



Meeting Summary

Annual CAG Retreat

Monday, January 21, 2019, 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
Pamela Binder
David Fisher
Michael Kelly
James Krogsrud
Luis Mulford
Terry Miller
Mike Nusbaumer
Laura Ogar
Kevin Quiggle
David Sommers
Virginia Thibodeau
Bob Wiese

CAG Members Absent

Peter Bagley
Charles Curtiss
Merri DeSanto
Leonard Heinzman
Joel Tanner

Support Staff Present

Doug Sarno, Facilitator

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

Introductory Conversation

As cleanup work moves into the Saginaw River and the Bay, it will be very different from the experience to date. The CAG is looking forward to understanding what may be coming and how options will be different from that work being done so far. As we get into the Saginaw River, there are a wide variety of additional industrial impacts than occurred in the Tittabawassee and we expect to see a lot of different contaminants.

The CAG would like to have a discussion at some point during 2019 about EPA's overall approach and issues that will need to be considered as work on the Tittabawassee completes and planning for the Saginaw begins.

Communication

The CAG plans to write an article about the cleanup and the CAGs work to date as we begin to plan for member recruitment in 2019. Freeland Living Magazine is printed monthly and would be willing to place an article in the magazine. Also, Saginaw and Thomas Townships have a weekly paper.

2019 Possible topics for discussion:

In looking forward to 2019, the CAG is interested in exploring the following topics:

- Saginaw River and Bay-- understanding how work is likely to proceed, big picture understanding of issues that will shape the work and approach, approximate timelines
- NRDA-- understand how the NRDA process will work and how public acquisition of land works, communities would like to be involved in any decisions to protect more land, as this can impact local economies regarding development and the tax base
- Update on Fish and Game Advisories
- 1998 GM Settlement-- Saginaw River and Bay Trustee Council - Restoration Planning, the CAG will offer to use one of its meetings as a location to present and discuss this topic
- Monitoring data --the CAG would like to understand monitoring data taken to date and plans for future monitoring and how this will impact decisions about the need for any future action
- Tour—if at all possible, the CAG would schedule a tour in conjunction with the May meeting, if we can't get on the river then perhaps think about what can be done from the bank
- EPA national sediment cleanup activities—the CAG would like to take up EPA on its offer to bring a presentation on this.

Seeking New Technical Assistance Support

The CAG would like get someone on board as soon as possible, we think there will be a significant learning curve for the Saginaw river and it would be good to have an organization that can help us with that.

Terry, Mike, Laura, David will be on that committee

2019 Member Recruitment (see current member terms below)

Virginia Thibodeau and Terry Miller agreed to serve on the membership committee for 2019.

Action Items:

- Doug will confirm intentions for members with expiring terms
- Doug will distribute current roster and request any contact updates and bios
- The CAG will prepare a notice for use in member recruitment
- The CAG will produce an article to post in local publications
- The CAG will look to begin attracting folks from Thomas Township and along the Saginaw

Calendar and Topics

- The Calendar was approved as presented and the CAG will move forward with a quarterly schedule for the foreseeable future.
- 2019 Meeting Dates will be May 20, July 15, October 29.

Leadership Team and Charter

The Charter revisions were approved to align with plans for a quarterly schedule.

The Current Leadership Team will remain in place for 2019:

David Sommers, President

Luis Mulford, Treasurer

Terry Miller, Secretary

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The next CAG meeting is Monday, May 20.