

Minutes
WUQWATR Board of Directors August 18, 2017
By Conference Call, 8:00AM

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

Absent: Sherwin Petersen and Kelly Butz

Staff: Colleen Fennig

Guest:

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.

2. Introductions

It was recorded that Tom Lemon has resigned.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Sloan/Gunther) (M/S/C) that the agenda be approved as amended. Under correspondence, there will be the letter from the Last Mountain Lake Stewards.

4. Board Minutes – June 23, 2017

Motion (Elliott/Burns) (M/S/C) that the June 23, 2017 meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

5. Business Arising

- Approval of staff bonuses

Motion (Gunther/Dixon) (M/S/C) that the decision coming from the in-camera session at the June 23, 2017 board meeting be approved (to give a one-time performance incentive to Folly of \$1500 and Colleen would get \$2000).

6. Correspondence

- The board received a letter from the Last Mountain Lake Stewards following the attendance of the Chair and other board members at which there was further discussions around the potential actions dealing with the rising waters of the Quill Lakes. Suggestions around the recommendation of the commission is that it be called and recommend in a timely manner work that needs to get done, to determine the parameters (timing, lake levels and TDS) around release of water into the Last Mountain Lake and for the actions to be monitored and enforced for probably 20 years. This commission should be made up of technical experts, governments and those affected perhaps 10 or 12 individuals. This commission should be funded from the WSA.

7. Reports

a) Chair & Executive Committee

- Fred and others attended the meeting in Fort Qu'Appelle around the future of the Quill Lake water levels.
- Fred had talked to D.C. Fraser from Leader Post which resulted in an article on July 31st. The results did not include much of our position on this issue. Fred will contact the reporter to ask for the rationale to not include material from us.

b) Financial Report

The financial statements should include an ending date so as to determine what they include.

Motion (Halyk/Merifield) (M/S/C) Motion that the Budget and Income/Expense Statements ending July 31, 2017 be approved.

Motion (Merifield/Burns) (M/S/C) that the Board approve the Balance Sheet dated July 31, 2017.

Motion (Merifield/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the Board approves the Transaction Details as of July 31, 2017.

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

- the Beach Water Testing will also include checking the Aquatic Invasive Species monitors.
- the Natures Edge Funding demonstration location has been determined to be a public site at the Rowans Ravine Provincial Park. The work will be done on September 20/21. Attempts will be made to videotape the event and the activities of the project.

Motion (Sloan/Gunther) (M/S/C) that the project proceed in partnership with SAW in principle and the Executive will make any final decisions.

Garry briefly left the meeting.

- Producer Appreciation Dinner

Motion (Merifield/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR and ALUS proceed with the two dinners and proceed to get the appropriate liquor permit and insurance.

Garry joined the meeting again.

Motion (Sloan/Dixon) (M/S/C) that the Board approve the transfer of \$1888.50, the remaining balance to the ALUS trust account from the projects account for the 2016 year.

Motion (Merifield/Gunther) (M/S/C) That the board approve the purchase of a new printer/scanner for the GM's office up to a maximum of \$500.00.

Motion (Gunther/Burns) (M/S/C) That the GM tries to find the mailing address of Eero Salvador, a student who won 3rd place in the 2016 poster contest so as to re-issue his cheque that has gone stale. If a mailing address cannot be found by September 30th, it is recommended that the GM cancels the original cheque and does not re-issue it.

Motion (Sloan/Bathgate) (M/S/C) That the GM cancels the outstanding (stale cheques) for Garry Dixon, Larry Grant and Angela (nee Culham) Miki and re-issues only Garry's and Angela's cheques. Larry doesn't need his cheque re-issued.

Motion (Burns/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the board approve opening a "Flex-term account" which bears 0.6% interest at the Affinity Credit Union and transferring the funds from the ALUS trust account to it.

Motion (Halyk/Dixon) (M/S/C) that the board set the drainage rates as suggested by the drainage committee to the following:

- Field work - \$500/day (min. call out fee \$300)
- Mileage for field work - \$0.50/km
- Rate to complete an application - \$1000/quarter plus \$250/quarter if there isn't already a wetland inventory completed.

d) SAW report

- much work is being spent with the natural edge funding and the aquatic invasive species.

- supported the Carbon Summit with APAS in Saskatoon

- a provincial drainage committee is being developed which to this point does not include SAW

- the Going Forward 3 was submitted with budget and awaiting a response perhaps September

David Sloan left the meeting.

e) Reports from Watersheds

-Upper Qu'Appelle (report submitted)

- it was recommended that WUQWATR send a letter to the City of Regina and the Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Plant expressing some interest in whether they have been having intake quality problems and if they are struggling to supply good quality water.

- Sandra will collect photos of potential erosion points along the natural and contoured canal so as to put together a report to WSA concerning the problems in the valley.

- Last Mountain Lake

- There has been some spraying for Leafy Spurge and some shoreline erosion at Kanata. It was mentioned that the Spring bay well has gone dry. A cougar was sighted.

- Wascana (report submitted)

- There was a need for a watershed meeting this fall and that David could not continue as chair.

- Lanigan Manitou

- There was a need for a watershed meeting and Rod will be having a meeting with REACT. Little Manitou levels are down 18-19 inches.

8. New Business

- Jackets/Golf Shirts

Motion (Gunther/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the cost estimates are acceptable.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting is on October 20, 2017 starting at 10:30 a.m. at Wascana Place. It will include Kerry Horderness.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.