

Minutes
WUQWATR Board of Directors September 26, 2014
Wascana Place, 10:38 AM

Present: Fred Clipsham, Jim Elliott, Tim Davies, Sandra Bathgate, Ernie Oblander, Geoff Merifield and Rod Halyk.

Staff: Duane Haave.

Guest: Wanda McFadyen, Assiniboine River Basin Initiative

Regrets: Jim Supynuk, Claudette Halladay, David Sloan, Garry Dixon and Don Bowman.

1. Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was modified to eliminate 6 a) Executive Committee.

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

3. Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves to our guest. Wanda McFadyen introduced herself to the Board.

4. Presentation of Wanda McFadyen (report attached)

- Following the multi-stakeholder workshop held March 16, 2014 in Virden, Manitoba whereby the consensus of those in attendance was that the same planning structure be used to deliver a conference in the fall of 2014 where the ultimate objective be the implementation of a sustainable structure to work cooperatively on water related issues of the Assiniboine River Basin, the Prairie Improvement Network on behalf the Assiniboine River Basin Initiative Planning Committee began to undertake Phase 2.
- This includes enhancing the planning committee, conducting outreach & communications, developing governance and sustainable funding model options and planning the fall conference. Information on the ARBI conference will be coming out shortly.
- The date for the conference is November 12-14 at the Travelodge in Regina.

5. Minutes of June 19, 2014

Motion (Davies/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the minutes of June 19, 2014 be approved as amended.

6. Business Arising

- Letter to MLAs needs to be developed.

Motion (Merifield/Davies) (M/S/C) that Duane and Fred review & finalize the letter.

- Meeting in Fort Qu'Appelle – Tim provided a written report via email from the meeting

7. Correspondence (No correspondence)

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:55 and was resumed at 12:48.

4. Presentation (cont'd)

Discussion continued around the conference, its purpose and its value. It was agreed that we should attend and that it was premature to consider any engagement at this time. Duane would provide some common questions or areas that need to be defined from the perspective of WUQWATR.

Motion (Merifield/Halyk) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR send to a maximum of 4 people plus the General Manager to the ARBI conference in Regina on November 14/15, 2014.

8. Reports

a. Chairperson's Report

- Fred and others attended the Sherwood Forest meeting around the Wascana Creek Riparian Health Assessment report.

b. Executive Committee (no report)

c. In-camera Session

Duane Haave left the room. There was no in-camera discussion needed. Duane was asked to return to the room.

d. SAW Report

- Pat Rediger is leaving as Executive Director and Bridget Andrews from Moose Jaw is replacing him
- SAW is sending out newsletters after every meeting
- There will be a communications strategy coming back to us in October
- MLAs meeting is November 3rd

e. General Manager's Report (report provided)

The drainage discussions will be going into policy rather than regulations and that the legislation to cover this is in the future.

The Wascana Creek Riparian Health Assessment report and presentation can be found at <http://wuqwatr.ca/news/item/?n=30>.

There was discussion about the Lower Qu'Appelle meeting in Fort Qu'Appelle. A report was provided by Tim Davies.

Jim Elliott will provide nutrient analysis reports respecting the sewage bypass that happened on July 1st weekend.

Motion (Davies/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the Board of Directors authorizes reimbursement to Colleen Fennig of expenses of \$2049.27 incurred in the wetland training program provided by British Columbia Institute of Technology.

Motion (Davies/Oblander) (M/S/C) that the Board approve in principle the draft Program Directions document 2014-16.

It was noted that research on the City of Humboldt's effluent releases into Humboldt Lake might be a potential study for an application to the Lake Winnipeg Fund.

Motion (Davies/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the WUQWATR Board endorses the creation of a new cost-shared funding BMP to support producers to restore and enhance wetlands under the Growing Forward 2 Agreement and that the WUQWATR Board communicate this motion to the Provincial Government both elected representatives and ministries, the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds Board, our fellow watershed stewardship groups, and partner agencies like Ducks Unlimited Canada and ALUS.

Motion (Davies/Oblander) (M/S/C) that the WUQWATR Board approve in principle an application to the Environment Canada Eco-Action Community Fund Program, to support the following activities:

- 1) The promotion of wetland restoration and conservation through:
 - a. An education training session in the northern part of our watershed on wetland restoration for watershed stewardship staff, students, other professionals and landowners. (In conjunction with WSA and partners)
 - b. A wetland restoration event in the Wascana Watershed, aimed at local residents, students and landowners (in conjunction with local partners like WSA, ALUS)

- c. Funding to produce and distribute a weekly newspaper information flyer to promote wetland conservation, to locate potential wetland restoration sites, and to promote WUQWATR and AEGP.
 - d. Funding to print and distribute a water bill insert in Regina (and possibly other centres) promoting watershed awareness and water quality BMPs to urban residents.
- 2) Funding to support demonstration events on shoreline stabilization on the Wascana Creek downstream of Regina. (In conjunction with local residents and students)

There was some thought to be making presentations to the University of Regina but have not had contact or been asked to present.

9. Committees

a. Financial & Risk Management Reports

Motion (Davies/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the Cheques & Deposits Report and the Income and Expenses Report to September 19, 2014 be approved.

Motion (Davies/Oblander) (M/S/) that the Income & Expenses Statement and the Budget vs. Actual Financial Statement of September 19, 2014 be approved.

b. Program & Communications Report (no report)

c. Membership Report (written report provided)

d. Research & Technical Committee

- this committee needs to meet

10. Watershed Reports

a. Last Mountain Lake

- The control structures that regulate water coming out of Last Mountain Lake are fully open and so with the lack of storage capacity to respond to a normal snowfall, spring flooding may still occur. This needs some thought as to what recommended actions we communicate to local residents.

b. Upper Qu'Appelle

- Report has been summarized and will be coming from WSA. There should be a request for a copy sent from the watershed.

c. Lanigan Manitou

- Rod will be meeting with Humboldt next week

- City of Humboldt will be doing a sludge removal on their anaerobic cell this fall and will be injected into neighbouring farmland through a permitted process

- There is still concrete being poured at the intake for the BHP Billiton pipeline at the Zelma reservoir. The causeway is there to receive the pipe for the intake.

d. Wascana Creek

- Fred has submitted his application to represent the the City of Regina on the Wascana WAC
- Jim attended the Peoples' Social Forum in Regina
- Wings Over Wascana was very successful and new bird sightings
- Nature Sask had their AGM in Regina with trips to Qu'Appelle Valley
- City of Regina has heritage awards and natural heritage is within their purview
- Nature Regina wants to have Wascana Creek Riparian Health Assessment present to general meetings
- Discussions around the dirt movement from the Stadium site to south of the Lewvan overpass. It was suggested that if there is concern with this activity that it be considered through the new water legislation or policy being pursued this fall and should it be that municipalities or cities have to consider their actions like this

11. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be October 31st at 10:30 am.

12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:19 pm.