

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

March 6, 2017 10a.m. to 12p.m.

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

Summary of Meeting's Action items:

- *Ninth 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, Hollis, Ogar, Rowley, Sivy, Strasz, Wright and Zimmerman.**

Also attending were: **Rick Finn** – Bay City Manager, **Jim Barcia** – Bay County Executive, **Tom McDowell** – DEQ, **Shoron Cooper** – City of Bay City Waste Water Treatment Plant, **Carol Injasoulian** – City of Bay City Waste Water Treatment Plant, **John Riley** - DEQ and **Jo Ellen Strieter** - Administrative Contractor.

Zimmerman noted that a revision be made to the minutes, removing him as having made a motion to adjourn meeting and replacing him with **Dworzecki**. **Dworzecki** made a motion to approve meeting notes with correction. **Rowley** seconded. All were in favor of accepting amended minutes.

Speakers:

Ogar introduced **Tom McDowell** with the DEQ. Tom gave great information on Retention Basins and assured the Task Force that RTB's from Bay City and Saginaw are not a source of sewage into our waters. **Finn** shared information on Bay City's Waste Water Management System and the amount of money and manpower that has been spent on managing and updating the City's Waste Water Sanitation system. Bay City's Waste Water Management System Superintendent **Shoron Cooper** and **Carol Injasoulian** laboratory manager contributed information on Bay City's system and how it is oversized to handle large amounts of water. (PowerPoint of presentation attached) It was based on earlier population numbers and has been maintained at that level. Bay City participates in a lot of testing of their water. **McDowell, Finn, Cooper and Injasoulian** was able to provide lots of information on the Retention Basins, Sewer Overflows and the stability of Bay City's system. Discussion followed concerning that fact that even though there are no overflows we still have beach closings, leading those in attendance to discuss that there seems to be little correlation between sewer overflows and beach closings. The group discussed other sources that may be contributing to beach closings, such as

discharges from other areas that may be coming downstream, animal, bird, agriculture and other sources.

Old Business –

Members voiced concern that there is still contamination. The task force cares about the source, not just about delisting and the need to divert from the process and focus on the criteria.

Wright – distributed two documents (attached) Beach Closings Target and Candidate De-Listing Criteria. Action Item –**Wright** – in conclusion let's develop criteria and submit to John Riley. We are not confident that the Integrated Report was the sole measure for delisting beach closings. Action Item – Riley will provide us with delisting compilations from other areas.

Adjourn – 12:20 pm moved by **Zimmerman** and supported by **Dworzecki**.

Respectfully submitted, Jo Ellen Strieter, Administrative Contractor

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