

Minutes
WUQWATR Board of Directors December 12, 2014
Wascana Place, 10:43 AM

Present: Fred Clipsham, Jim Elliott, Sandra Bathgate, Don Bowman, David Sloan, Gary Dixon, Geoff Merifield, Claudette Halladay and Ernie Oblander.

Staff: Duane Haave, Colleen Fennig

Regrets: Tim Davies and Rod Halyk.

1. Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 10:43 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Sloan/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the agenda be approved as presented.

3. Minutes of October 31, 2014

Some clarification information was added to the minutes after circulated by email to help define discussion.

Motion (Elliott/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the minutes of October 31, 2014 be approved.

4. Business Arising

a. 25 Year Water Security Plan

Motion (Merifield/Sloan) (M/S/C) that this report and review be tabled to our March 2015 meeting.

5. Presentation by Jim Fisher of Delta Waterfowl on ALUS Expansion Plans and integration with WUQWATR

Prior to the telephone call, Duane Haave provided the board with some background on the ALUS project. Jim Fisher via telephone described the future plans respecting ALUS in Saskatchewan and more specifically their relationship with WUQWATR and the Upper Souris watershed association.

Motion (Oblander/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Committee and General Manager to negotiate a draft agreement with Delta Waterfowl and ALUS Saskatchewan to expand the ALUS (Alternative Land Use Services) project to the WUQWATR watershed area, and to integrate program delivery, project review and administration with WUQWATR. This draft agreement shall be presented to the Board for final approval.

6. Correspondence

We received a response from the Yorkton WSA office in respect to the potential future scenarios surrounding the Quill Lakes and its potential flow into Last Mountain Lake.

A letter went from WUQWATR supporting actions by WSA and SWF on fisheries habitat in the Qu'Appelle as they repair sections that are damaged and that WUQWATR wishes to be involved in any discussions of what is being proposed.

Motion (Sloan/Dixon) (M/S/C) that correspondence be received.

Lunch was from 12:01 to 12:43 pm.

7. Reports

a. General Manager's Report (report provided)

Motion (Merifield/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the Board authorize a submission of an application for funding to the WWF Loblaw Fund for \$9225 for stream bank stabilization in the Wascana Creek basin.

Motion (Sloan/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR submit an application to hire students through the 2015 Canada Summer Jobs Application pending financial support from potential municipal partners.

Motion (Sloan/Merifield) (M/S/C) that we receive the General Manager's report.

b. In-camera

The meeting went in camera at 1:09 pm.

Motion (Dixon/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the meeting come out of camera at 1:33 pm.

c. Chairperson's Report

Motion (Oblander/Merifield) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR nominate Don Bowman and forward our nomination to the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds for their Watershed Stewardship Award. Don Bowman abstained from the vote.

- Assiniboine River Basin Initiative
 - o Six watersheds attended the meeting
 - o No formal decisions were made but to continue discussions
- Tebb's Pitt
 - o Fred, Jim and Duane attended the meeting
 - o Learned more about Tebb's Pitt and the quality and quantity of associated surface and ground water
 - o Data gaps were identified
 - o We are involved but with no commitment

d. SAW Report

- Old Wives Lake source water protection plan is done and released
- Some concerns of contamination of Wood River
- North & South Sask are considering a zebra mussel project
- MLA Reception
 - o 20-25 MLAs attended
 - o Watersheds provided presentation
 - o May wish to have similar meeting with WSA staff, maybe Agriculture or Environment departments or deputy ministers meeting

- SAW Conference is happening in April in Melfort
- Booth for SARM (Mar 9-11) and SUMA (Feb 1-3) in Saskatoon
- Meeting with Minister Moe re drainage regulations and role of watershed associations may happen in January
- Possibility of setting up a CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network) in Saskatchewan. CoCoRaHS (www.cocorahs.org) is a grassroots volunteer network of backyard weather observers of all ages and backgrounds working together to measure and map precipitation (rain, hail and snow) in their local communities.

e. Committees

a. Financial & Risk Management Reports

Motion (Sloan/Dixon) (M/S/C) that the Income and Expenses December 6, 2014 & Budget vs. Actual Report to December 31, 2014 be approved.

Motion (Sloan/Halladay) (M/S/) that the Cheques & Deposits Report of December 6, 2014 be approved.

b. Program & Communications Report (no report)

c. Membership Report (no report)

d. Research & Technical Committee (no report)

8. Watershed Reports

a. Upper Qu'Appelle

- i. Pdf of conveyance report was sent out to members
- ii. There is discussion around a plan to rehabilitate the Upper Qu'Appelle channel

b. Last Mountain Lake

- i. There was interest in getting data from Dr. Peter Leavitt on the water quality of Last Mountain Lake

Motion (Merifield/Dixon) (M/S/C) that a letter goes to Robin Tod of SWA on behalf of the Last Mountain Lake Watershed Advisory Committee and that it include questions on permits and requirements of permittees to communicate with associated rural or urban municipalities. Further, that Duane talks to Peter Leavitt asking for access to the databases of Last Mountain Lake and other locations in the watershed.

- Gary Dixon left at this point.

a. Lanigan Manitou

- i. There are discussions happening in the Lanigan Creek/Delwood Conservation Association area around expanding storage at Lanigan Lake.
- ii. Work in the Lake Manitou area is proceeding

b. Wascana Creek

- i. Jim will be leading some spring tours in the locations where the proposed new Regina Bypass will cross the Wascana Creek to assess impacts

- ii. A power line is going into the K& S potash mine
- iii. City of Regina is developing an environmental engineering division again
- iv. Wascana C&D met new SWA manager in Weyburn and discussed the Albert Street weir (he did a Masters on water governance) and a spring runoff committee
- v. Vale has done their EIS and receiving comment until February 12, 2014 (<http://environment.gov.sk.ca/ea2013-002>)

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be January 23rd at the University of Regina, location to be determined. We will meet at 10:00 am at Wascana Place to be transported over to the campus to limit parking problems. Tour will begin shortly thereafter. We will then meet in their boardroom for our regular meeting.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm