

**Amended Approved Minutes
Board of Director Minutes**

Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed

Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed Board Members are:

Zygmunt Dworzecki - Director

Taylor Hollis – Director

Laura Ogar-Vice-Chair

Dennis Zimmerman - Secretary

Pete Frauson- Treasurer

David Karpovich– Director

Glenn Rowley – Director

Jim Hergott- Director

Elan Lipschitz - Director

Bill Wright – Chair

June 5, 2017 - 1 pm to 3:00 pm - 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 May 2017 Minutes
 - Treasurer's Update
 - SPAC Update
 - AOC Coordinator Update
 - Beach Closing BUI Task Force Update
 - Prioritization & Planning Document
 - Watershed Activities
 - PAC Grant Application 2017-18
 - Next Meeting Date July 10, 2017
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Chair/Wright convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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

On Conference Line: **Hergott**

Also present were: **Kip Cronk** – Member and **Jo Ellen Strieter**– Administrative Contractor

Motion by Zimmerman to approve the minutes of our Regular Board Meeting held May 1, 2017. **Motion seconded Dworzecki. Motion Carried without dissent.**

Administrative Matters: -

Frauson gave the treasurer's report including recently paying a bill for \$65.00 for the P.O. Box. No balance was given.

Zimmerman gave the SPAC update with no meeting being held since our last meeting. Dennis will be unable to attend the next meeting and offered the opportunity to someone else from the Board to attend.

No AOC report was given.

Beach Closing BUI Task Force Update: working toward a BUI Removal Standard Criteria Statement, inclusive of 95% of the number of samples for E. coli taken at a pre-selected list of Saginaw Bay beaches and reported in the Beach Guard database should not exceed the daily geometric mean full-body contact Water Quality Standard of 300 E. coli per 100 ml. during 3 consecutive years. Further, not more than 1% of the sample results should exceed the partial-body contact water quality standard of 1000 E. coli per 100 ml.

The Task Group will work on formalizing this statement via emails and will present at the next beach closings task meeting.

Prioritization & Planning Document: Frauson – Eutrophication looks like a good next BUI delisting direction to head in. It was suggested that we contact Charlie Bauer have him explain what is going on with Eutrophication.

Modeling has been done on phosphorus in the Saginaw River. In 2012 a determination was made that the Saginaw Bay was not meeting the Standard.

We need to keep an eye on sanitation water, it could have phosphorus. Rare storm events do not have phosphorus removal. Plants/foundries have phosphorus removal.

Hollis – would like to present on LaMPs at a future board meeting. (Lakewide Management Plans (LaMPs) stem from the 1987 amendments to the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, originally signed by the United States and Canada in 1972. This historic agreement committed both countries "to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the waters of the Great Lakes basin ecosystem." To meet this commitment, the two governments agreed to develop and implement LaMPs for open lake waters and Remedial Action Plans (RAPs) for specific geographic Areas of Concern (AOCs). LaMPs are intended to identify critical pollutants that affect beneficial uses of the lakes and to present strategies, recommendations and policy options to restore those beneficial uses. Historically, LaMPs for lakes Erie, Michigan, Ontario and Superior have been developed with guidance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Environment Canada. Through an iterative approach, these documents were updated and re-released every two years to incorporate new data and public input. The new approach to LaMPS is more advanced and will be released every 5 years, after an intense monitoring season. Lake Superior was the first to release a LaMP under the new guidance in 2016. In the new version, then intention is to identify

the state of each Lake in terms of the General Objectives in the GLWQA and actions that agencies are taking to improve the state of the lakes).

Laura will get NOAA Report which will have information on Phosphorus and Sweetwater Sea (Mission - To bring the beauty and challenges which face North America's Great Lakes to everyone).

Beach guard does not always have all the information filled in like water temperature, wind speeds. Pete will ask students if they are writing that information down.

We will work on sending a letter to Joel Strasz about information on survey forms we would like to see reported in beach guard.

PAC Grant Application 2017-18

We have not received any new information on our application. We would be interested in seeing additional public education planning and prioritization strategies for public involvement.

New Business

We can scan partners websites for information we should be linking to our website.

State of the Bay Conference will be 9/27/17 at the Doubletree in Bay City.

Discussion about a seeking a separate grant for Muck Testing. Maybe we should apply to MICORP for eutrophication testing. Discussed Muck Legacy account funding and possibly considering <http://thewetnet.net/#> for measuring indicators for eutrophication and using BaySail to take sampling.

Meeting was adjourned at 2pm with a **Motion by Dworzecki with Motion seconded by Zimmerman.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Ellen Strieter – Administrative Contractor

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