

**Minutes**  
**WUQWATR Board of Directors October 31, 2014**  
**Wascana Place, 10:30 AM**

Present: Fred Clipsham, Jim Elliott, Sandra Bathgate, Don Bowman, David Sloan, Garry Dixon, Geoff Merifield and Rod Halyk.

Staff: Duane Haave.

Guest: None

Regrets: Claudette Halladay, Tim Davies, and Ernie Oblander.

**1. Introductions**

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was amended to move the in camera session to the end.

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

**3. Minutes of September 26, 2014**

**Motion (Halyk/Merifield) (M/S/C)** that the minutes of September 26, 2014 be approved.

Jim Elliott arrived at this time.

**4. Business Arising**

- Fred would not be able to attend the SAW MLA reception. Sandra Bathgate will replace Fred.
- There was discussion about the high levels of the Quills Lakes and concern that the basin may spill over into Last Mountain Lake. Duane will inquire at the SWA Yorkton office for further information.

**5. Correspondence (No correspondence)**

**6. Reports**

**a. Chairperson's Report**

- Fred and Jim attended a meeting hosted by Department of Highways regarding Tebb's gravel pit.

**b. Executive Committee**

- The General Manager's review should be done by end of November. Fred has sent out forms to Board members.
- Watershed Stewardship Award

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There was discussion about nominating Don Bowman for the Watershed Stewardship Award. Don was chair of the Lanigan Creek- Dellwood Boork watershed board for 20 years and Vice-president of the SCDA for a number of years. Rod and Geoff will work on the nomination.

**Motion (Halyk/Merifield) (M/S/C)** that Don Bowman be nominated for the award and that Rod Halyk proceed with getting the nomination papers finished by the end of December.

**c. SAW Report**

- Bridget Andrews is the new executive director for SAW.
- MLAs reception on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jim Gerhart will be attending. Source Water Protection Plan renewals will be initiated within the next year. Some vacancies at WSA will not be filled in the short term
- Assiniboine River Basin Initiative conference is planned on November 13-14 in Regina, with all 6 Saskatchewan Watersheds in the larger Assiniboine Watershed planning to attend.
- WUQWATR's letter to SAW regarding province -wide priorities created a discussion leading to the next step in strategic planning for SAW, as well as a response from SWA about some of the priorities that have stalled
- SAW's Trade show exhibit will be updated for Agribition and the MLA reception.
- 2015 SAW Conference is April 13-15 in Melfort. Guest speaker is Greg Johnson (Tornado Hunter). Hotel is the Canalta (1<sup>st</sup>) and Travelodge (2<sup>nd</sup>). The brochure on this will be coming out shortly
- Climate change consulting report should be finished.
- Wetland Mitigation project from southwest Regina/Pinkie road overpass has been passed on to Assiniboine watershed
- Saw Communication plan approved and there will be some things coming out of that
- Possibility of an aquatic invasive species project coming out but no details so far
- There is thought to have SAW as a clearinghouse for information going out between watersheds about meetings, newsletters, AGMs, etc.
- Drainage Stewardship Meeting in lower Qu'Appelle happening on December 9<sup>th</sup>
- Lower Qu'Appelle has agreed to host the 2017 SAW conference. No one has volunteered for 2016
- SAW has obtained a complimentary membership in APAS
- Old Wives Lake source water protection plan would be released November 14th

**b. General Manager's Report (report provided)**

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- Board members were provide with a document updating progress on Key Actions related to the 25 Year Plan, and were asked to review it for discussion at t he next Board meeting.
- “Water for Wildlife” is the theme for the Grade 5,6,7 SAW art contest
- Watershed High school curriculum materials should be launched soon
- Duane is on a SAW staff subcommittee looking at aquatic invasive species. The province has hired a contract employee to look at strategies to combat zebra mussels, including a communications approach
- WUQWATR’s Email newsletter coming out soon
- There was a suggestion recommending that we have our next board meeting at the U of Regina after a tour of the EQAL lab out there.
- There was some additional discussion of the Tebb’s pit consultation, and about the adjacent aquifers within 10 km. of the pit. There was also discussion about potential risks to the Zehner aquifer from Boggy Creek and the pit.

**Motion (Halyk/Bathgate) (M/S/C)** that we send out an invitation to Jim Gerhart to attend a WUQWATR board meeting to discuss Plan Renewal.

**Motion (Sloan/Bowman) (M/S/C)** that the Board of Directors approves in principle the hiring of an 8 month Co-op student to assist with program and research activities, particularly Phase 4 of the Wascana Riparian Health Assessment.

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

Lunch was from 12:14 to 12:28 pm.

## **7. Watershed Reports**

### **a. Wascana Creek**

- Further discussions continued on Tebb’s Pit. The Department of Highways want to assess whether there is need for action to protect the aquifers or whether any mitigation is needed.
- Recent discussions about pharmaceuticals not being caught by the present sewage treatment system has prompted disclosure that the new treatment plant process will also capture a large proportion of the pharmaceuticals coming out of Regina.
- The City of Regina has been talking to other towns and villages around Regina about the status of their water treatment and sewage treatment systems. Most of the systems are fair to good while those east of Regina are in fair to poor and will need to be upgraded or replaced. There are now some further discussions about some possible collaboration between Regina and those communities.
- It was also noted that Balgonie and Sedley are currently annually discharging their treated waste water lagoons.

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- There is slumping and erosion of areas in upper Wascana Creek
- Spring flow peak was higher than average 5 times this summer due to rain events.

**b. Last Mountain Lake**

- Geoff will speak at a council meeting at Kanata Valley
- Levels of lake are high
- RM McKillop is putting in an inter-municipal lagoon

**c. Upper Qu'Appelle**

- The Qu'appelle Dam has not been releasing water into Buffalo Pound Lake, because local supplies are sufficient, and because engineering work on the channel is underway.
- Alberta has released a new water storage report  
[[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/irr15015](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/irr15015)]
- Executive summary report on the Conveyance Options in the Valley is done. Hopefully copies of this report will be available to the board soon.

**d. Lanigan Manitou**

- Humboldt is doing lagoon cleaning and is land spreading the sludge  
[[www.dairylandagro.com](http://www.dairylandagro.com)] [[www.mccallumenvironmental.com](http://www.mccallumenvironmental.com)]
- Manitou lake levels are high

**8. Committees**

**a. Financial & Risk Management Reports**

**Motion (Sloan/Bowman) (M/S/C)** that the Income and Expenses October 24, 2014 & Budget vs. Actual Report to September 30, 2014 be approved.

**Motion (Sloan/Merifield) (M/S/)** that the Cheques & Deposits Report of October 24, 2014 be approved.

**b. Program & Communications Report (no report)**

**c. Membership Report (no report)**

**d. Research & Technical Committee**

**e. In-camera Session**

**9. Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. The next meeting will be on January 23<sup>rd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that the tour of the U of R would be part of our January meeting. Perhaps our board meeting could be at the U of R.

**10. Adjournment**

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Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm