

Approved Meeting Notes

Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed **Eutrophication Task Group Meeting**

Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed Board Members are:

Taylor Brook – Director

Jim Hergott- Director

Robin Oeming – Director

Dennis Zimmerman - Secretary

Zygmunt Dworzecki - Director

Elan Lipschitz - Director

Glenn Rowley – Director

Pete Frauson- Treasurer

Laura Ogar-Vice-Chair

Bill Wright – Chair

September 10, 2018 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Bay County Building - 3rd Floor Personnel Conference Room

515 Center Street Bay City, Michigan

Summary of Meeting's Action items:

- *First meeting of the Task Group for Eutrophication. Chair/Wright* convened the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Team Members present included: **Brook, Dworzecki, Frauson, Gass, Ngsala, Wright and Zimmerman.**

Also attending were: **Eric Parker** – Central Michigan University and **Jo Ellen Strieter** - Administrative Contractor.

Goals and Objectives:

Wright – shared information from the Measures of the Success that addressed reducing phosphorous to change the balance of organisms in the water. Previously we have removed other BUI's such as Taste and Odor Problems in Drinking Water, which was related to several issues, including algae. Nutrients end up affecting other aspects of our eco system.

We need to address the aspects of this issue that we will have the greatest impact on.

Dworzecki mentioned the Michigan Clean Water Group that has stated nitrogen is the biggest effect on clean water.

Suggestions and Discussion

1. Inviting a representative of SVSU and Joel from the Bay County Health Department to discuss nitrogen and phosphorus levels in the bay.
2. Beach Guard has very little information on algae. Northeast wind has not brought a lot of stuff up from the water this year. There has been little or no muck. The Army Corp of Engineers puts out a report every Friday on water levels. Bio mass did not wash up this year.
3. Zimmerman – submitted a Eutrophication or Undesirable Algae document to assist with potential BUI restoration. Strieter to send the document to the Task Group.
4. If septic systems on the Bay are a source, educating the community would be a plan.

5. Zimmerman suggested task group members look up Professor Bob Carlson from Kent State and his articles Carlson Trophic State.

Motion by Brook to create two sub-groups of this Eutrophication Task Force:

1. Education and Outreach regarding phosphorus usage.
2. Study the Michigan Restoration Criteria and Assessment and research Criteria for the delisting of the Saginaw Bay under Eutrophication or Undesirable Algae.

Motion seconded by Zimmerman. Motion carried without dissent.

Discussion followed suggesting that there will be two different branches of the Task Force. Two different meetings, possibly two different meetings per month.

Adjourned at 10:00 am

Respectfully submitted, Jo Ellen Strieter, Administrative Contractor

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