

Approved Minutes

Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed

Kyle Bostwick- Director **Zigmunt Dworzecki** - Director **Pete Frauson**- Director
Jim Hergot- Director **Steven F. Kahl**- Director **David Karpovich**- Director
Elan Lipschitz - Director **Laura Ogar**-Vice-Chair **Glenn Rowley** - Director
Joellen Strieter- Administrative Staff **Bill Wright** - Chair **Dennis Zimmerman** - Secretary

02 May, 2016 1p.m. to 3p.m. - Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Bay County Building - 3rd Floor Personnel Conference Room
515 Center Street Bay City, Michigan

Summary of Meeting's Action items:

- Approval of Minutes of the 29 March, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- Appointed **Wright & Ogar** to Nominating Committee for Treasurer
- Approved the investigation of a possible "physical" office site for the PSBW

C/Wright convened the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

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

Absent were: **Bostwick, Hergot, Kahl, and Lipschitz.**

Administrative Staff present was: **Joellen Strieter.**

Also attending were: **Charlie Bauer** - MDEQ - Bay City, **John Riley** - MDEQ – OGL, **Taylor Hollis** - Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, **Terri Scheuerlein**-Scheuerlein Farms, **Warren Smith** -(former) PSBW Chair, and **Joe Toth**-(retiring) PSBW Treasurer.

C/Wright determined that a quorum was present and continued the meeting. The Agenda was approved by consent.

Motion by Zimmerman to approve the Meeting Minutes of 29 March, 2016;

Second by Dworzecki.

Motion Carried without Objection.

Since there has not been a Statewide Public Advisory Council (S.P.A.C.) meeting since the previous PSBW Board Meeting, **Zimmerman** had nothing new to report. **Zimmerman** and **Riley** did answer several questions regarding the on-going work and purpose(s) of the SPAC.

A brief report was given by **Riley** who works as the PSBW - Area of Concern (AOC) Coordinator, for the MDEQ - Office of the Great Lakes (OGL). The primary item was the "wrap-up" of the 2016 Public Advisory Committee (PAC) grant process. Also, at this time, there was some discussion about "muck" in the Saginaw Bay. (which continued on a later agenda item). Finally, **Riley** spoke briefly about a publication from March 2012 entitled: "Saginaw Bay Watershed and Area of Concern", published by the Land Policy Institute - Planning & Zoning Center at Michigan State University, and prepared by Public Sector Consultants of Lansing, MI.

There was other discussion about a Q & A pamphlet from the Great Lakes Commission (GLC) and how it explains the history and clarifies the AOC Program for the eight Great Lakes States and Canada, as well as certain U.S. funding processes for this program, specifically the *Legacy Act*, and, *Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)*. It was determined by consensus that both of these documents would benefit newer members in understanding the AOC program, and an attempt will be made to secure extra copies.

C/Wright requested a few words from **Joe Toth**, the retiring Treasurer of the PSBW, to explain how extensive the job of Treasurer, is, and the time it takes. **C/Wright** then asked for consensus to appoint himself and **Vice-Chair Ogar** as a nominating committee to find candidates for Treasurer.

C/Wright gave a report of the amended terms and amount of the 2016 PAC Grant request. He and **Riley** then answered a few questions regarding the grant. Other discussion on this topic included that Bay County is currently acting as the fiduciary to receive grant monies on behalf of the PSBW. This was a recent change (but not unusual) because previous grants of this type had been made through the Great Lakes Commission, but are now coming directly from MDEQ, and MDEQ requires a "DUNS" identification number. However, even though the PSBW has all the background in place to qualify for a DUNS number, we are disqualified, at the moment, because we do NOT have a physical address (only a PO Box). As a result of this discussion a motion was made:

**Motion by Rowley to investigate the availability of office space from Bay County;
Second by Dworzecki.
Motion Carried without Objection.**

C/Wright spoke of preparation to be made, in advance, of the June Meeting of the PSBW which will include a strong component of "orientation" for newer members. A "package" is being prepared by **Vice-Chair/Ogar**. **Riley** will also provide some pertinent information. **Michelle Bruneau** of the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services will also present the newly printed "*Eat Safe Fish*" informational pamphlet that is unique to Saginaw River and Bay. This meeting will be held on the usual – 1st Monday of the month.....**06 June, 2016 at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** in the Personnel Department Conference Room – 3rd Floor, of the Bay County Building, 515 Center Avenue, Bay City, MI.

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting, there was extensive discussion about the *Beach Closing(s)* Beneficial Use Impairment (BUI), and the relationship of pathogen presence possibilities in muck. In the very near future a task group will be appointed to "revisit" and review the *Beach Closing(s)* BUI removal criteria.

**Motion by Rowley to adjourn:
Second by Dworzecki
Motion Carried without Objection**, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Zimmerman, Secretary