

Minutes

WUQWATR Board of Directors February 3, 2012

Wascana Place, 10:14 AM

Present: Fred Clipsham, Jim Elliott, Ernie Oblander, Claudette Halladay, Jim Supynuk, David Sloan, Bill McKenzie, Sandra Bathgate, Geoff Merrifield, Rod Halyk and Tim Davies.

Staff: Duane Haave

Regrets: Todd Richter.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion (Davies/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the meeting agenda be approved as presented with 6- Other Business and an in-camera session at 1a.

Introductions of the Board were done for the benefit of the new board member.

1a. In-camera Session

The in-camera session went from 10:31 to 10:52 am. Duane Haave left the room.

2. Minutes of December 9, 2011

Motion (Halyk/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the board minutes of December 9, 2011 as circulated at the meeting with the addition of Sandra Bathgate in the attendance list and the correction of the name Gary Howland be approved.

Motion (Oblander/Elliott) (M/S/C) that the strategic planning minutes of December 9, 2011 as circulated at the meeting with the addition of Sandra Bathgate in the attendance list be approved. A copy of the General Manager's Strategic Planning report be attached to the original minutes.

Geoff Merrifield arrived at 11:01.

3. Business arising:

Motion (Sloan/Elliott) (M/S/C) that the Board of Directors ratify Bill McKenzie as the rural representative for the Last Mountain watershed.

Motion (Sloan/Davies) (M/S/C) that the resolution to the SAW 2012 meeting below be approved as amended.

Resolution to the SAW Conference, April 2012

Whereas some areas in Saskatchewan have illegal drainage issues, and

Whereas illegal drainage is presently not being stopped, controlled or monitored, and

Whereas illegal drainage in Saskatchewan affects the security of our source waters, and

Whereas illegal drainage can cause damage to municipal infrastructure, and

Whereas illegal drainage has the potential to have downstream impacts in Manitoba and North Dakota from water sources in Saskatchewan, and

Whereas illegal drainage is continually occurring, and

Whereas the Province of Saskatchewan has the authority to govern illegal drainage issues,

Therefore be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds request the Government of Saskatchewan to consult broadly and develop a drainage policy for implementation for spring of 2013. In this policy there should be the following:

- 1) Retention of a percentage of wetlands within any drainage works.
- 2) Control structures to slow and control water flows and releases.
- 3) Proper slopes and riparian areas included in the project works.
- 4) Management plans for the structures and for the maintenance of the works.
- 5) Develop a method to improve existing illegal drainage works and a process to approve or close illegal drainage works.

Be it further resolved that the Government of Saskatchewan provide sufficient funding to:

- 6) Adequately address the illegal drainage issue.
- 7) Fund a percentage towards permitted capital drainage projects.
- 8) Provide for proper care and maintenance of permitted works.
- 9) Staff and fund the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority to address applications and projects related to this policy.

Motion (Halladay/Davies) (M/S/C) that a press release be sent out regarding the resolution at the time of the April meeting.

There were suggestions that this resolution be further promoted.

4. Correspondence

Letter from the Rural Municipality of McLeod to their residents was circulated by Upper Souris.

5. Reports

a. Chair

- At the SUMA convention a question was put to the Minister about the use of Last Mountain Lake and the Qu'Appelle River being used as a reservoir during the runoff and that it was causing drainage.

Motion (Merrifield/Sloan) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR write a letter to Wayne Dybvig (President of the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority) seeking assurances that the control structures at Valeport and Craven have management plans that include regular maintained and no blockages

- There is a mechanical system for the sewage treatment at Lumsden.
- There were presentations from Saskatchewan Environment on the changes to the Environmental Code. This will eventually remove the option for sewage waste haulers spreading the waste on land. There may be attempts to set up airshed protection plans. We should have a presentation from Saskatchewan Environment at the WUQWATR AGM.
- There was some recent media coverage over the surge in potash mine development and the potential impacts of the potash mines on the water availability and other associated impacts.

Motion (Merrifield/Davies) (M/S/C) that in preparation for the renewal of the source water protection plan, David Sloan, Duane Haave and Fred Clipsham create an AGM resolution to authorize the board to begin consulting and developing additional recommendations on new emergent water issues to the Wascana & Upper Qu'Appelle Source Water Protection Plan.

- We should consider a press release about the resolution going to our AGM.

- There was a motion passed by the SUMA board of directors supporting urban municipalities getting involved in the watershed associations.

Meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:03 pm and returned at 12:44 pm.

b. General Manager

At the time of discussion around the staff salaries (1:05 p.m.), Duane left the room. At 1:28 p.m. Duane returned to the meeting.

Motion 1 and 1.B

Motion (Sloan/McKenzie) (M/S/C) that the following recommendations be tabled to the March 9th Board Meeting:

1. That WUQWATR salaries be increased by 3% for the 2012 fiscal year and/or

1.B That WUQWATR staff be offered a benefit package as offered by SAW.

and that the General Manager prepare a report of wages & benefits for the 2012 budget and that the benefits package would look at suitability for our employees, the possibility of a pension contribution and using a 2-3-4% as a total compensation options for the budget.

The policy of carryover of scheduled vacation time is 5 days. It was also suggested that there needs to be a full human resources policy manual.

Motion 2

Motion (Supynuk/Davies) (M/S/C) that the motion of WUQWATR staff being allowed to carry over a maximum of 10 days of scheduled vacation time for the 2012 Fiscal year be tabled to the Executive Meeting on February 22nd.

It was suggested that a draft budget for the next fiscal year should be prepared for the January board meeting.

Motion 3

Motion (Sloan/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the General Manager be authorized to hire a summer student for May, June, July and August to perform field work on the Wascana Riparian Assessment and other projects, with a target wage of \$16 per hour, and that the General Manager apply to various funding agencies for funding.

Motion 3.B

Motion (Supynuk/Elliott) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR prepare and main a watershed awareness brochure to the 18,000 non-Regina households at a cost estimate to WUQWATR of \$1,450.

Motion 4.A

Motion (Davies/Supynuk) (M/S/C) that the General Manager initiate discussions with Colleen Fennig about performing work on WUQWATR actions, such as the Ecological Health Assessment of the WUQWATR area.

Motion 4.B

Motion (Davies/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the General Manager initiate discussions with partners (SWA/ALUS) with the intention of hiring part time or shared staff to serve the Wascana and southern Upper Qu'Appelle AEGP area, as well as other WUQWATR programming.

Motion 5

Motion (Oblander/McKenzie) (M/S/C) that the General Manager authorization to replace the computer at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.

Motion 6

Motion (Davies/Elliott) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR make a contribution to the ASUPCA carbon offset program to offset staff, board and committee travel of \$468.30.

Motion 7

Motion (Oblander/Merrifield) (M/S/C) that the Board identify a location for our AGM scheduled for March 29th so we can advertise it.

The board decided to have it at the Lumsden Town Hall with supper at 5:30 pm and the AGM at 7:00 pm. It was also decided to have the board meeting at 2:00 pm.

Motion 8

Motion (I) (M/S/C) that the Watershed Advisory Committees identify dates and locations for meetings in early- mid March. It was suggested that it not conflict with the SARM convention on March 12-14.

c. Finance & Risk Management Committee

Motion (Sloan/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the cheques and deposits report be approved.

Motion (Davies/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the income and expense and budget to actual reports to January 31, 2012

The executive will be looking at making a recommendation about putting funds into the reserve.

d. Program & Communication Committee

WUQWATR is promoting a 2012 Art Contest "Healthy Watershed Ecosystems...." For Grade 4-6 students. Deadline is March 15th with decisions by March 31st. Entries are to be mailed to WUQWATR. Winners would receive a \$200 prize and be entered into the provincial grand prize of an iPod Touch & \$1500 Bursary.

e. Membership Committee

Motion (Merrifield/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the minimum urban membership fee for 2012 will be \$50.00. The fee would be calculated at 10 cents per capita based on the most recent census.

Motion (Elliott/Bathgate) (M/S) that the Associate Individual Membership be \$25.00. Associate Organization Membership would remain at \$100.00. **Defeated.**

Motion (Halladay/Halyk) (M/S/C) that Associate Individual Membership be \$10.00. Associate Organization Membership would remain at \$100.00.

Duane is to send out a note regarding the status of our current terms. .

Motion (Merrifield/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the rural membership be calculated at \$30.00 per 10% of RM area in the watershed, with a maximum of \$300 and a minimum of \$50.00.

It was also recommended that the Board pursue a corporate membership fund to support WUQWATR programming.

f. Updates from member watersheds

i. Upper Qu'Appelle

1. There is still work going around the conveyance plan. There may be informational meetings later. There is a one page article on the south east enterprise website, <http://southcentralenterprise.ca/investment-opportunities/update-upper-qu%E2%80%99appelle-water-supply-project> and another on the Upper Qu'Appelle Water Supply Project http://www.southcentralenterprise.ca/sites/default/files/attachments/UQ_status_report.pdf
2. There was a resolution from the Saskatchewan Stockgrower's Association passed at their last AGM supporting the construction of the conveyance.
3. There is a meeting planned with the Industrial Corridor committee.
4. With the intentions of the potash mines coming on line or expanding, there needs to be some correspondence with the cities that the decisions around the development of the conveyance have to be made quickly. The idea was that at our AGM, there be a resolution to the provincial government coming from the meeting to address the need to have decisions made regarding the conveyance soon enough as to not create shortages of water and that all municipalities in WUQWATR be notified of these concerns

ii. Wascana Creek

1. Jim Elliott had a discussion with an individual from Lebreton who had been contacted in respect to the planning around the Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed. He was invited to attend the SAW workshop in Moosomin.
2. No update on the Western Potash re use of treated water.
3. There were discussions about whether the pipeline to Vale potash mine that could be used by communities along the way. This may have impacts on the capacity.

iii. Lanigan Manitou

1. Bhp Billiton is continuing and hauling gravel. City of Humboldt has engaged some consultants on the short term and long term implication of the potash mine. Associated Engineering has been engaged to do a regional impact study. Water security is being approached by asking communities whether they would have the capacity to expand their demands as well as discharge through their lagoon systems.

iv. Last Mountain Lake

1. Work is being done to restore shorelines from the high water levels near Kanata Valley. Concerns are still there around the water quality of the Lake as well as the lagoons nearby.

h. SAW report

Motion (Sloan/Halladay) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR cover registration, mileage and hotel rooms for board members or alternates to attend the SAW workshop in Moosomin.

Motions (Elliott/Merrifield) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR reimburse \$50.00 for members from the Watershed Advisory Committees attending the SAW workshop in Moosomin.

Motion (Supynuk/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the Board receive all verbal reports.

6. Other

- a. The issue of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) was brought up as another issue of concern. Tim Davies will provide a possible draft letter or resolution to the next board meeting about how to send our concerns on water availability to the appropriate bodies.
- b. A Stubble Soil Moisture Map was presented and attached to the minutes.
- c. A board assessment tool will be brought to the next meeting.

7. Next meeting

The next meetings have been tentatively been set for

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| March 9, 2012, 10:00 a.m. | - Regular Board meeting |
| March 29, 2012 | - Annual General Meeting |

8. Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Stubble Subsoil Moisture Map November 1, 2011

