rural Development Commission (MDARD). Strieter to send Resolution 110518-A out to membership for vote and send resolution to the [MSA-Right-To-Farm@michigan.gov](mailto:MSA-Right-To-Farm@michigan.gov) **Motion by Zimmerman** to Adopt Resolution #110518-A. **Motion seconded by Frauson. Action Item: Strieter** to poll the membership and attach results to send out. **Motion carried without dissent.**

**Strieter** presented 2019 Meeting Schedule. **Motion by Zimmerman** to approve the schedule. **Motion seconded by Dworzecki.** Discussion, The Annual Meeting will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Motion carried without dissent. Action Item: Strieter** to schedule rooms.

**Action Item: Motion by Zimmerman** to table adopting a Declaration of Interest Form until the December meeting. **Motion seconded by Dworzecki. Motion carried without dissent.**

**Motion by Zimmerman** to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 pm, **seconded by Dworzecki.**

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Ellen Strieter – Administrative Contractor

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