



Meeting Summary

Annual CAG Retreat

Monday, January 20, 2020, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Thomas Township Public Safety Building

8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI

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CAG Members Present

Ruth Averill
David Fisher
Michael Kelly
James Krogsrud
Luis Mulford
Terry Miller
Kevin Quiggle
David Sommers
Bob Wiese

CAG Members Absent

Pamella Binder
Larry Brown
Charles Curtiss
Merri DeSanto
Mike Nusbaumer
Laura Ogar
Joel Tanner
Virginia Thibodeau

Support Staff Present

Doug Sarno, Facilitator

CAG information, materials, recommendations, meeting summaries, and presentations provided at CAG meetings can be found at: <http://www.saginawcag.org>

David Sommers called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Review 2019 Operations, Accomplishments, Challenges

- Members are mostly content with CAG operations and activities at this point
- The biggest challenge moving forward are continuing to communicate with folks as the site continues in this mature stage of cleanup, and also continuing to attract new CAG members as we move from the Tittabawassee to the Saginaw
- It is Important for the community to continue to keep a focus on the site, local media is not as present as it was when we started, on line media is probably where we need to place more focus
- As we move down the river we will need to recruit more folks from where the project activities are happening
- How do we work to get Middleground folks aware of the meeting in February? Signs, notices? We need to work with Diane to get the word out, create handouts about joining the CAG
- The CAG does not think it makes sense to hold a meeting at Middleground on 2/24 if EPA is basically doing the same presentation on 3/10. Doug will coordinate with EPA about their meeting to see if it makes sense to have some sort of combined meeting.

Plans to Seek New Technical Assistance Support in 2020?

- The CAG should continue to look for a local contractor who might be able to provide this support
- Spicer out of Grand Rapids might be a possibility. Dave will provide Doug with a contact name at Spicer.

2020 Member Recruitment

Plans for members whose terms end in 2020

Pamella Binder (2017)—will continue for another term

Merri DeSanto (2017)

Michael Kelly (2010)—will be retiring this year

Mike Nusbaumer (2017)

Kevin Quiggle (2017)— will continue for another term

Virginia Thibodeau (2017)

Bob Weise (2011)—will be retiring

Identify new member recruitment needs

- Middleground Island
- Saginaw River

Identify membership committee and timeline for action

- The CAG will use a committee of the whole
- Put out news releases and ads, flyers
- May meeting introductions and approval, July new member start date
- Doug and the leadership team will help coordinate this year

Calendar and Topics

Meeting dates were approved as identified

The CAG would like to include the following topics at 2020 meetings:

- Update on Dow settlement
- Update on Institutional controls, Dow Green Corridor concept
- Update on fish and game advisories
- Overview of EPA national sediment cleanup activities
- Update on natural resource restoration projects
- A river tour that looks at the whole of Tittabawassee River to see restoration progress from older to newer cleanups
- Army Corps to talk about dredging plans (could be 2021)

Possible locations for future meeting as the project progresses

- In Saginaw (YMCA)
- Carlton
- Zilwaukee

Leadership Team and CAG structure

- The current Leadership Team will continue in 2020
- There were no changes to the charter

Treasurers Report

- Last year took in 50k, and spent slightly less than that
- Right now, we have 38k in the bank

Action items

- Doug will coordinate with EPA on Middleground Island meeting, to coordinate possible co-location of meetings
- Doug put together short briefing on the site and the CAG to allow members to promote the CAG
- Doug will produce Fact Sheet/flyer about the CAG and membership
- Doug distribute the CAG calendar
- Doug will ask Dow/EPA about the feasibility of a tour that looks back at restoration of banks and sediment areas
- Doug ask EPA to help put together a before and after package of materials to tell the story of cleanup
- Doug will look at getting some CAG related gifts for retiring members
- Dave will provide Doug with a contact name at Spicer as possible TAC support.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Member Terms as of January 2020
(date in parentheses indicates year the member joined the CAG)

Terms Ending July 2020

Merri DeSanto (2017)
Michael Kelly (2010)*
Mike Nusbaumer (2017)
Virginia Thibodeau (2017)
Bob Weise (2011)*

Terms Ending July 2021

Ruth Averill (2018)
Charles Curtiss (2010)
David Fisher (2018)
Terry Miller (2015)
Luis Mulford (2015)
Laura Ogar (2010)

Terms Ending July 2022

Lawrence Brown (2019)
James Krogsrud (2013)
David Sommers (2013)
Joel Tanner (2010)

Terms Ending July 2023

Pamella Binder (2017)
Kevin Quiggle (2017)

*Retiring

**Saginaw-Tittabawassee Rivers Contamination CAG
Draft 2019 Calendar as of January 2019
All Meetings at Township Public Safety Building**

Meeting dates are subject to change and additional meetings may be called based on project-related activities and decisions, and invited speakers.

DATE	POTENTIAL TOPICS
January 20, 2020 MONDAY	CAG working meeting/ retreat (No ex-officio attendance)
February 24, 2020 MONDAY Tentative at Middleground Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middleground Island public comment period
May 18, 2020 MONDAY (at Thomas Township Library)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General project updates • Membership recruitment update • Dow settlement and Natural Resource Restoration Work • River Site tour (Areas of Tittabawassee that are recovering) •
July 14, 2020 TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General project updates • New member orientation (pre-meeting) • New Member introductions
October 28, 2020 WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General project updates

Possible Topics and Speakers Desired for 2020:

- **\$77M Dow settlement**
- River site tour (Saginaw?)
- River Site tour (Areas of Tittabawassee that are recovering)
- Update on fish and game advisories
- Overview of EPA national sediment cleanup activities
- Army Corps to talk about dredging plans
- Update on Institutional controls

