

August 2018 Minutes
Board of Director Minutes
Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed

Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed Board Members are:

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		

August 6, 2018 – 10:00 pm to 12:00 pm - Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Summary of Meeting's Action Items:

- Submission and acceptance of July 9, 2018 Minutes
- Eutrophication Task Group formed to meet from 9am-10am before our regularly scheduled board meetings, first meeting September 10th at 9 am.
- Letter to GLRI and Government Officials about our AOC. **Strieter** to gather information for **Wright** to draft letter.
- **Hergott** to gather additional drains that should be added to the monitoring list.
- **Frauson** will reach out to get accurate source tracking list.
- **Ogar** to forward state law and local ordinance to **Strieter** for distribution to the group.
- Letter to John Riley to gather and receive information about drains. **Frauson** and **Wright** to work on.
- **Strieter** to collect the names of lawn companies.
- **Next Meeting Date, September 10, 2018 from 10:00 – Noon at the Bay County Building 515 Center Avenue in the 3rd Floor Personnel Conference Room. Eutrophication Task Group to meet prior to this meeting at 9am same location.**

Wright convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Board Members present included: **Dworzecki, Frauson, Ogar, Rowley, Wright and Zimmerman.** **Hergott** was on phone. Also present were: **Meaghan Gass** – Michigan State University Sea Grant Extension Agent and **Jo Ellen Strieter**– Administrative Contractor

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

Administrative Matters:

Treasurer's Report submitted by **Frauson**, we have a June balance of \$5,316.52. We received reimbursement of \$2,680 from our PAC support grant. We have received invoices for \$3,520 for contactor services and \$20 for licensure from the State of Michigan.

Motion by Zimmerman to accept the treasurer's report. **Motion seconded by Dworzecki.**

Motion carried without dissent.

SPAC report by **Zimmerman** included the next SPAC meeting will be held in mid-September or early October in Torch Lake of the Keweenaw AOC. Members discussed the GLRI meeting held at SVSU. Attendees could make a comment on the 5 Focus Areas. We will make comment(s) and submit on behalf of the AOC. We will also draft a letter to the Governor, Attorney General and John Allen about our AOC and what we are working on including Beach Closings, Eutrophication which will include thanking them for holding the GLRI meeting in our AOC, and financially supporting our efforts. **Strieter** read the Focus Areas to the group as listed in the GLRI Website under their Action Plan. **Strieter** will send a starter letter to **Wright** for beginning the draft letter mentioned above.

AOC Report – Riley was not present and did not submit an AOC Report prior to the meeting.

Old Business –

Beach Closings BUI Restoration Criteria Update: We have the office of the Great Lakes approval.

Eutrophication Task Group: Will meet at 9 am on the same day as our Board Meeting. **Strieter** will reserve a room. **Tula Ngsala** and **Meaghan Gass** with the Michigan State Sea Grant and **Ogar** will join the Eutrophication Task Group of **Zimmerman, Frauson, Brook, Wright** and **Dworzecki**. This group will focus part of its effort on a public education campaign to reduce Phosphorus fertilizer usage. **Ogar** will forward State Law and Local Ordinance on Phosphorus to **Strieter** for distribution to the Group. **Strieter** will gather the names of the lawn companies in the area.

New Business –

Saginaw Bay monitoring locations and beach contaminant source tracking project update:

Hergott will check on additional drains in Arenac that should be added to our project and **Frauson** will reach out to get an accurate source tracking list.

On letterhead addressed to John Riley, **Wright** and **Frauson** will send a summary letter to gather information about sampling those sites, drains sampling program and to let them know that we are looking forward to these results. It is important that we are involved in this process.

Other – Gass invited us to join local, state, and federal partners on Friday, August 31 at 1:30 p.m. in the first reintroduction of juvenile sturgeon into the Cass River in Frankenmuth.

Motion by Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting at 12 pm, **seconded by Dworzecki**.

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Ellen Strieter – Administrative Contractor

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