

**Michigan Statewide Public Advisory Council Meeting**  
**June 27, 2018**  
**Zehnders**  
**730 S. Main Street, Frankenmuth, MI**

**Attendees:**

Matt Doss, GLC, Laura Ogar, Saginaw River/bay AOC, Jonathon Beard, PSC, Richard Micka, River Raisin AOC, Dennis Zimmerman, Saginaw River/Bay AOC, Jo Ellen Strieter, Saginaw River/Bay AOC, John Riley, MDNR, OGL, Paulette Duhaime, St. Clair River AOC, Patty Troy, St Clair River AOC, Dick Norton, U of M, Melanie Foose, MDNR, OGL, Allison Voglesong Zejnati, U of M, Mary Bohling, Detroit River AOC, Rick Hobrla, MDNR, OGL, Charlie Bauer, MDEQ, Robert Burns, Detroit River AOC, Dan Ballnik, Rouge River, Bill Craig, Rouge River AOC, Horst Schmidt, Torch Lake, Rachel Coale, MDNR, OGL, Christina Pastoria, MDNR, OGL, Ginny Berry, MDNR, OGL, Mark Evans, Muskegon Lake AOC, Kathy Evans, Muskegon Lake AOC, Mark Evans, Muskegon Lake AOC, Matt Tomlinson, MDEQ,

**Phone:** \_Jen Tewkesbury, OGL, Rob Eisinger, DNR, \_Catie Nigrelli, EPA GLNPO

**Welcome, Introductions, Review of Agenda (Mary Bohling, SPAC Chair)**

Mary welcomed all, and introductions were completed.

**Review/Approve Minutes from October 10, 2018 SPAC Meeting (Mary Bohling, SPAC Chair)**

Minutes were approved.

**Election of SPAC Chair and Vice-Chair (Mary Bohling, SPAC Chair)**

Mary Bohling was nominated to continue for another year as SPAC chair and Jamie McCarthy was nominated for Vice Chair. No other nominations were put forward. Both were elected.

**Status of SPAC Representative Appointments (Rick Hobrla, OGL)**

SPAC representatives are supposed to be appointed on staggered two-year schedules. The OGL has fallen behind documenting SPAC appointments. In the next couple of months, hoping to get letters out to PAC Chairs. Rick will communicate directly with the PAC Chairs.

**Roles and Responsibilities Document (Rick Hobrla, OGL)**

The Roles and Responsibilities document was drafted several years ago and almost made a DEQ policy, but for bureaucratic reasons, it was never finalized. The OGL is now reconsidering finalizing the document and is seeking input.

There was discussion as to how the document related to the SPAC bylaws and whether there was a need for two separate documents. The OGL invited SPAC members to provide comments and expects to make additional edits to the document. SPAC members were encouraged to share the document with their PACs.

**Travel Reimbursement**

Reimbursement process used will be the same process state employees use with limits on lodging and meals, select cities, etc. For select city, allowances are higher. For lodging, we are limited to that

amount unless a hotel is designated, or if advance approval is received. The significant difference is in the mileage. SPAC members will be paid 0.545 cents per mile, state employees will receive 0.345. Advance approval is necessary if more than one member attends, sharing lodging and travel, for their meals to be covered.

To speed up reimbursement, you must be registered through the system as a vendor. Also, receipts must be itemized, and not just credit card receipts.

### **Revised SPAC Bylaws (John Riley, OGL)**

John stated the 1995 Bylaws were reviewed by an SPAC subcommittee and a revision was drafted. Things were cut down to basics, the mission statement was simplified, laid out membership eligibility, officers, and he noted there may be some overlap with the other Roles and Responsibilities document.

During discussion, there issues raised about terms of office and the need to sometimes fill positions prior to terms being completed. Flexibility may need to be built into the language. There was a motion made and seconded to table a decision on approving the revised bylaws until the next SPAC meeting. A vote was taken, and it passed.

### **Updated Statewide Delisting Guidance (Rick Hobrla, OGL)**

Rick explained the history of the delisting guidance. We proposed additional changes to the removal criteria for three Beneficial Use Impairments (BUIs) and redrafted the document. It was sent to EPA and proposed changes were encouraged. EPA has revised their documentation of the federal delisting process, but there has been reorganization in management which has delayed approval.

Since we've been treating it as a final document, it will be formally finalized within the next month or so without EPA concurrence. No conflicts are anticipated from EPA when we alert them of its finalization. We will also remove the "draft" on the website and let all know it's finalized.

Also, our transfer to DNR included change in budget responsibilities. Jonathan Doyle has been our financial person. We will not move our budget from DEQ to DNR until October 1, so financially we're still considered DEQ. In October we will be DNR. Rob Eisinger is half-time assigned for budget support for our office. It's an ongoing transition from Jon to Rob, and Rob has gradually been taking that on. By October, he will be taking it on fully. He is also learning about SIGMA.

SIGMA (Statewide Integrated Governmental Management Applications) is replacing all accounting systems for the past 20 years. It is basically everything financial that the state does, and it is problematic for everyone. It has improved from taking several months to process our expense reports to now approximately one month, if there are no complications.

### **SIGMA (Rob Eisinger, DNR)**

Rob Eisinger joined us on the phone and introduced himself. He started working with the DNR in April, so he's transitioning. He prefers we contact him with questions. He will share his phone number with all.

### **OGL Report Out (Rick Hobrla and Christina Pastoria, OGL)**

- OGL Transfer

OGL has been transferred to DNR as of December 28, 2017. It should not impact the program or this group. DNR is much less centralized than DEQ. Our office has more autonomy in making decisions, but if we have problems or questions, DNR leaves it up to the division to decide.

The DEQ Director is a direct appointment of the Governor. The DNR Director reports through the Natural Resources Commission, which reports to the Governor. DEQ will receive a new Director with the new governor. In January, the DEQ director will be gone immediately, the DNR director may not leave.

We are still in Constitution Hall, hoping not to have to move to the DNR side of the building when the new Governor comes in. The OGL Director, Jon Allan, is a direct appointment. We anticipate he will be gone with the new governor. It's possible the Director position may be vacant temporarily or he may be asked to stay as caretaker until a new Director is appointed.

At this point, there doesn't appear to be any large problems with OGL transferring from DEQ.

- GLRI Capacity Grant

Primary funding for our program that covers OGL staff, PAC support grants, and the SPAC, is now a cooperative agreement with EPA, and we're in the third year of a three-year agreement. The Federal government continues to fund GLRI at what they're funding now (\$300 million). We are optimistic it will be funded at the full level. Our current grant expires March 31, 2019 and the new grant expected to start April 1, 2019. We won't run out of funding, but we must end external agreements a couple of months before ours ends. We may have a 1-3-month gap for external agreements. EPA agreed to talk about the possibility of offering us an extension to avoid a gap. Hopefully we will get an extension, or they will issue the next grant two months early.

Robert Burns noted the need to get grant agreements out earlier. Their PAC's role is expanding.

- Economic Analysis Request For Proposals (RFP)

Christina Pastoria is the very first economic analyst that the DEQ has ever hired. She's been working on the RFP to try to find groups working on economic modelling and to allow us to build economics into decision-making projects to fund.

The RFP went out at the end of March and closed at the end of May. We will try to get a common denominator between the two, so we can compare and stack projects optimally. Once created, the decision will be made after July 4. Seven proposals were received. The RFP was written so it could be expanded, and the tools created would not only be for AOCs.

She explained that it can be retrospective, that it's a support tool to help show the greatest economic value, and that it will help us to decide between projects. Any project could be considered by this tool, but we have to figure out how it will fit in to the decision support system.

This tool will help us make decisions and if it works well, it will help us to tell a story about all resources pumped into projects with other economic benefits to build a bigger picture for everyone else not concerned about BUIs. It is a way to understand environmental benefits.

- Federal / State Area Coordinating Committee (FEDSTACC)  
OGL will be audited for the first time in its 30-year history (programmatic audit). Over the next month they will talk with our staff about what we do and how we do it. In a month we will find out if they're done or if they will dive deeper. If they do, they will finish in September or October. We will have more information at the next meeting.

FEDSTAAC is a collection of agencies and the state AOC program representatives which formed 15 years ago. The general purpose is communicating over the AOC Program. It died out roughly 5 years ago because GLNPO did not have resources to keep it going. The OGL is setting up an agreement with the Great Lake Commission to provide support for the group.

- Michigan PFAS Action Report Team (MPART)  
PFAS – issues are across the entire country, some are in Michigan - Lower Clinton Lake, and Lake St Clair

The Governor has formed the MPART. There is more information on the website.

**U of M Michigan Engaging Community in the Classroom (MECC) (Paul Fontaine and Dick Norton, U of M)**

Dick Norton and Dr. Paul Fontaine are with the University of Michigan. Dick Norton is a Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, and Dr. Fontaine is the Program Manager of the Michigan Engaging Community through the Classroom (MECC) Initiative. MECC is a new initiative offering education, research, and service. They come in to help as a partner, they don't take over.

Dick Norton worked on the concept of life after delisting. The other work he's done is with CZM trying to help coastal communities care about their coastlines or coastal management. They tried to link what's going on with AOC Programs and Coastal Management Programs.

Sustainability, smart growth, and resilient communities.

**Great Lakes Commission update (Matt Doss)**

Doing travel reimbursement for AOC Conference. Some is done, waiting for others. If you have questions, see Matt. Next year's AOC Conference is tentatively planned for Cleveland. New Executive Director for the Great Lakes Commission is Darren Nichols. There is a new office also in Ann Arbor on the south side. If you need to visit, please be sure to get the new address.

We advocate for GLRI. Meet with officials and make cases for what you're doing with AOCs. Keep them informed, take them out, show them.

Congress finalized the GLRI at \$300 million. House and Senate put GLRI funding at 300 million. We're in a good place for continued funding. The farm bill is working its way through congress. The House has passed it, and the Senate is debating it right now

Funding is need for building a new large Soo Lock. Two lock currently exists, but only one can handle the larger freighters. It's over 50 years old, so we need a new second large lock. Looking to promote funding for it. Ballast water – prevent spread of aquatic invasive species. It's been a difficult issue. Hopefully it can move forward.

Tinka Hyde was reassigned to a new position at EPA. Chris Korleski is returning as Director of the Great Lakes National Program Office. The EPA is developing a new 5-year action plan for the Great Lakes Regional Initiative. The Great Lakes Commission is collaborating on a study of the economic impacts of the GLRI.

### **Point of sale septic ordinance**

Within mi house, legislature has been introduced for a statewide septic code; HB 5752 and HB 5753.

Statewide sanitary codes are being proposed. Pending legislation would require that those be phased out. It would prohibit them from having a point of sale program when this statewide program takes place. It would give them 2-3 years. Some mortgage or lending institutions will require assurance that that septic system is functioning. Look it up to learn more about it.

### **Frankenmuth Dam Project (Sheila Stamiris, Frankenmuth Downtown Development Authority)**

Sheila Stamiris:

Frankenmuth Dam & Fish Passage Project Presentation

Frankenmuth collaborated with Partnership for Saginaw Bay and they started with the dam study. They built a rock ramp to help fish get through the dam to spawn. The project took 13 years from start to finish. They had many hurdles, but eventually made it. GLRI funding 65%/35% with the u>s. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

They kept the river profile, boats are running, and fish are passing over the barrier. They've found 15 species upstream that they didn't have before. The goal is to catch fish downstream, tag upstream, and they will monitor for three years.

### **Thursday, June 28, 2018**

#### **Call to Order, Review of Agenda (Mary Bohling, SPAC Chair)**

#### **PAC Reports (All)**

##### **St. Clair AOC**

Paulette reported finished seventh annual sturgeon festival on June 2. They had over 650 people come through. Success and biggest education outreach event.

Currently working on drinking water and fish consumption BUIs. Working with Melanie Foose to write BUI removal document for drinking water subcommittee AOC. Also hosting science symposiums to summarize research on fish consumption.

Working on maintenance of habitat projects and developing relationships with habitat owners to maintain habitat projects.

Received presentation from Enbridge on replacement of #5 line under St. Clair River. They will put another pipe in under the current pipe.

Did interviews with U of M students on March 4, June 13, and another one planned in July. Coordinating with SEMCOG and OGL on St Clair River and will hopefully be complete next year.

### **Rouge AOC**

Bill Craig announced that three projects are underway. Henry Ford fishway started this week, and work will start at Oxbow. Contracts were approved for Nankin Lake restoration, and the permitting phase will begin. Two new projects will receive EPA funding for wetlands restoration and work at Northville Fish Hatchery Park. The Lower Rouge River water trail is gaining momentum and will be a good opportunity for public education. Revealed small fish in big numbers which was good. Invasive species management – grant to work on phragmites. Grant completed in 2017 and the American Public Works Association was awarded project of the year for that invasive species management work.

### **Saginaw AOC**

An update on beach closings criteria was established and accepted by state. They will look at eutrophication criteria next.

They would like to know where e-coli and contamination is coming from. The problem is, samples are corrupted and cannot be tested unless high up in the tributaries. They are checking into what could be corrupting the samples. They're wondering if it is compound or chemical. Possibly residual effects of leftover core sand dumped into the bay which was low-level radioactive. Many possibilities.

### **Detroit River AOC**

Sugar Island project working on design proposals.

- The goal of the Okonoka Lake project at Belle Isle is to connect the lake to the river. Milliken Park is a DNR AOC project and underway.
- EPA work on upper riverfront parks project is currently underway.
- The EPA is currently working on a program to determine property owners along the Detroit River for potential Great Lakes Legacy Sediment Act partners.
- The Remediation Program in the Lower Detroit River EPA project is moving along.
- The Fort Wayne sturgeon reef project was completed. All seven reef projects in the St. Clair-Detroit River corridor have found eggs and are doing well.
- They're working with U of M students on interviews and, it is interesting.

### **Saginaw Bay AOC**

Laura Ogar shared Saginaw Bay had a pretty significant reef. Sediment loading has declined from Saginaw River and certain areas where they can move forward to do restoration of Saginaw fish spawning reefs. There has been a first preconstruction assessment, and they were awarded \$1 million to the near shore and deeper water reef construction project in inner Saginaw Bay.

Large number of walleye. Most fish have been spawning in tributaries, so this would provide resiliency for spawning habitat for lake and river spawners. A sturgeon release is being planned for this fall. Laura

shared experts who've done river reefs in the St. Clair River and the Detroit River are the folks working on hers. Sturgeon are river spawners typically, but she believes sturgeon will spawn on rock reefs.

### **Torch Lake AOC**

Horst shared Torch Lake is in mining district and they're into second mining cycle. They have a consulting engineer who's started planning process to figure out what to do with the degradation of benthos BUI. They are looking to see if there's a simple way to increase the rate of sedimentation to the lake bottom.

The DEQ is still cleaning up toxics, etc.

The EPA and state superfund supervisor are coming in middle of July to see what is happening with caps on tailings which may be in danger of eroding.

There was much rain in the Houghton area recently, so there were infrastructure problems, and the state highway was closed for a while due to debris with mud waist high. Basic things are done, and infrastructure is there. They are open for business.

Storms, asbestos, mercury, etc., all hold up projects being finished.

### **River Raisin**

Dick Micka state the Raisin PAC is embodied within the city government and controlled by city council. They had nine BUIs and five BUIs have been removed with four remaining BUIs

The Custers from USGS came back and are doing swallow studies in Monroe. Did interview with U of M people.

Doing restoration on Plum Creek where eagles are abundant.

The I-75 highway through the Monroe area is being reconstructed and they are incorporating a number of environmental projects in the will corridor. Will be doing something in Monroe in five phases.

### **Muskegon Lake AOC**

Muskegon Lake projects are under way, some construction, design, monitoring success, etc. Expecting all management actions to be done in 2020. Already removed four BUIs. Five more are related to management action projects. Six projects are under NOAA and GLRI funding. Their habitat project inspired other restoration projects, and she had picture of the fountain refurbished. They're working with funds through MDOT to revise that plan.

They have a project taking out debris because it is smothering benthos. They also have a project in design phase which will reconnect Muskegon River to the celery farm. Similar to the project on Bear Creek where the same thing was done.

Working at nature preserve and former standard oil dock, Amoco property, under design.

Two legacy projects underway. The Zephyr oil refinery cleanup will also restore wetlands. Ryerson Creek is the other project. There are many delays that will affect the finish date.

The DEQ is using GLRI funds for remediation of a former oil well leaking into Bear Lake – Fenner's Ditch. This will help them remove the aesthetics BUIs and improve conditions in the area.

Eutrophication BUI is finding good results in reduced phosphorous in Bear Lake. Wetlands and habitat will be the first BUIs to be removed and Legacy Act projects and Habitat projects will take longer for BUI removal.

What to do after delisting on Muskegon Lake – did get a grant from the Coastal Zone Management Program to do resiliency on Muskegon Lake.

There is a lot of damage along Muskegon Lake shoreline due to storms. Also damaged are hard infrastructure and habitats. The action plan has been completed for Muskegon Lake plan and it is getting out in the public for people to use. They proposed a habitat plan and received a three-year cooperative agreement.

Largest kayak manufacturing company put its headquarters on Muskegon Lake. The Water Trail Plan was completed several years ago. They identified top locations for improving kayak launching on Muskegon Lake to be more connected to Lake Michigan.

Mark Evans shared he worked at paper mill that was on Muskegon Lake. It was full of washing machines, drums, car parts, etc., and they pulled out 2000 pounds of debris. They made it into annual event and now have a neighborhood association and public schools who come down to help. Take down invasive plants, put up bird houses, etc. Now a beautiful lakeside park people use on regular basis instead of a dump. Are looking at putting kayak launch there. Working on getting people to come back and enjoy it.

### Healing Our Waters

Annual Healing Our Waters Great Lakes conference will be held in Detroit this year, so Melanie is representing OGL on the planning team. Melanie said still early for agenda. Received a record number of proposals for presentations (78).

### **U of M Feedback on Seelbach's past class and thoughts on next class (All)**

Dr. Paul Seelbach is working with the OGL on several AOC initiatives. He was unavailable for this meeting. Rick says could be confusing dealing with different initiatives due to overlap and number of things going on. Hopefully, will be clearer. Presentation to SPAC yesterday was broadest covering four different schools. Projects today are more specific. Paul taught this class and hopes to teach again next winter.

The class that Paul taught had 11 students. It started in January and ran through April, and they looked at the Michigan AOC Program and more specifically at four AOCs and interviewed PACs to split into teams. PACs were Detroit, St. Clair, Rouge, and Saginaw. Each team did a presentation and wrote a paper.

Paul hopes to attend next SPAC meeting. Rick requested feedback from PACs on interaction with students.

Dennis Zimmerman – PACs are not experiencing fatigue from students, they're a breath of fresh air. More packs that could be involved would give them a better idea. They should meet with AOC coordinators at AOCs and get a better sense of what's going on.

Robert Burns – all are there for the same reasons. They're very positive and insightful.

Bill Craig – No fatigue. Rouge AOC is open to any visits at any time. He thinks you would need more time at the AOC. They should have the opportunity to talk to different stakeholders with different views. Also, they should talk to some consultants.

Rick said almost all students wished they could have gone to the PACs twice.

Charlie Bauer – it would be beneficial to come and stay in area and go out and interview key stakeholders in watershed that work with the PAC. Get a broader idea of issues in AOC. This is probably some kind of agreement to work out with other universities.

Dick Micka – Time was short, but they missed community dynamics that go into this and leadership that's there. They should have time to interview with many others.

Laura Ogar – We welcomed input and it was refreshing. Maybe early on go over what your goals are so we could give you feedback and help you with them. The RAP is critical and necessary for more success.

Rick said comments will be shared with Dr. Seelbach.

#### **U of M Masters Team project (Juliana Lisuk, Ben Pollins, Collin Knauss, U of M)**

#### **U of M Masters Thesis project (Allison Voglesong Zejnati U of M)**

**Ben Pollins** – They are all excited to get to know everyone and are grateful for conversations had.

Project – Conversations – looking for themes or patterns that allow the AOC Program to grow and function effectively and how the momentum that has built in last three decades might continue using smart and creative ways and how we can find literature that will help explain how that works too.

Collin Knauss – a lot of the communities are in transition phase and it is important to highlight that. Sometimes there is more value in planning than in the actual plan. They have gone to ten AOCs – all five in southeast Michigan and just finished in the U.P. It has been valuable in seeing differences in problems. They set out to do interviews to look at hopes, fears, and challenges each PAC is facing.

Rouge River – tried to focus groups into having variety of perspective.

They will continue to do this until the end of July, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, White Lake and Saginaw. They do feel it is the tip of the iceberg, but it is important to start somewhere and are very appreciative of all that has been done so far.

Juliana Lisuk – It's given them a whole new perspective to see what is in the community and passion going into all of this. They will provide a report with recommendations with strategies they might use in moving forward to delisting and beyond. Hoping recommendations may also meld into OGL. Will work through April of next year and keep us in the loop of how it goes.

Charlie Bauer – are you looking at the community’s perception on the resource and how and when that perception shifts towards the sense that they are part of the AOC to their appreciating the river and bay to asset to the community? Juliana said yes, that has been part of the interviews.

Allison Voglesong Zejnati – she shared overview of her thesis research. OGL had asked her why some of these AOCs are progressing at different rates than others? She’s looking at what their factors are at PAC level that are helping us move the process forward, and what factors are holding it back? Surveys are not for PAC members. It is important that AOCs are the ones involved. What her research is seeking is what factors are in common? She is using five case study sites. Those are Kalamazoo, Menominee, St, Clair, White Lake, and Saginaw. Now she is doing interviews and having interviewees diagram relationships. These pictures help her to determine where in the processes things need more attention. By April of next year, she will have completed a thesis that will be publicly available and will have a narrative of what’s going on and enabling factors, constraining factors, and factors in common. She will have recommendations for that.

**EPA report out (John Perrecone, EPA GLNPO, Catie Nigrelli, EPA GLNPO, Victoria Wallace, Sea Grant)**

Carly Norris will be helping in the AOC Program.

- EPA reorganization

John Perrecone is retiring soon. Next week 20 hours per week, and new BUI coordinator will be Leah Medley. Carly will help John do BUI packages, approval documents, etc., and John will retire as of September 13. He won’t be coming to the fall meeting.

EPA is hosting public engagement meetings for GLRI Action Plan III in five cities across Great Lakes including Saginaw. Last meeting is in Chicago on August 1.

EPA is meeting AOC Action Plan II goals for BUIs removed and AOC management actions completed.

- 2018 AOC Conference feedback

They had the best crowd ever. A lot of good sessions and social time. He noted that EPA was concerned that during the instant polling, 46% of respondents raised issues with unclear BUI removal targets. Discussion on that topic.

John thinks FEDSTACC should be revitalized. If Rick has idea for FEDSTACC session, John would encourage it.

Kathy offered for Muskegon to host the 2020 AOC Conference. John thinks group of 2020 Muskegon would be a great idea. Call Marc Tuchman and talk about it.

Catie Nigrelli - Revitalization – she’s administering a survey to stakeholders this fall or next year to people with key roles in vitalization of AOCs.

Victoria - - to grasp topic, they’ve been reviewing scientific literature and engaging in informal interviews with about a dozen AOCs to try to understand their perception about revitalization in AOC communities. They think your perspectives are valuable.

Catie -- they'd like a few people to share a story about revitalization in their AOC. You can email her also, due to lack of time with everyone.

Mary encourages everyone to get in touch with Catie. Rick wants a note with info for contact, and he'll forward to wider distribution list.

### **Next meeting (Torch Lake?) (All)**

This meeting was later in the year than usual due to transfer from DEQ to DNR leaving us in limbo in terms of relationship with the DEQ Office of External Affairs who's been assisting us with logistics. We do have an MOU in place, and they've been moving forward even though it's not signed.

Next meeting will be late summer, early fall. Farther ahead, next spring when legislators are coming in, so Torch Lake has invited us for late summer/early fall. If we do that, we would need a full day of travel, starting first thing in the morning, going all day and part of the morning on the second day. We also might consider going back to River Raisin as well. Horst said PAC authorized him to make the invitation so he's hopeful we'll choose them. Also, we would be given tours of the area. Kathy asked when we would go. Horst said second or third week in September. Kathy thought it seemed soon, but Rick pointed out that to fit three in, we need to have them more quickly.

There was discussion about it being difficult to find accommodations during August/September with school starting. Horst checked and if we get the first ten days of September, that takes care of accommodation issues. Matt Doss wanted to be mindful of other events going on in the fall. The State of Lake Superior conference is in Houghton in September, and others too. Kathy asked if anyone disagrees with Torch Lake. No one does, just have to work around logistics.

Dick offered River Raisin for hosting our fall meeting for October or November.

Detroit might host again for 2019 or if one of these two don't work out.

Kathy said Muskegon could be a host, but she is concerned about too many meetings leading to no attendance. Rick stated it has been our practice to meet three times a year, maybe this year we only have two meetings. Matt Doss mentioned squeezing something in in Lansing. Rick said that would potentially be the first meeting of next year for legislative briefing. Matt suggested reserving the legislative room early.

Horst said we could have our meeting after the first week of October if we'll only be having two meetings for this year. Rick asked if there is a preference for two meetings for this year or three. Dennis said two meetings is fine with him and late September or early October. Paulette thinks St. Clair in the fall this year - two meetings this year, and a legislative briefing in the spring, and Torch Lake next summer. Dan Ballnik and Robert Burns agree. It was finally agreed that a committee be formed with officers, potential hosts, and DNR staff to plan where the next location will be.

### **Review of Action items, wrap up, other Business (Mary Bohling, SPAC Chair)**

- Dennis was interested in feedback on this venue for when Saginaw hosts the SPAC again -- overall good reviews from everyone.
- Comments on bylaws to Rick
- Senate legislature on septic review if interested

- Students to continue AOC work
- Send AOC revitalization stories to Catie
- Turn in SPAC travel reimbursements

**Adjourn**

Robert Burns moved to adjourn, and Dan Ballnik seconded at 11:58 a.m.