

**Michigan Statewide Public Advisory Council (SPAC) Meeting Minutes**

*March 24, 2020*

*Skype Virtual Meeting*

Attendees:

Mary Bohling, Detroit River AOC (Chair of SPAC)  
Horst Schmidt, Torch Lake AOC (Vice Chair of SPAC)  
Anne Brasie, Clinton River AOC  
Eric Diesing, Clinton River AOC  
Bob Burns, Detroit River AOC  
Kathy Evans, Muskegon Lake AOC  
Dick Micka, River Raisin AOC  
Bill Craig, Rouge River AOC  
Dennis Zimmerman, Saginaw River/Bay AOC  
Paulette Duhaime, St. Clair River AOC  
Patty Troy, St. Clair River AOC  
Mike Ripley, St. Marys River AOC  
Evelyn Ravindran, Torch Lake AOC  
Matt Doss, Great Lakes Commission  
Amy Pelka, United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Rick Hobrla, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)  
Mike Alexander, EGLE  
Melanie Foose, EGLE  
Sam Noffke, EGLE  
Kimberly Passick, EGLE  
Dawn Roush, EGLE  
Jennifer Tewkesbury, EGLE  
Stephanie Swart, EGLE  
John Riley, EGLE  
Matt Tomlinson, EGLE  
Carolyn Koch, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Evan Madden, University of Michigan (UM)  
Kyle Pettibone, UM  
Alison Rentschler, UM  
James Polidori, UM  
Emily Rau, UM  
Paige Schurr, UM  
Andrew Felder, River Raisin AOC  
\*Skype record showed phone numbers that may have entered later – cannot verify if counted

Prior to call to order, Matt Tomlinson provided a short explanation of Skype functionality.

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### **Welcome, Introductions, Review of Agenda – Mary Bohling**

Mary Bohling, SPAC Chair brought the meeting to order. Thanked everyone for attending and adapting to meeting via Skype.

### **Roll Call – Kimberly Passick, EGLE**

Verified attendance by voice or comment affirmation. Dennis Zimmerman asked if there was a quorum present. It was determined that seven of twelve groups were represented. \*please note after roll call additional attendees may have called in

### **Review/Approve Minutes from July 16-17, 2019 SPAC Meeting – Mary Bohling**

Dennis Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes; Horst Schmidt seconded. Minutes approved.

### **Advisory Committees amidst COVID-19 – Rick Hobrla, EGLE**

It is assumed that EGLE staff will continue to work remotely. Most recent executive order has all employees working remotely until April 13, 2020. This may be extended. EGLE staff are working as if this stage is indefinite. The current hope is that the Public Advisory Councils (PACs) can hold meetings remotely. In the event there are difficulties in accomplishing that, the possibility exists that individual PAC grants could be amended to provide funding for remote capability. Mary Bohling asked about the status of current construction projects; it is unclear if they can proceed. Rick directed all to the Executive Order from Governor Whitmer. Some industries are still considered critical. For questions on a specific project, there is a mechanism for which we could route those through management or the Governor's office. There is the caveat that the process would not be quick. Kathy Evans asked about managing large habitat projects. Rick responded that the contractors would need to determine their compliance with the executive order and give their rationale in writing. Questions on how to function during the state of emergency should be directed to the AOC coordinators or to Rick.

### **EGLE Update – Rick Hobrla**

Funding: Current status is good. Currently wrapping up phase one of three. Next round of funding to arrive within a few weeks.

PAC Support Grants: There were many changes within the State structures that delayed funding for PACs which resulted in the offer of multi-year grants. Many multi-year PAC support grants have been awarded to date. If there are any issues or concerns, continue to work with the AOC coordinators. Mary Bohling expressed thanks for the quick turn around on PAC grant applications. Rick gave credit to the AOC

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coordinators and to the unit secretary for being heavily involved in the application process and processing them quickly.

Menominee AOC Delisting: Stephanie Swart, Menominee AOC Coordinator, stepped in to report. The draft final document for delisting the Lower Menominee River is on public notice. Currently, a webinar is being scheduled, hopefully for April 9, 2020. Stephanie can provide a link once it has been published. Comments will be compiled into a responsiveness summary after April 24, 2020 and included in the Final Delisting report. The report will then be submitted to U.S. EPA for confirmation of delisting by the State Department. Information on the draft document or timeline for public comment can be found at <https://www.glri.us/node/289>.

2021 AOC Conference: There will be no conference in 2020. The next conference is being planned for Spring 2021 in Muskegon. Currently a co-sponsorship agreement is being negotiated between EGLE and U.S. EPA. Rick, and Kathy Evans are involved in planning. Kathy stated that early May would work better for the venues, however, nothing can be held until there is a formal agreement. Horst Schmidt asked who would determine speakers for the event? Response was that there will be a planning committee tasked with those decisions. If anyone wanted to recommend a speaker or presenter, those could be submitted to Rick.

**ACTION ITEM: Rick will work on completing the co-sponsorship agreement.**

GLC Grant: The grant agreement between and EGLE and the Great Lakes Commission has expired, and the EGLE administrative unit determined that a grant for this activity was inappropriate and that it should be done as a contract. The contract was put out for bid and GLC was selected. The contract is currently with GLC awaiting signature.

MiWaters: A training class in the use of MiWaters was previously requested by a member. A comprehensive class would run an hour and a half to two hours long. Rick suggests that there are a couple of approaches; after determining level of interest the training could be added as an agenda item for a future meeting, or it could be a separate class prior to or after a meeting. The MiWaters application is a web-based permitting process, allowing Michigan to fulfill federal electronic reporting requirements and providing an online component for access to public information. The focus of MiWaters is permitting and compliance, including National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), storm water, groundwater discharge, aquatic nuisance control, Part 41 construction, and land and water interface permits. It also includes electronic reporting of untreated or partially treated sanitary wastewater. Patty Troy stated that she had initially suggested training in the MiWaters application and feels that it is important for PAC members to be familiar with it as it could be a helpful advocacy tool. More information on the MiWaters application can be found at [https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313\\_72753-358417--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313_72753-358417--,00.html).

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**ACTION ITEM: Rick will work with unit secretary to poll for interest in MiWaters training.**

High lake levels: EGLE and USACE are forecasting the next 6 months or so at near or above record highs. The ability to control high water levels is limited for numerous reasons, with only two hydraulic control mechanisms in the Great Lakes system. Overall there are few opportunities to deal with Great Lakes levels. Information regarding this issue can be found from EGLE at [https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313\\_3677\\_3702-511151--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313_3677_3702-511151--,00.html) or forecasts from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) at <https://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/Great-Lakes-Information/Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/Water-Level-Forecast/>. Mary Bohling provided a link in the comments to the EGLE High Water Virtual Townhall Meeting scheduled for March 26, 2020. There is no grant funding for projects related to high water issues through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) currently, however there may be some grant funding opportunities through the Michigan State Police. Those grants would only be available to communities.

A note on habitat projects, many are having various difficulties due to high water levels. Future habitat projects should be designed to account for changing water levels both high and low. Horst asked if

U.S. EPA would be looking more critically at habitat design plans. The response is yes and EGLE staff will also be looking more closely at those plans.

OGI audit: It is completed, but not completely closed out. A corrective action plan has been submitted to the auditors and EGLE is awaiting response. Rick identified two corrective actions in the plan. The first finding was tracking PAC membership. To improve in this area, EGLE will be contacting PACs for the email list of their membership and will periodically ask for updates to those lists. The second item was to do a better job communicating. To address this EGLE has proposed over the next 6-12 months, bringing EGLE management to at least one meeting for each PAC and discussing the topic with PAC members. The current Covid-19 emergency does hinder this action; however, it is possible that management could attend virtual meetings. Depending on how the current restrictions proceed, this action may get pushed later into the year.

**ACTION ITEM: Rick to contact PACs for membership information and to coordinate adding EGLE management to PAC meeting agendas.**

University of Michigan Collaboration: Later in the agenda the UM teams will be presenting on their projects. Teams One's focus is community engagement. Team Two's focus is the implementation of recommendations. There is a third team that is working with Healing Our Waters. They may be reaching out so some PACs may be hearing from them.

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University of Michigan environmental history class: Melanie Foose, AOC Coordinator, has heard from this class. It is an undergraduate class titled Great Lakes Environmental History with Professor Perrin Selcer. There are three teams, each assigned the St. Clair, Rouge or Saginaw AOCs. The projects will include written outputs and a podcast looking at the deep history, legal background of the AOC and environmental science. The projects are due April 20, 2020 and the students will be sharing their work products.

Mary Bohling asked how EGLE was implementing recommendations made as a result of the UM teams. Response was that would be covered later in the agenda. Horst commented that a process needed to be implemented for the collection of the PAC membership email lists as many on the lists were not active members and did not want to cause confusion should EGLE send out a message to those addresses. Also want to know if there was an outline or if findings could be provided. Response was Rick could provide a summary. Horst also commented that he hoped the group working with Healing Our Waters would work with PACs. Their focus is safe drinking water.

### **U.S. EPA Update – Amy Pelka, U.S. EPA**

PowerPoint slides were viewable by those logged in to computers. The information was taken from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Action Plan III which can be viewed online at <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-10/documents/glri-action-plan-3-201910-30pp.pdf>. Phase III builds on the successes of Phase II with 90 total Beneficial Use Impairments (BUIs) removed to date. With the target for BUI removals in 2020 at 93, it is expected that goal will be met or exceeded. Measure 1.1.3 calls for all 31 AOCs to have a complete and approved list of all management actions necessary for delisting by the end of FY2024. Data shows that currently, 18 AOCs meet this measure and the goal for 2020 is 22. U.S. EPA identified several Michigan AOCs on course to meet those goals among them Manistique, Rouge River, and Torch Lake. The key steps identified to making progress in Phase III were BUI removal criteria modifications, development of management action lists for BUI removal, implementing projects, and developing milestones and schedules. U.S. EPA has asked that all AOCs develop a 5-year planning document to demonstrate how the AOC will complete all management actions by the end of 2024. These planning documents are due by May 22, 2020. U.S. EPA asks that PACs work with their Task Force Leads to identify milestones and develop a year-to-year timeline. Emphasis for success is robust communication and coordination between stakeholders; Federal, Tribal, State, and PACs. Currently very few AOCs have submitted the requested 5-year plan.

Horst asked about clarifying BUI modifications. Response was that the BUI removal goals need to be doable, something realistic that is achievable. It is unreasonable to set a goal to return an AOC to pre-industrial condition so keep that in mind during planning. Amy indicated that U.S. EPA is discouraging the addition of new BUIs.

U.S. EPA is currently revising funding priorities. The review is currently underway. Once completed that information will be shared with stakeholders.

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### **Great Lakes Commission Update – Matt Doss**

GLC has put out their Federal Priorities for the Great Lakes. Released early this month, it calls for continued funding for the GLRI in FY 2021. The joint statement from regional agencies and organizations is online and similarly, calls for continued GLRI funding next fiscal year. This statement is important because it shows that a diverse array of regional organizations advocating for a common suite of priorities, including the GLRI. The full document can be found at <https://www.glc.org/wp-content/uploads/GLC-Federal-Priorities-2020-FINAL.pdf>.

One specific message that highlights the continued need for GLRI funding relates to the upcoming contaminated sediment remediation projects in the Areas of Concern. U.S. EPA has a list of 21 sediment projects in six states that are currently underway or under development. The total project costs are currently projected to be \$606 million, with estimated federal funding of \$363 million that will leverage an estimated \$243 million from non-federal sources. These will be funded under the Great Lakes Legacy Act program, which is funded under the GLRI. There are several sediment projects in Michigan's AOCs. This shows the substantial remaining cleanup work in the AOCs. It's important to note, too, that sediment cleanups are just one part of cleaning up the AOCs, and the AOCs are just one of five focus areas under the GLRI. The bottom line is that there's a lot of working remaining to be done and continued funding is needed for the GLRI.

Horst asked if the emphasis on removal through the Great Lakes Legacy Act was due to a great number of areas in need. Matt responded that the emphasis is more because it is a good talking point on the need for funding for cleanup and that there are projects ready to go. Clean up is only one part of AOCs and AOC cleanup is only one part of the GLRI which highlights the need for significant GLRI funding.

Great Lakes Days: This event was held March 5, 2020 GLC rolled out their priorities and hosted a breakfast reception for approximately 200 people. There were 20 speakers from Congress, among them Debbie Stabenow, Gary Peters, Daniel Kildee, Andy Levin, Debbie Dingell, Jack Bergman, and Bill Huizenga. There is a lot of support for GLRI. GLC urges PACs to communicate regularly with their legislators; invite them to tour the AOC, to meetings, project commencements, and keep them informed of successes.

Dick Mika asked if the current relief package had any relief for environmental projects. Response that the relief package is focused more on economic stimulus and it is unknown if there is anything for the environmental area. Dick also asked if that could potentially drain funds in the future. Matt responded that this are unusual and strange times and it is unknown if funding could be affected down the road. He is hopeful that funding will remain steady.

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### **SPAC officer elections – Rick Hobrla**

Based on SPAC bylaws elections for officers are to be held every two years. The chair and vice-chair terms will expire this fall.

### **SPAC member designations – Rick Hobrla**

Reported that in the past PAC designees should reaffirmed or changed every other year, however documenting those decisions has been lax. The unit secretary will assist with preparing letters to roughly half the PACs for their PAC member designees this year and will do the remainder the following year to establish a rotation. Horst asked what do designates mean? Response is that PAC chairs are asked to name or reaffirm SPAC representatives.

### **Manistique AOC dredging project – Sam Noffke, EGLE**

The main partners for this project were EGLE, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), USACE and the City of Manistique. There were two parts to the dredging project, Operational Unit (OU) 1 and OU2. The first NOAA grant was acquired in 2013 and OU1 remediation began in 2016 in zones three and four with a total of 9,460 cubic yards of material removed. Pre-remedial investigation for OU2 took place in 2017 and dredging began in zones five and six in June 2019 and ran through October 14, 2019. On October 19, 2019 amended cover placement began and granulated activated carbon was placed through November 2019. In May of this year, the site is scheduled for seeding and soil erosion sediment controls. The project is due for completion in June with the project completion report expected in the fall. The goal for a site wide preliminary remediation goal was 0.2 ppm. The original site-wide surface weighted average concentration was 0.49 ppm and is currently 0.062 ppm, which is well below the goal. With this the Fish Consumption BUI is on track to be complete in 2025. For the restrictions on navigational dredging BUI, USACE plans on sampling the Lower Harbor in Spring 2020 with potential dredging in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021. Many additional stakeholders played key roles that contributed to the success of this project including private citizens, other state and federal agencies, city officials, and contractors. There is a short video that shows some of the activity that took place during OU2. It can be seen on YouTube at

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjYCKfc\\_u0s&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjYCKfc_u0s&feature=youtu.be). John Riley added his thanks to Sam; he was a key coordinator of this project. Horst asked if the remediation was due to a paper mill and what chemicals were being addressed? Response was polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), Manistique Paper was a facility that de-inked paper resulting in high levels of PCBs and contaminated sawdust.

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### **Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) update – Mike Alexander, EGLE**

The CMI set aside \$25 million for efforts to remove sediments from lakes and rivers contaminated by toxins such as PCBs, mercury and DDT. EGLE has been good at using a combination of resources to fund various projects around Michigan. Of those funds, \$4.5 million currently remain with \$1 million already set aside for the Ryerson Creek Project (part of the Muskegon Lake AOC). Lee Schoen, EGLE and Kathy Evans have been very helpful with that project. While the remaining \$3.5 million is not a large amount for a project, it is a good amount to perhaps couple with other funding areas that may be available. When these funds are exhausted there is an option for a legislative ask for the right projects. The focus is on AOCs to leverage GLRI funds possibly under the Great Lakes Legacy Act. Horst asked what the purpose of this fund was. Response was that it predates the GLRI and was created in the late 90's. The purpose for Michigan was to have match funds available for federal grant requirements. More about the CMI and its history can be found at <https://www.mackinac.org/4792>.

### **University of Michigan 2019-2020 project – Kyle Pettibone, UM**

This University of Michigan student team consisted of Kyle Pettibone, Evan Madden, and Alison Rentschler. The context of this project was to explore measures to support the effectiveness of the PAC system in the AOC program's community engagement strategy in the Kalamazoo, Rouge, and Saginaw AOCs. They sought to examine the relationships between the communities, the PAC, and state representatives, to identify PAC system successes and barriers, and to determine solutions for best management practices using input from the AOC communities. The questions that needed answering were who is the community, who should be engaged in the AOC process, what is the relationship between the PACs and their communities, does each PAC adequately reflect the community it represents, and how can EGLE help PACs form or strengthen relationships to improve progress toward BUI removal? The team used literature review, participatory observation at the sites, meetings, and events, and interviews with PACs, community focus groups, and AOC representatives to gather data. Using social science methodology, they set up a model to explain the data gathered. Some initial themes and findings were that community members may not interpret the meaning of a BUI the same way a PAC does so there is a need to navigate those differences and implementing methods that assist that process such as social media. Also improving perceptions of the local water resources, "bringing life back to the water", and creating deliberate partnerships throughout the AOC community.

Horst asked what value the surveys have for individual PACs, what recommendations. Response was that the team is currently in the process of synthesizing all the data which has been collected. Horst asked if they could provide any specific examples. Alison responded that a Kalamazoo kayak/canoe event was successful in the way it used community partners. This event ended at a local eatery. Evan emphasized that building and cultivating partnerships around various events build community

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engagement. Kyle added that those partnerships could be used to address barriers to use such as lack of access or equipment. Horst asked how PACs would continue to get money to build or maintain infrastructure once the GLRI funds ceased due to delisting. Evan's response was that increased engagement with the community equaled a wider spread of information and the potential of support through volunteer manhours and increased stewardship behavior. Dennis asked if their data found anything that PACs were wasting their time on, especially in Saginaw. Kyle responded that they had not completed that area yet however, in Kalamazoo they found that AOC reps seemed to think the councils were primarily for community engagement. A solution would be for them to sit down together and create a joint work plan, then items don't slip through, and efforts aren't being duplicated. Kathy Evans commented that there is sometimes a disconnect within the community. Due to past heavy industry in her area, many in the immediate community don't think of using the lake as a resource while others come from outside the community to enjoy it. There is a need to find meaningful engagement. The slides presented can be viewed at

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1fq6klnsx\\_G5yuTS-etOowclzHMV0jRVgcuSb4x9M6w/edit#slide=id.g81c3ef5cad\\_3\\_15](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1fq6klnsx_G5yuTS-etOowclzHMV0jRVgcuSb4x9M6w/edit#slide=id.g81c3ef5cad_3_15).

### **University of Michigan 2020-2021 project – James Polidori, UM**

PowerPoint slides were available to those on computers. For background, the first project asked the question; what factors enhance, and what factors inhibit the effectiveness of the PACs? The second project asked; how can we launch AOCs into life after delisting and make sure they continue to be effective? The third team was the team we heard from regarding community engagement. So now, building on previous recommendations this student team, consisting of James Polidori, Bella Bledsoe, Emily Rau, and Paige Schurr, are looking at what are the most effective ways to implement the most valuable recommendations for each specific PAC. To answer, they are asking; where does each PAC stand in regard to previous recommendation, what would each individual PAC like to achieve, and how will they get there? To provide a visual narrative based on the specific needs of individual PAC and their desired paths forward they need to discover what is the capacity for change, what does the PAC need to begin implementation, what resources do they need, and how do we create a blueprint for the implementation of recommendations? This group believes the impact will target areas for implementing best practices and improve the PAC's capacity and ability in creating a path forward. Other benefits could include creating more meaningful communications between the AOC program, the SPAC and individual PACs, establishing next steps for future student grounds and informing basin-wide AOC programs on best practices. This group is still in the start-up phase and is also awaiting the results of the data from the previous group to form a picture to proceed from.

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### **Discussion of EGLE/PAC relationships – All**

Rick began discussion by describing the challenge in how best to use the data from the U of M student groups. The level of implementation has been very minimal to date regarding recommendations. For the past 20 years or so, the PACs have had a great deal of autonomy which was a change from very early practices where there was much tighter direction on their activities. Questions EGLE and PACs should consider are: Should EGLE be more directive? Should there be more standardization in the way PACs operate? Should there be a more individualized way for PACs to operate? What recommendations are worth looking at for quick implementation and which can be placed on hold or disregarded? EGLE is inviting feedback on these questions to guide next steps. Horst asked if any of the PACs are currently way out of line in the requirements. Rick responded that there are no set requirements. He is unaware of how, exactly, the PACs came to be or who came up with them. EGLE is simply asking internal questions to determine best practices. Is the PAC model working properly? Is there anything that needs to be changed? If yes, what needs to be changed and how do we do it? Horst asked if there were any big differences between specific PACs, naming Torch Lake and Saginaw. Rick responded that he wouldn't compare specific PACs but did state there are many differences in the PACs as far as stakeholders, mission, support, diversity, ability and more. Mary Bohling commented that in the past, PACs, specifically the Detroit River PAC has struggled with lack of support from the AOC program and that their effectiveness was impacted by EGLE (state) support. Dick Micka commented that the PAC he is associated with was converted into a commission for the City of Monroe and their role expanded. Rick commented that EGLE is looking internally to see how processes can be improved to assist PACs. Evan Madden made the comment that the GLRI does require public comment. Rick commented that historically the PAC model has been good, but are they the only model for engagement? Are there others? Horst commented that advisory groups are valuable in that they help maneuver and work with the public, often running interference for bodies, especially regulatory bodies as they can explain and foster understanding. Rick commented that the PAC model was looser than many advisory groups. Mary asked Rick if there was anything, any issue he specially want to address. Rick responded no. He would like PACs to be asking the questions about ways in which they can improve and that this will be a standing issue on the SPAC agenda.

### **Critical member updates – All**

Dennis Zimmerman noted nothing critical in the Saginaw AOC now.

Horst Schmidt said there were issues at Torch Lake with a current project. The funding issue from last year and the subsequent delay set this year's schedule back. They are scheduled to begin work soon but there is still ice on the lake. He is wondering if the current Covide-19 issue with further delay it.

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Dick Mika from the River Raisin PAC said they were learning of and concerned with atmospheric deposition of PCBs and reminded all that there were upcoming webinars for Lake Erie DAP. There is still a great deal of concern with the western side of Lake Erie.

Eric Diesing responded in the comments: Eric from CRWC, Nothing critical at this moment for the Clinton River. We are continuing with monitoring our habitat projects in 2020 and moving forward with public education and BUI delisting activities.

Kathy Evans responded in the comments: Muskegon Lake is in good shape.

Bill Craig responded Rouge is fine.

Mary stated that the Detroit River AOC is doing okay.

### **Next Meetings - All**

Mary listed topics for future meetings including PFAS, LAMPs, MiWaters, life after delisting, the U of M findings, high lake levels, and EGLE implementation. Asked for other topic suggestions.

Horst commented that he'd like a report on the Lake Erie project and information on phosphorus loads to Erie.

There was discussion on dates for the next meeting. Rick responded probably one in the summer and one in the fall. There is hope that the summer meeting could be in person but considering the current situation, that could be a virtual meeting as well. Looking at late June for a meeting. Mary and Bob thought late June may be optimistic as many meetings have been postponed. End of July was offered as a potential time. Rick offered to send out poll to determine what dates work best for members. Rick and Mary both thought it was best to also seek input for dates in the fall to be prepared.

**ACTION ITEM: Rick to work with unit secretary to send poll for summer and fall meeting dates.**

Dennis Zimmerman moved to adjourn. Dick Micka seconded.

Meeting adjourned.