

Minutes
WUQWATR Board of Directors March 31, 2017
Lumsden River Park Centre, 1:30 PM

Present: Fred Clipsham, Garth Burns, Garry Dixon, Sandra Bathgate, David Sloan, Rod Halyk, Jim Elliott, Barry Gunther, Kelly Butz and Geoff Merifield.

Absent: Sherwin Petersen and Rod Halyk.

Staff: Colleen Fennig

Guest: Tom Lemon

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:36 pm.

2. Introductions

All board members introduced themselves to Tom Lemon (Rural Municipal Representative, Upper Qu'Appelle).

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Merifield/Dixon) (M/S/C) that the agenda be approved with the addition of Acceptance of Claudette Halliday resignation and Appointment of Tom Lemon after Business Arising.

4. In Camera Session

-1:45 to 2:00 pm Colleen left the room.

5. February 24, 2017 Minutes

- under 11. Reports from Watersheds, Upper Qu'Appelle was first, then Wascana.
- At this point, Claudette Halladay verbally resigned as rural municipality representative to the Board of WUQWATR. She then left.
- under 11. Reports from Watersheds, Wascana report should read A natural gas powered generation station is being proposed to be built by SaskPower; The four options are 1 at Moose Jaw, 1 at Pense, 1 near west Regina and 1 near east Regina.

Motion (Sloan/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the revised February 24, 2017 minutes be approved.

6. Business Arising

- Quill Lakes MOU – MOU signed and sent off to the Minister in addition to the Quill Lakes Watershed Association.
- Role of Board Members and Staff, Code of Ethics, Fiduciary Responsibility, Conflict Resolution, Confidentiality will be presented at the next board meeting.

7. Acceptance of Claudette Halladay Resignation

Motion (Sloan/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the verbal resignation of Claudette Halladay as the Rural Municipality Representative for the Upper Qu'Appelle Watershed to the Board of Directors of WUQWATR on February 24, 2017 be accepted.

8. Acceptance of Tom Lemon Appointment

Motion (Gunther/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the Board accepts the appointment of Tom Lemon as the Rural Municipality Representative for the Upper Qu'Appelle Watershed.

9. Correspondence

There were two entries to the Poster Contest. They were passed around to make a decision on which is 1st and 2nd.

10. Reports

a) Chair & Executive Committee

The minutes from the March 7th Executive Committee were reviewed. Other than decisions below, the Executive Committee authorized getting a mailbox in Humboldt for \$162/year. It turns out that it was free. The box number is #5350.

Motion (Merifield/Gunther) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR apply for a corporate credit card with an upper spending limit of \$3,000 for the exclusive use of the General Manager and that the revised financial guidelines be appending to the minutes.

Motion (Merifield/Burns) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR set up a petty cash wallet with a balance of \$500 for the exclusive use of the General Manager and that the user agreement be appended to the financial policies of the organization.

Motion (Merifield/Dixon) (M/S/C) that the Executive Committee minutes of March 7, 2017 be received.

b) General Manager/AEGP/ALUS (Colleen Fennig) (attached)

Motion (Merifield/Dixon) (M/S/C) that the Board approve in principle working with the Love Your Lakes staff in Ontario to deliver the Love Your Lakes program again this summer.

A few questions around fees and interest rates warranted more investigation.

Motion (Butz/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the Board approve in principle the moving the Affinity Credit Union ALUS Trust Money into an account that will generate interest and that the final decision be made by the Executive.

c) SAW Report

- SAW has developed a membership benefits fact sheet for SAW members.

- SAW is involved in the upcoming AEGP discussions, the Task Force on AIS, Grain Bag Recycling
- Recent press release on AIS on March 10th
- Membership fee is going up to \$3750

d) Financial Report

Motion (Merifield/Elliott) (M/S/C) that the Board approves the Transaction Details as of February 28, 2017.

The balance sheet instead of Profit for the Year should read Surplus for the Year.

Motion (Burns/Gunther) (M/S/C) that the Board approve the Income and Expenses Financial Statement and the amended Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2017.

e) Reports from Watersheds

- Last Mountain Lake

- o There was a presentation of postcards to minister from PARCS about AIS along with media coverage
- o Meeting with Sam Ferris
 - o Talked about AIS, sewage haulers and sewage lagoons, lake water samples
 - o Lake sample reports going to Garry (ideally with SAW)
- o Last Mountain Lake is right at high level in the fall
- o Valeport and Craven weir needs to be cleaned out regularly

Motion (Burns/Merifield) (M/S/C) The (\$100) winner of Poster Contest is Naomi Strom. Second (\$75) is Zhayla Mallari.

- Lanigan Manitou

- o A number of C & D projects proposed and in various stages of approval.

- Upper Qu'Appelle

- o Low levels of water in Buffalo Pound Lake
- o 3 C&D Projects proposed, two into Moose Jaw River and one into Cottonwood Creek
- o March 1st meeting in Brownlee

- Reports on two C & D, one east of Tuxford and one in the Marquis area – work ongoing
- Ground saturated but no runoff

- Wascana

- WSA fact sheets on C & D development
- C & D booklet on procedures is going on WSA website in next few weeks
- Runoff on Wascana Creek is well below normal
- Regina is one of 5 flagship Bioblitz in Canada on June 9-10
- Friends of Wascana Marsh Fundraising Dinner – May 8th (Kelsey Marchand speaking on Western Painted Turtle [www.wascanamarsh.ca] Tickets from Jim Elliott

Motion (Sloan/Lemon) (M/S/C) that the verbal watershed reports be approved.

11. New Business

a) Motions for the AGM

Motion (Gunther/Merifield) (M/S/C) approve, forward to the Annual General Meeting and recommend approval of the audited financial statements dated March 31, 2016 at the Annual General Meeting.

Motion (Butz/Merifield) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR transfer some cumulative surplus to reserve funds and that the Executive in consultation with the General Manager make the decision about amount of transfer and how it is managed.

b) Draft 2017-18 Work Plan and Budget

Through discussions a number of targets were determined. We need to look at tracking numbers of visits, shares and likes on social media.

Motion (Butz/Dixon) (M/S/C) adopt the 2017-18 Workplan and Budget.

12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.