

**Approved
Board of Director Minutes**

Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed

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 - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Summary of Meeting's Action Items:

- Submission and acceptance of February 2017 Minutes
 - Treasurer's Update
 - SPAC Update
 - AOC Coordinator Update
 - Beach Closing BUI Task Force Update
 - Prioritize BUI's
 - Watershed Activities
 - PAC Grant Application
 - Next Meeting Date April 3, 2017
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Chair/Wright convened the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Board Members present included: **Dworzecki, Frauson, Hollis, Lipschitz, Ogar, Rowley, Wright and Zimmerman.**

Also present was: **John Riley** – DEQ, **Warren Smith** – Member, **Tom Herek** – Chairman Bay County Commission and **Jo Ellen Strieter**– Administrative Contractor

Motion by Dworzecki to approve the minutes of our Regular Board Meeting held February 6, 2017. **Motion seconded Rowley. Motion Carried without dissent.**

Treasurers Report – Given by **Frauson**. Our November statement showed a \$5,989.15 account balance. We have paid out \$2,416 for administrative contract services. These will be refunded out of the \$25,000 grant from the DEQ. Action Item: **Riley and Ogar**

will check on payment from the contract. **Motion by Dworzecki** to approve treasurer's report. **Motion seconded by Rowley.** **Motion Carried without dissent.**

SPAC Report – **Zimmerman** –Next SPAC Meeting will be March 28 at Crown Plaza in Grand Rapids with AOC Conference to follow on the 29th and 30th Grand Valley State University. Members were encouraged to attend. May 31-June 1 upcoming Legislative Luncheon.

AOC Coordinator Report – **Riley** – Next round of PAC Support Funding is being formalized. If GLRI loses funds 8 states are affected, this funding could affect the PAC Support Grant.

Old Business

Beach Closings BUI Task Force Update – **Wright** – We had useful information provided by our speakers; Tom McDowell – EPA, Shoron Cooper and Carol Injasoulian with Bay City's Waste Water Management Team and Rick Finn from the City of Bay City. Testing shows beach closings are not caused by overflows from Retention Basins. The water coming from the Basins meets standards. Riley will provide us with delisting compilations from other areas. **Motion by Frauson** to approve drafting a letter to the Bay County Health Department to ask to review agreement for water testing between the Bay County Health Department and SVSU. Water quality sampling by Bay County is a critical activity that helps in our understanding of the problem, and that water quality sample results are supposed to be posted online to the BeachGuard System. However we have noticed that some water quality information is not being posted online and are looking for that information to be posted. **Strieter** will draft a letter and pre-submit to **Ogar** and **Wright**.

Wright – asked **Riley** what the relationship between Beachguard and the 303D List was. **Riley** suggested that **Goodwin** would know that answer.

Future potential speakers for meetings could be Brian Wieland with Bay County Farm Bureau and John Porath with the USDA.

Lipschitz – requested that Beach Closing notes be sent to the complete Board of Directors for the Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed.

Prioritization and Planning Document – **Frauson** reported that Beach Closings are the first tab and that next tabs will include eutrophication and aesthetics. Monitoring will go into all three.

PAC Grant Application – We submitted the initial Grant Application for the 2017-2018 year. **Wright** will send a budget spreadsheet and schedule matrix documents to John Riley as amendments to our grant application, based on our communication over the last few weeks. **Riley** – mentioned the Public Sector document from 2011. Members of the group will go over the Public Sector document and highlight areas that do not apply to us. Group feels that the Public Sector document was not a good representation of our area. Things have changed since 2011 we will submit ways that it does not fit us and expand on it. We will submit in writing its shortcomings to represent us.

Action Item – Watershed Activity. The Partnership contacted partners in the area for Watershed Activity that has been or is currently taking place. All information gathered from the January meeting has been put on the website. No new information was provided prior to the February meeting. For March our partners RC&D and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe submitted new activities that will be posted on our website.

April is our Annual Meeting – **Strieter** will contact a keynote speaker. **Wright** noted the need for a slate of candidates.

Rowley made a motion to adjourn and Dworzecki seconded. Motion carried without dissent.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Ellen Strieter – Administrative Contractor

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