

Minutes
WUQWATR Board of Directors May 1, 2014
Lumsden Community Hall, 2:06 PM

Present: Fred Clipsham, Jim Elliott, Tim Davies, Claudette Halladay, David Sloan, Garry Dixon, Ernie Oblander, Sandra Bathgate, Don Bowman, Geoff Merifield and Rod Halyk.

Staff: Duane Haave.

Guest: Jim Supynuk, Jim Stalwick

Regrets:

1. Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The WSA Work Plan should be for 2014-15.

Motion (Dixon/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the agenda be approved as amended.

3. Minutes of February 27th

It was noted that Don Bowman was present at the meeting.

Motion (Elliott/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the minutes of February 27, 2013 be approved as amended.

4. Business Arising

- The letter to the Minister Responsible for WSA requesting a special watershed advisory committee meeting regarding the Upper Qu'Appelle studies has been sent. No response yet.
- There has been no Last Mountain Lake Advisory Committee meeting
- There is no longer any funding for the sampling at Last Mountain Lake. The Ministry of Health will be testing water quality at recreational beaches. There may be some opportunities when we work with the Lower Qu'Appelle Nutrient Study Committee to get some upstream testing done and to know what researcher's data is available.

5. Correspondence (no report)

6. Reports

a. Chairperson's Report

b. Executive Committee (no report)

c. In-camera Session

Duane Haave left the room. There was an in-camera session between 2:21 and 2:30 pm.

d. SAW Report

- The Old Wives Lake Source Water Protection Plan Report has been sent back and could be 2-3 months.
- The mitigation plan for the Lewvan overpass is still being worked on with Assiniboine association and WSA. The next one in the works is the Regina East & South Bypass and we should be ahead of this coming up.
- The NRCAN report on climate change studies is being translated and waiting for final approval.
- The SAW Audit had no issues identified.
- The LIRA workshop had 60 attendees and the report should be in a couple of weeks.
- No response to February letter from WSA/Minister re updating of funding for the watersheds.
- Watershed Stewardship Award should be on our agenda in the fall. The 2014 award went to the Avonlea wetland effluent project.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-YFWI3qEOE>
www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/pdf/ConstructedW.pdf
- At the AGM, there were resolutions around finding other sources of funding (approved) and maintaining independence of administration from SCDA (rejected).
- There was to be a new water security agency act probably in 2015 and there was a concern expressed that we haven't been contacted.
- Letter from SAW to WUQWATR Chair sent electronically April 29, 2014 but not printed for this meeting.
- SAW Business Plan 2014-15

Motion (Halyk/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the Board send a letter to SAW saying that they appreciate being able to review their Strategic Plan and identifying full support for their efforts and plans. In the letter, the Board would encourage SAW to put a completion date on the plan.

It was further identified that SAW has set up a communications committee. There is a proposal in the Strategic Plan that there be quarterly coordinators/managers meeting and that the Ag Display will be moved to the Ag Education Showcase within Agribition.

e. General Manager's Report

Motion (Sloan/Davies) (M/S/C) that the Board approve the purchase of an additional computer for our 2nd summer student with a cost of \$350.00.

Motion (Davies/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the Board approve the payment of registration fees for 4 employees totalling \$600.00 for the Society of Range Management training course in May.

Motion (Davies/Oblander) (M/S/C) that the Board approve the 2013-14 Year End Report as attached.

Motion (Davies/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the Board approve the 2014-15 WSA Work plan and contract as attached.

There was a direction from the meeting that this is on the next meeting's agenda and the Board should update the list of responsible agencies and identify Key Actions that are not going to be implemented. It was also suggested that each board member bring forward a few items that need to be followed up upon by WUQWATR and that might be appropriately suggested for SAW to encourage province wide.

Motion (Davies/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the Board provide authorization for the General Manager to obtain Errors and Omissions Insurance from Cherry Insurance for our AEGP Technical Advisor with a premium cost not to exceed \$950.00.

Motion (Davies/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the Board provide authorization for the renewal of our Directors and Officers liability insurance policy with a premium of \$910.00.

Motion (Davies/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the Board instruct the Finance Committee and General Manager to conduct an assessment of WUQWATR's insurance coverage, identify our needs and provide a recommendation to the Board prior to the renewal of our liability insurance policies in fall 2014.

7. Committees

a. Financial & Risk Management Reports

Two notes on the audit are that we need to review and define what the deferred income is before the audit and that invoices need to be initialed at the time of payment and signing of cheques.

Motion (Davies/Bowman) (M/S/C) that the 2013-14 Audit provided by Marcia Herback be put forward to the WUQWATR AGM and recommend approval.

Motion (Oblander/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the Board has received and reviewed the Auditor's letter.

Motion (Davies/Dixon) (M/S/C) that the Budget for 2014-15 be approved with the title for the right column be 2014 Budget and that the Revenue line be WSA Core Funding. A third column be added identified as 2013 Budget.

The asterisks in the budget document refer to associated spreadsheets. There should be an asterisk in the title after December 31, 2014 and below indicating that this is for an 11 month fiscal year.

Motion (Davies/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the Cheques & Deposits Report and the Income and Expenses Report to April 26, 2014 be approved.

b. Executive Committee

Motion (Oblander/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the following be elected as Officers: Fred Clipsham (Chairperson), Rod Halyk (Vice-Chairperson), Tim Davies (Treasurer) and Jim Elliott (Secretary).

Motion (Davies/Geoff) (M/S/C) that the following be elected to Program & Communications Committee with the power to add: Ernie Oblander and Geoff Merifield.

Motion (Sloan/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the following be elected to the Membership Committee with the power to add: Claudette Halladay, Tim Davies and Garry Dixon.

Motion (Halladay/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the following be elected to the Finance Committee with the power to add: Tim Davies, Jim Elliott and Sandra Bathgate.

Motion (Halyk/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the following be elected to the Research & Technology Committee with the power to add: Garry Dixon, Rod Halyk and David Sloan.

8. Lower Qu'Appelle Nutrient Balance Committee (Jim Stalwick)

The report is attached.

9. Next Meeting

Motion (Davies/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the next AGM be held in Humboldt in 2015.

- Meeting was suggested for late June at Manitou Beach.

10. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm.

**Lower Qu'Appelle River Watershed Stewards (LQRWS)
Scientific Monitoring and Research Working Group**

(Meeting Report – Jim Stalwick)

- First meeting of the Working Group (WG): April 15, 2014
- I attended as representative for WUQWTR
- Key LQRWS players: Doug Clark (chair) and Dave Sutherland (retired water scientist)
- Full support from the SK Water Security Agency: Etienne Soulodre and Dr. John-Mark Davies. The Ministry of Agriculture has also assigned a staff person (not in attendance at this meeting).
- Draft Terms of Reference for the WG is being developed
- Notional targets have been established for nutrient levels (nitrogen and phosphorus) in the Pasqua, Echo, Crooked and Round Lakes in the Lower Qu'Appelle River Watershed Plan – the first effort at such a project in Saskatchewan that I am aware of
- Baseline nutrient levels for the four lakes appear to be well documented – the target is the 90th percentile of those levels. There appears to be significant pressure on the LQRWS for more aggressive targets. The notional targets will be adjusted when the WG completes its work.
- A significant number of research projects on nutrient issues in the Qu'Appelle River and lake system have been established over the last decade (report by Dr. Davies).
- The key issue for the WG will be what projects can be identified as clearly contributing to a reduction in nutrient levels, particularly for non-point nutrient sources. (I indicated an interest in following up with a quick literature review on the current research for non-point nutrient transport and mitigation.)
- LQRWS is also looking at another significant monitoring/mitigation project on Kapsovar Creek, a tributary of the Qu'Appelle River with major pollution issues.
- Next meeting is on June 10th – the Moose Jaw River Watershed Group will be asked to join the WG, which, along with WUQWTR, feed into the lakes in question.
- Subsequent communication from Doug Clark indicates that the Assiniboine Watershed Group will also participate in the project. (See Action 3.1.e in the Water Security Agency 25 year plan)