

Minutes
WUQWATR Board of Directors December 13, 2013
Ducks Unlimited Board Room, 10:34 AM

Present: Fred Clipsham, Jim Elliott, Tim Davies, Claudette Halladay, David Sloan, Gary Dixon, Ernie Oblander, Sandra Bathgate and Rod Halyk.

Staff: Duane Haave.

Guest: Jim Supynuk

Regrets: Geoff Merifield

1. Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. Board went around the room and introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Provincial Auditors Report will be handled under the General Manager's Report.

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

3. Minutes of November 13th

Motion (Oblander/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the minutes of November 13th be approved.

4. Business Arising

The minutes will be on the website soon. The reminder to our members about the minutes will be put into a newsletter or other correspondence.

5. Correspondence (no report)

6. Reports

a. Chairperson's Report

- The Chair discussed with the General Manager about his training options. More on that later.

b. General Manager's Report

- James Hood from WSA has left for personal reasons.

- [Temporary office accommodations will be in the Sound Stage at College & Broad starting at the end of January.]

Motion (Halladay/Davies (M/S/C)) that the AEGP 2013-14 work plan and budget as submitted to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture be approved.

Motion (Halyk/Oblander) (M/S/C) that the AEGP 5-year work plan as submitted to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture be approved.

- Provincial Auditors report

Motion (Davies/Sloan) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR writes the Ministry of the Environment to determine whether their response to the Auditors Report will also address portions of KA 81. WUQWATR also asks the Ministry to provide us with a complete list of active, abandoned, non-approved and/or non-compliant landfills in our watershed.

This letter should include the words of KA 81 and that it be cc.ed to SAW.

There was a suggestion that WUQWATR consider putting a resolution to the SAW AGM around this issue.

c. Financial & Risk Management Reports

Motion (Davies/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the Income and Expense Report through December 6, 2013 and Budget vs. Actual Report to November 30, 2013 be approved.

Motion (Davies/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the Cheques & Deposits Report to December 6, 2013 be approved.

The meeting recessed for lunch between 12:08 and 12:59.

d. Executive Committee

- Board Work Plan 2014
 - o To Monitor and Evaluate the Current Implementation Status of the Source Water Protection Plan
 - The review of the plan and determine priorities will be April 30, 2014
 - Plan renewal process to begin September 30, 2014
 - Consider strategic planning cycle has begun on September 30, 2013 and will have board agenda items come up as necessary
 - o Board Orientation Package
 - The package should be expanded to include at least the previous 3 board meeting minutes and the AGM minutes from the prior AGM

- To Strengthen Existing Stakeholder Relationships
 - The new dates for the appropriate meetings should be determined
- Financial and Procedures Committee to review the organization's current financial procedures
 - There have been some communications but no report or recommendations so far
- Finance and Procedures Committee to develop a staff succession plan
 - This should be done by the Executive Committee
- To Strengthen Existing Stakeholder Relationships
 - Dates for 2014 should be determined
 - Other groups may include PARCS, SEDA, SCDA, RROC, Moose Jaw/Regina Industrial Corridor, APAS, Regional Health District

e. Board Appraisal Form

- Should be done by January 15, 2014 to it can be done by January 30th.
- Mailing address should be 4843 Singer Court, Regina, SK S4X 4T5

f. SAW Report

- The inclusion of non-agricultural well decommissioning is being pursued with Sask Environment
- There is an agreement with NRCAN to do a summary report of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta projects of climate change study
- SAW is considering moving their Agribition location into the agri-education section of the show
- Next spring's conference is in Saskatoon
- The mitigation process for the transportation hub/bypass has been very slow in that there are many parties to the agreement and it has been hard to find property to place the easement upon. Work is beginning on two other projects along the South Sask River between Saskatoon and Prince Albert and around Estevan
- Lower Qu'Appelle has joined SAW
- New board members on the Board
- LIRA workshop planned for February 2014. It will include CWRA and WSA participation
- Looking for auditor for 2013
- Strategic planning meetings held in past month
- Show at SUMA/SARM/PARCS

- Source water protection plan for Old Wives Lake is expected by end of 2014
- Eagle Creek has no planning staff from WSA to do the plan
- There is to be a meeting with Cabinet around the plan renewal
- Poster contest theme is Groundwater – Below the Surface
- Issue around the lack of insurance for AEGP agrologists
- Development of high school curriculum environmental certificate program
- There is an update from one watershed at each meeting
- Letter from SAW coming about WUQWATR letter
- No current reply from WUQWATR resolution. This has triggered the development of a resolutions procedure for future handling of resolutions
- Efforts are underway to look at communications in general and more specifically on the SAW website
- Synopses from external meetings would go to all SAW board members
- Watershed Stewardship Award applications are due by end of December
- SAW delegation from WUQWATR
 - o Rod Halyk, Tim Davies, Fred Clipsham and David Sloan have identified that they wish to attend the conference

Motion (Halyk/Halladay) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR purchase board member registrations at the early bird rates or alternative from the watershed to attend the SAW conference. Travel and accommodation will be reimbursed after the conference.

Motion (Oblander/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the same reimbursement be available to two staff.

- o a reminder on the conference be sent out by January 21st.
- o Hotel booking and payment is up to the individual
- o Car sharing will be encouraged

g. Program & Communications Committee (no report)

h. Membership Committee (no report)

i. Updates from member watersheds

- Upper Qu'Appelle
 - o U of S water usage and demands of watersheds workshop

Motion (Bathgate/Halladay) (M/S/C) that we request a copy of the report on water usage & demands from the WSA. [Sandra will provide the report name]

- Last Mountain Lake
 - o A report on the sampling on Last Mountain Lake will be provided
 - o Gary will provide a copy of a report on Nitrate/Phosphate levels in Lake Diefenbaker over 6-7 years
- Wascana

- Drainage meeting in Weyburn
 - Upper Souris booklet on watershed drainage
 - Moose Jaw riparian assessment
 - May wish to set up of C & D on Okabema Creek
 - Stewardship techniques
 - LIRA projects
 - Tile drainage
 - Drainage consultations
 - Discussion around setting up of Interprovincial Assiniboine Basin Council
- Work is possible in 2014 on Vale site near Kronau
- Open house on South Regina bypass study route
- Water quality trends in the Calling Lakes workshop
- Lanigan Manitou
 - Might want to do a detour over to Jansen mine for a tour of potash mine at the same time of the Saskatoon conference. May also want to do a tour of K & S.

7. Next Meeting

- Meeting was set at Thursday, February 27th, 10:30 a.m.

8. In Camera Meeting

- In camera was between 2:38 and 2:40 p.m.

9. New Business

- It was agreed to amend future agendas to have the in-camera session immediately after the lunch break.

Motion (Halladay/Oblander) (M/S/C) that David Sloan submit registration expenses for the Weyburn workshop for reimbursement.

10. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.