

**WUQWATR Board Meeting**  
**Minutes – January 19, 2011**  
Wascana Place, Regina

Present: Jim Elliott, Fred Clipsham, Kelly Butz, Jim Supynuk, David Sloan, Tim Davies, Sandra Bathgate, Claudette Halladay and Todd Richter.

Guests: Tom Harrison

Staff: Duane Haave

Regrets: Geoff Merifield, Ernie Oblander and Rod Halyk.

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 am. by Fred Clipsham.

The board was introduced. Tom Harrison also identified himself and his interest in visiting some of the watershed groups.

**1. Agenda**

**Motion (Halladay/Rickter) (M/S/C)** that the meeting agenda be approved.

**2. Minutes of December 10, 2010**

**Motion (Supynuk/Butz) (M/S/C)** that the minutes of December 10, 2010 as circulated at the meeting be approved.

**3. Business Arising**

a. Conservation Strategy

**Motion (Davies/Halladay) (M/S/C)** that WUQWATR offer general assistance to the Lumsden Valley Conservation Association and invite Gary Howland to the next board meeting.

**4. Correspondence**

a. Letter to Minister Dustin Duncan and his response

There was a recommendation that we invite Jim Gerhardt (Acting Vice President, Operations Division, SWA) to our WUQWATR AGM to talk about potash/water allocation. There may be opportunities to promote the concerns about potash water use and general water allocation and availability.

**5. Reports**

**a) Chair**

- The Water Forum report is going forward within SUMA. There are tenders going out for the Integrated Water Study.
- APAS is putting a proposal into the Go Green Fund and we will be asked later to add our support for the proposal.
- Next week Fred and Duane will be meeting with Jeremy Pittman. The discussions will be to develop how we might participate in their research program. There was a thought to have an organizational meeting on drought and flood planning.

At 11:30 a.m., Fred Clipsham left the meeting and Jim Supynuk took over chairing the meeting.

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**4. Correspondence (cont'd)**

- a. Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation request for support

**Motion (Davies/Elliott) (M/S/C)** that we support the resolution presented.

**b) Report – Tom Harrison**

- There is interest in attending the watershed advisory committees and the WUQWATR board meeting to provide some support. He is talking to the Nature Conservancy of Canada and one of their interest areas is the Upper Qu'Appelle basin. They have a new executive director, Carmen Liebel and there is interest in getting them to support also the AEGP. Their interest is in conservation of lands through purchase or easements. He would encourage a relationship with NCC.
- There is work under way on an erosion control policy in the Upper Qu'Appelle. There were 5 pilot projects and monitoring them for 5 years.
- Looking at the feasibility of the canal conveyance proposal on the south headlands of the valley. Much of this is on the economics of the canal. This is being done by the south central enterprise committee. They are looking at quantitative demands, growth of sector trends and forecasting into the future. They may be looking at constraint and opportunity mapping exercises. Also they will be looking at barriers and opportunities for activity. And then this will be compared to our water allocation policy.
- If we want to review the erosion control policy once it made available or earlier on this or other policies, then we would need to talk to Dale Hjertaas at SWA.

**c) General Manager (report provided with original agenda)**

- The General Manager is encouraging feedback on the draft work plan by January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Ducks Unlimited is providing some AEGP funding of their priority areas in both the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year.

**Recommendations**

**Motion (Sloan/Davies) (M/S/C)** that WUQWATR work on the two year AEGP agreements, and propose the inclusion of the Wascana Watershed in the Buffalo Pound AEGP.

**Motion (Davies /Halladay) (M/S/C)** that WUQWATR provide a letter of support in principle to APAS in its Go Green Application for a demonstration project on Alternative Land Use Service and look for opportunities to partner with the participants.

**Motion (Davies/Sloan) (M/S/C)** that we make a payment to Wascana Centre Authority of \$364.00 for carbon offsets of expensed board meeting and staff travel in 2010 and that we would calculate 3.7 cents per kilometre and add it to our travel policy for 2011.

It was suggested that we break out the in kind travel for next year and then assess whether we wish to use carbon offsets for that as well. It was identified that the carbon offset would be built into the budget for consideration of payment.

We adjourned for lunch and Tom Harrison left the meeting.

**d) Executive Committee**

- Selection of AGM date – March 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm. in Bethune. We would have the board meeting earlier in the afternoon.

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- Bylaw Review – David and Tim would review the bylaws and comments would be provided to them. Duane would send out copies of bylaws.

**e) Finance and Risk Management Committee**

- The Operational Reserve Policy

**Motion (Halladay/Davies) (M/S/C)** that we approve the Operational Reserve Policy with the following changes:

On page 1, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, “The target minimum Operating Reserve Fund is equal to twelve months of average operating costs.”

On page 2, Use of Reserves, there will be a C) that will read “Consideration by the Board of Directors.” The allocation request to use the reserve funds would be put to the next appropriate Board meeting. The final decision on the allocation of reserve funds must be made by the Board of Directors.”

- The financial report was presented.

**Motion (Sloan/Bathgate) (M/S/C)** that the financial statements be approved as presented.

**f) Program and Communications Committee (no report)**

**g) Membership Committee**

- A current membership list was provided.

**h) Updates from WACs**

- Lanigan Manitou
  - There was an article about our last meeting in the Humboldt Journal (<http://www.humboldtjournal.ca/article/20101222/HUMBOLDT0101/101219945/-1/humboldt/saskwater-explains-bhp-water-supply-to-public>)
- Last Mountain Lake
  - There are meeting planned in early February.
- Wascana Creek
  - There is a draft report on the Albert Street weir within SWA as well as some profiling on Wascana Creek. It is anticipated that there will be meetings around these.
  - Dr. Wheater will be talking at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum at 7 pm. on January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Upper Qu’Appelle River
  - Meetings are planned including the conveyance study.

**i) SAW report**

- In the process of hiring new Executive Director
- Next meeting of SAW board is February
- Development of a display
- Looking for money to develop storybook
- Following the Water Forum, SAW met with Deputy Minister of Environment
- Website is operating [www.skassocwatersheds.ca](http://www.skassocwatersheds.ca)
- Funding for AEGP MOU is in draft form
- Planned meeting with DM of Ministry of Health
- SAW conference

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**Motion (Davies/Halladay) (M/S/C)** that WUQWATR provides registration, travel and accommodation of the Board or their designate and Staff to the meeting. Registration for WAC members from four watersheds would be covered if they are members in good standing.

**6. Code Content Committee Report**

Five chapters of the twenty-five proposed are done although the process is going slower than proposed.

We should have a presentation about the sewage hauling procedure and the associated code. We may wish to assess what each community, village, resort are doing with their sewage. We may also have a regional meeting once the code is formalized to provide information about solutions. There is another committee being set up to look at linear developments. Linear developments include roads and highways, railways, power lines, pipelines and canals.

**Motion (Halladay/Elliott) (M/S/C)** that the reports be approved as presented.

**7. New Business (no report)**

**8. Next Meeting**

It will happen in week of February 28 to March 4, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.