

Amended June 2018 Minutes
Board of Director Minutes
Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed

Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed Board Members are:

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| Taylor Brook – Director | Zygmunt Dworzecki - Director | Pete Frauson - Treasurer |
| Jim Hergott - Director | Elan Lipschitz - Director | Laura Ogar -Vice-Chair |
| Robin Oeming – Director | Glenn Rowley – Director | Bill Wright – Chair |
| Dennis Zimmerman - Secretary | | |

June 4, 2018 – 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm - Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library – Community Room
500 Center Avenue - Bay City, Michigan

Summary of Meeting’s Action Items:

- Submission and acceptance of May 7, 2018 Minutes
- **Wright** authorized to update Grant Proposal with GLRI
- Tobico Marshland Revitalization Update
- U of M Students to interview some members on “Life after Delisting”. **Strieter** to forward information.
- **Next Meeting Date, July 9, 2018 from 10:00 – Noon at the Bay County Building 515 Center Avenue in the 3rd Floor Personnel Conference Room**

Wright convened the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Board Members present included: **Brook, Dworzecki, Frauson, Hergott, Lipschitz, Ogar, Rowley, Wright and Zimmerman.** Also present were: **John Riley** – DNR, **Allison Voglesong Zejnati** student with U of M, **Dave Karpovich** - SVSU and **Jo Ellen Strieter**– Administrative Contractor

Motion by Zimmerman to approve the amended minutes of our Regular Board Meeting from May 7, 2018. **Motion seconded by Hergott.** **Discussion** - Suggestion by **Riley** to amend minutes to read A beach listed on the Beach Guard website without data does not mean it is out of Water Quality Standards compliance, instead of A beach listed on the Beach Guard website without data does not mean it meets Water Quality Standards compliance. **Motion carried without dissent.**

Note for Clarification: If a beach is listed in Beach Guard but there is no data, no data is no data without conclusions.

Administrative Matters:

Treasurer’s Report submitted by **Frauson** was given at Annual Meeting held previously to this meeting.

SPAC report by **Zimmerman** was given at Annual Meeting.

AOC Coordinator Update – Riley reported at Annual Meeting.

Old Business-

Motion by Zimmerman for **Wright** to have authorization to update Grant Proposal with GLRI.
Motion seconded by Frauson. Motion carried without dissent.

New Business-

Wright informed about the Tobico Marshland Revitalization Update. This brief Overview of *“This proposed project will provide plantings for approximately 21.5 acres of coastal wetland areas, primarily at Tobico Marsh, which is well-documented impaired marshland flowing into Saginaw Bay - an internationally recognized Area of Concern (AOC). Trees and shrubs will be utilized to enhance filtration from runoff due to nearby agricultural lands adjacent to the marsh, as well as providing additional habitat creation. A tree planting plan will be developed by a Certified Arborist and project partners including: the Bay County Conservation District (BCCD), State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Bay City State Recreation Area (BCSRA), Kawkawlin Township, and Kawkawlin River Watershed Association (KRWA). Over 2,500 native tree and shrub plantings, such as willow trees and button bush, are proposed for implementation on the fringe areas of the wetland/marshland and will create a buffer to from upland areas and excess nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment in the runoff. These plantings will also reduce the clogging issues that have plagued the existing culverts within the marshland, restoring a natural flow and filtering the incoming waters.”*

Project Timeline:

April 13, 2017 – US Forest Service (USFS) Proposal submitted. Fiduciary: Kawkawlin River Watershed Association (KRWA).

Additional project partners include: Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Bay City State Recreation Area (BCSRA), Saginaw Valley State University/Delta College (SVSU), Bay County Conservation District (BCCD)

Wright shared details about the U of M students that will be visiting at our July 9th Meeting and that they may be interviewing some member on “Life after Delisting. **Strieter** will forward correspondence to all members.

Public Comments-

Ogar attended a Wetland Delineation Training on May 21-25, 2018 instructed by Todd Losee, James Sallee, Keto Gyekis, Michael Pennington. This course covered all aspects of wetland delineation focusing on a 3 criteria system.

Motion by Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 pm. **Motion seconded by Lipschitz.**

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Ellen Strieter – Administrative Contractor

Financial assistance for this project was provided, in part, by the Michigan Areas of Concern Program, Office of the Great Lakes, Department of Environmental Quality, and by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, through a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.”

