

**Amended May 2018 Minutes (amended 6/4/18)**  
**Board of Director Minutes**  
**Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed**

*Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed Board Members are:*

<b>Taylor Brook</b> – Director	<b>Zygmunt Dworzecki</b> - Director	<b>Pete Frauson</b> - Treasurer
<b>Jim Hergott</b> - Director	<b>David Karpovich</b> – Director	<b>Elan Lipschitz</b> - Director
<b>Laura Ogar</b> -Vice-Chair	<b>Glenn Rowley</b> – Director	<b>Bill Wright</b> – Chair
<b>Dennis Zimmerman</b> - Secretary		

**May 7, 2018 – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm - Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

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

- Submission and acceptance of April 9, 2018 Minutes
- Treasurer’s Update
- SPAC Update
- AOC Coordinator Update
- Annual Meeting updates - Bay County Library System Community Meeting Room for our June 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting 10:30 am - Noon
- **Next Meeting Date, Annual Meeting - June 4, 2018 from 10:30am – Noon at the Jack and Alice Wirt Public Library System Community Meeting Room on the first floor followed by the June Board of Director’s Meeting Noon – 12:30. Location: 500 Center Avenue, Bay City, Michigan.**

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**Wright convened** the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Board Members present included: **Brook, Dworzecki, Lipschitz, Rowley, Wright and Zimmerman**. With **Hergott** on phone. Also present were: **John Riley** – DNR, **Allison Voglesong Zejnati** student with U of M, **Tula Ngasala** MSU Sea Grant Intern and **Jo Ellen Strieter**– Administrative Contractor

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**Motion by Zimmerman** to approve the minutes of our Regular Board Meeting from April 9, 2018. **Motion seconded by Dworzecki. Motion carried without dissent.**

**Administrative Matters:**

**Treasurer’s Report** submitted by **Frauson**: Treasurer’s update: The end of March bank balance was \$7,978.52. with an outstanding check of \$2,680 for Administration and a bill for the P.O. Box, and the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance which is \$450. **Motion by Zimmerman** to accept the treasurer’s report. **Motion seconded by Rowley. Motion carried without dissent.**

**SPAC** report by **Zimmerman**. Reminder that the AOC Conference is May 16-17 in Sheboygan, WI. **Brooks and Zimmerman** will be attending the AOC Conference. No new information on the SPAC local conference was available.

**AOC Coordinator Update – Riley** stated that a letter is being drafted to **Wright** approving our Beach Closing BUI Restoration Criteria with 2 points of clarification.

1. A beach listed on the Beach Guard website without data does not mean it is out of Water Quality Standards compliance.
2. When a beach fails to meet Water Quality Standards, but it is considered to meet BUI Restoration Criteria if active compliance actions are underway, the State of Michigan will be the final arbitrator of the sufficiency of said actions.

**Frauson** shared concern about #2 invalidating the role of the Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed and asked for clarification on what the Partnership's purpose is. **Riley** explained that if a determination cannot be made by the Partnership, #2 would be activated. **Riley** shared that the State of Michigan places value on their relationship with the Partnership and that they see arbitration as their role and that the State of Michigan currently plays a referee role in BUI removal actively. Additionally, if anyone seeks additional input on the Beach Closing BUI Restoration Criteria the Partnership should seek the State out. The State of Michigan is present for clarification. Riley has presented the Restoration Criteria, including the clarification points, to Shannon Briggs, Kevin Goodwin and Kevin O'Donnell with the State of Michigan and EPA. He has not currently heard from O'Donnell.

The new PAC Support Grant will start July 1. **Riley** explained that the Component of the proposal that addresses sampling is currently being discussed by the State of Michigan with Shannon Briggs. The Federal Government has Grant funds available for sampling. The AOC may chip in additional money, other than what we asked for so that other Health Departments in the AOC can also do sampling. **Wright** asked that whoever is requesting or paying for the sampling, could the Partnership please get a copy of the information, even if we are not contributing money for the samples. **Riley** felt that was a reasonable request. **Frauson** mentioned the MSU Study of 2014 from Dr. Rose and that it is very relevant information to what the Partnership has been working on and that we have concerns that we just received it and it is from 2014. There has been a disconnect in supplying the Partnership with information that others have been working on in the AOC. **Riley** mentioned that they are still perfecting the methods used in that study and that it is not a perfectly defined method. Members mentioned that the Singing Bridge and Whites Beach areas may have some agricultural issues and that Huron and Tuscola Counties have some responsibility as well in the AOC. Although the proposal did not include funding for sampling in these counties we are not ignoring them. There is no limitation of interest to just Bay County, we just did not have financial information on sampling for other counties when we submitted our proposal. **Riley** mentioned that if the Partnership gets paid from the DNR Grant to do the sampling that a QAPP (Quality Assurance Project Plan) would be required. If sampling can be funded through another source, we would not have to have a QAPP which would be a better mechanism for relieving some responsibility of the Partnership. **Riley** encouraged everyone to read the Dr. Rose Study.

## **Old Business-**

**Beach Closing BUI Restoration Criteria – Was addressed in the AOC Coordinator's Report.**

**Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed Annual Meeting** – will be held June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Alice and Jack Wirt Library in the Community Room starting at 10:30 am and followed up by our June Board of Directors Meeting. Everything should be done by 12:30 pm. Group discussed a Nominating Committee and discussed whether someone being nominated could be on the nominating committee. There are 6 open slots. With Zimmerman, Brook, Rowley and Hergott interested in being on the Board of Directors again this took care of the nominating committee responsibility. Jacob Bennett, with Congressman Dan Kildee’s Office was suggested as a potential board member. **Wright** is to follow up with him and with Ogar and Karpovich.

### **New Business-**

**Wright** introduced the prospect of using funds from the Partnership’s Saginaw Community Foundation Endowment to support some sampling. Could be discussed further at the Annual Meeting.

Visiting U of M Student **Allison Voglesong Zejnati** gave an overview of the thesis which will be giving suggestions to the Office of the Great Lakes on how PAC’s can move smoothly through delisting. Previously no one has asked Partnership Board Member for their thoughts. The thesis will be able to identify some different characteristics of each PAC.

**Motion by Zimmerman** to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 pm. **Motion seconded by Dworzecki.**

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Ellen Strieter – Administrative Contractor

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