

Minutes
WUQWATR Board of Directors November 8, 2013
Ducks Unlimited Board Room, 11:06 AM

Present: Fred Clipsham, Jim Elliott, Tim Davies, Claudette Halladay, Geoff Merifield, David Sloan, Garry Dixon and Ernie Oblander.

Staff: Duane Haave.

Guest: none

Regrets: Sandra Bathgate and Rod Halyk.

1. Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. Board went around the room and introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Letter to SAW has been moved to Business Arising and an in camera session would be after new business.

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

3. Minutes of October 4th

The minutes should be changed to reflect that Fred Clipsham resumed the chair after the appointment of the Executive Committee.

Motion (Halladay/Elliott) (M/S/C) that the minutes of October 4th be approved as amended.

4. Business Arising

The Last Mountain Lake Stewards is looking for volunteers and did put out newsletters in the past. We had offered to publish their water quality results and an article in our AEGP newsletter.

Draft letter would be sent under the signature of the secretary.

The consultation on drainage has had problems getting people to be engaged. <http://agdrainage.insightrix.com/index.php> is the link to this consultation. Any group or individual can join. Also a preamble isn't appropriate through the online consultation process. The policy document will be used as a reference document.

5. Correspondence

A copy of a brochure of the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network (CoCoRAHS Canada) was provided (www.cocorahs.org). David was to send out a copy of an article on this from Agriview.

6. Reports

a. Chairperson's Report

Fred attended a meeting in Cupar with Yan Coal about a potash mine somewhere between Southey and Raymore. Check out www.yancoal.ca. This is Phase I of their assessment. Golder Associates is their environmental consultant. The water needed (0.2-0.6 cubic metres per second) is likely coming from Buffalo Pound Lake. Production is estimated at 2.8 Million tons per year. Belle Plaine uses 30 acre feet per month [my calculation is that is equivalent to 0.015 cubic metres per second][Surface area of Buffalo Pound Lake is 29.5 sq. km]

b. General Manager's Report

Motion (Davies/Merifield) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR corrected approved minutes be posted on the WUQWATR website.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:07 pm and returned at 12:54 pm.

Motion (Elliott/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the Board authorize an application to the Government of Canada Summer Jobs program for 2014.

- **AEGP Report**

Input on the 5 year plan will be done on November 28th. Provide comments to Colleen or Duane.

- **Revisions to WUQWATR Key Action Completion Dates**

It was noted that the revised date for 3.1i (our #2) was 2015 and 1.2c (our #14) was 2016. There was also an asterisk on 3.3c (our #32) that had no reference note.

Provincial Association of Resort Communities of Saskatchewan is working on a report of what the status of the resort community water & wastewater is at this time. Garry Dixon will assess as to whether we can get a copy of the report.

There was some concern that the pressure be put such that if the action can be completed before the conclusion date, that that was a better resolution of the plan.

Motion (Halladay/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the Board adopt the recommended completion dates for the key items as outlined in the document "Proposed

Revisions to WUQWATR Key Actions completion dates” and will advise WAC members and WSA of same.

c. Executive Committee

Jim Supynuk and Rod Halyk are working on a board assessment report.

d. SAW Report

The Board reviewed the questions from the SAW questionnaire re their strategic planning.

Motion (Sloan/Halladay) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR to reimburse delegates to the SAW meetings if SAW doesn't reimburse members.

LIRA application for a 1 day session did not succeed with the initial application but may work in another format and interest from other parties.

SAW is having their next Annual Conference in Saskatoon on March 19-21, 2014.

e. Financial Reports

Motion (Davies/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the income & expense financial statement through November 1, 2013 be accepted.

Motion (Sloan/Halladay) (M/S/C) the cheques & deposit statement listed through November 1, 2013 be accepted.

Motion (Oblander/Merifield) (M/S/C) that Jim Supynuk be removed from the signing officers list and that Fred Clipsham (President), Tim Davies (Treasurer), Jim Elliott (Secretary) and Duane Haave be the signing officers of WUQWATR and that two are required to sign cheques.

f. Program & Communications Committee (no report)

g. Membership Committee (no report)

h. Updates from member watersheds (no reports)

- Meetings for Watershed Advisory Committees will happen in January.
- Lanigan Manitou
- Upper Qu'Appelle
- Last Mountain Lake
- Wascana Creek
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7. New Business

- More questions about drainage consultation will be forwarded to Board.

- Contacted by Upper Assiniboine watershed in Manitoba wishes those associated with Assiniboine in Saskatchewan includes us and will come forward later.
- Short list for companies tendering for wastewater treatment plant was announced.
- There will be another Enbridge pipeline going through our watershed.
- Another study in the Qu'Appelle Valley is being done in the valley regarding increased flow.

8. In Camera Meeting

This meeting happened at 2:49 p.m. and ended at 3:12 p.m.

9. Next Meeting

Next meeting is December 13, 2014, 10:30 a.m. Meeting was adjourned at 3:12 pm.