

Michigan State Bar: Environmental Law Section
Minutes of July 14, 2026 Meeting

- Present: Lauren Teichner, Kyle Konwinski, Erica Powers, Paul Beach, Kurt Kissling, Scott Watson, Ross Hammersley, Brian Considine, Nick Maloof, Scott Watson, Erica Sarver, Scott Sinkwitts, Jill Kamp, Susan Johnson, Lee Johnson, Ann Marie Sanford, Matt Hall, E. Enin-Okut, Lav Jackson, Kurt Bruer, Paul Stewart, Hunter Wiand, Kory Steen, Gabreilla Mickel, and Todd Schebor
- Secretary Report: Circulated draft of June 2, 2026 in advance of meeting, motion to approve by Kowinski, seconded, Bodwin. Motion carries.
- Nominating Committee – Looking for volunteers on nominating committee (Konwinski).
- Administrator Report: Nothing new to report.
- Treasurer Report / Budget Discussion: Submitted the Annual Reports. Need to submit the Annual Meeting Date. Motion to set Annual Meeting for October 8, 2026, by Watson and Seconded by Bodwin. Motion carries.
- New Business:
 - Summer Program!
 - Kowinski: Set for Thursday, August 20, 2026. 3:00 PM tour of Lansing Board and Water and Light, Deputy Director of EGLE at 4:00 PM presenting, Council Meeting, Happy Hour to follow.
 - Kamp: Times are estimates. The contact had indicated our tour can be whatever length we wanted. A one hour tour would be appropriate. They cannot accommodate 25 cars for the lots. We will need to car pool or pay for parking.
 - Kissling: Suggesting we do dinner after the Summar Program.
 - Schebor: We have to have the slate published for four weeks before the annual meeting, so if we finalize the slate for the nominating committee then we can publish it.
 - Kowinski: Motion to finalize summer program, tour for forty-five minutes, council meeting, and 4:00 PM EGLE presentation, at 5:00 PM go to Sidecar for dinner by Kowinski. Motion carries.
 - Annual Meeting- October 8- MSU Student Networking Event
 - Konwinski: Maybe we have the council meeting at MSU Law and then go to the happy hour.

- Kamp: Have meeting at MSU college of law and Networking Event at MSU College of Law, then do a dinner at People's Kitchen.
- November 5 Joint Conference
 - Kowinski: If you are interested in being on that planning committee. Let someone know. The meetings are starting for this planning.
 - Kissling: We have a short time frame on this. Hopefully, we can get a meeting on the books.
 - Kamp: I have not seen anything as to the planning of this.
- Subject Matter Committees (updates, if any):
 - Air
 - Kissling: Clearing the Air Conference this was successful. It was well attended. We will continue it again next year.
 - Administrative
 - Kowinski: Nothing new, but maybe a caselaw update to come.
 - Great Lakes and Inland Waters (Hammersley):
 - Hammersley: Those of you tracking consumers and removal of dams. There was a decision in Mid-June. We have not moved forward with any program to discuss this. We are considering a committee meeting to create programing for members to discuss these issues.
 - Hazardous/ Brownfield
 - Maloof: Had a call with Erica and put together what we wanted to talk about for restrictive covenants. They were thinking about holding a training for consultants and attorneys that do brownfield work. There are two opportunities we are exploring. We are looking at two conferences one with EGLE and another webinar on the restrictive covenant issues.
 - Natural Resources and Sustainability (Hall)
 - Hall: No updates.
 - Deskbook
 - Watson: Nothing new to report. There is some interest on updating one of the chapters.

- Program Committee

- Schebor- nothing other than what has already been discussed.

Adjourn meeting at 12:47 PM.