Minutes WUQWATR Annual General Meeting – River Park Centre, Lumsden March 30, 2017

Present: Fred Clipsham, David Sloan, Garry Dixon, Sandra Bathgate, Tom Lemon, Barry Gunther, Jim Elliott, Garth Burns and Geoff Merifield plus members of the general public and WUQWATR members

Staff: Colleen Fennig

1. Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Fred Clipsham. The Board of Directors and Staff were introduced.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Jack Gibney/Geoff Merifield) (M/S/C) that the agenda be approved as presented.

3. Minutes of April 9, 2016

Motion (Barry Gunther/Tom Fink) (M/S/C) that the AGM minutes of April 9, 2016 be approved.

a. Business Arising - none

4. Reports

- a. Fred Clipsham gave the Chair's report. This included a thank you to all of the board and staff and a welcome to new board members. WUQWATR signed an MOU with the Quill Lakes Watershed Association. We hosted a meeting at Pense regarding the future demands on the Upper Qu'Appelle River, water allocations and possible projects to deal with changes. There was no change to our income from WSA due to the 2017-18 budget.
- b. General Manager's Report- Colleen Fennig provided a report on the activities of WUQWATR over the past year. This included a thank you to board and staff. Programs include AEGP, ALUS, Cooperative Weed Management Areas and AIS. This was done through newsletters, emails, workshops and presentations. WUQWATR will be working with WSA on drainage issues or projects.
- c. Treasurer's Report Geoff Merifield presented the audited financial statements of 2016.

Motion (Geoff Merifield/David Sloan) (M/S/C) that the audited financial statements of WUQWATR for the 2016 year be approved.

Motion (Geoff Merifeld/Rhonda Phillips) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR appoint Marcia Herback as 2017 Auditor.

d. SAW Report -David Sloan provided an update on the activities of the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds in the past year. This included looking for funding, hosting managers meetings and making presentations to SUMA, SARM, SCDA, PARCS and PCAP. They also had meetings with provincial ministers and had a display at Agribition. They presented the Watershed Stewardship Award. Their annual trade show in Esterhazy went well.

Motion (Garth Burns/Tom Lemon) (M/S/C) that the reports of Chairperson, General Manager and SAW be approved as presented.

6. Presentation by Dale Miller

7. Other Business

a. With the census and assessment, the Board presented the new membership fees for 2017.

8. Adjournment

Fred Clipsham moved the meeting be adjourned.