

Minutes

WUQWATR Board of Directors March 29, 2012

Bethune Community Hall, 2:25 PM

Present: Fred Clipsham, Jim Elliott, Bill McKenzie, Claudette Halladay, Jim Supynuk, David Sloan, Rod Halyk and Tim Davies.

Staff: Duane Haave

Regrets: Todd Richter, Sandra Bathgate, Ernie Oblander (compassionate reasons) and Geoff Merrifield (medical reasons).

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion (Supynuk/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the meeting agenda be approved as presented.

2. Minutes of February 2, 2012

Motion (Elliott/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the board minutes of March 9 as amended be approved. The amendment was under 5. a. It should read "in Ottawa in February and provided information on municipal storm...".

3. Business arising:

- Letter to Minister Duncan and Boyd was slightly amended and it was agreed that they be sent.
- Articles on Hydraulic Fracturing was in Friday's Leader Post and Saturday's Globe and Mail

Motion (Halladay/Halyk) (M/S/C) approve the discussed resolution on the Upper Qu'Appelle conveyance be approved and recommend this resolution to the Annual General Meeting. (see below)

- Duane has the Auditor's Report and will need some more time to analyse the comments of the Auditor.

4. Correspondence (none)

5. Reports

a. Chair

There was a discussion at SUMA around the topic of fracking and it is likely that they will follow a similar path parallel to the one WUQWATR is taking.

SM Solutions sent around information on the cumulative impact of economic development more specifically potash on the water demands on the current supply systems. Following the annual general meeting, a letter be sent to Wayne Dybvig identifying what we understand what has been said at the Annual General Meeting.

b. General Manager

The draft audit report was presented to the board.

Motion (Supynuk/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the Board of Directors authorizes the payout of time in lieu to Colleen Fennig for her efforts as our AEGP Technical Advisor. The amount paid out to be confirmed before March 31st, and authorized by the Executive Committee.

Motion (Supynuk/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the Board ratify the following Donor and Partner Funding policy:

- a) That the WUQWATR Board authorizes the General Manager to approach key private sector companies in our Watershed to obtain funding to implement our Ecological Health Assessment (including the Wascana Riparian Assessment), Ecological Management Plan, AEGP and public communications projects.
- b) That we request the use of consultant reports and studies developed for EIS and other uses for our research activities.

There was discussion about the various options of contribution levels. The levels of contributions by partners, donors and others would be further developed. There was a thought to adopting a code of ethics. Fred would investigate and provide advice on the code of ethics to Duane.

Motion (Elliott/Davies) (M/S/C) that the staff be authorized to order 500 WUQWATR logo recycled pencils for promotional use at a cost of \$225.00

Motion (Davies/Supynuk) (M/S/C) that the General Manager's report be approved.

c. Executive Committee

It was decided to have the Board Evaluation discussion at the next board meeting.

A break was taken from 3:31 to 3:43 pm.

d. Finance & Risk Management Committee

The budget was discussed. The date on the top should be February 1, 2012 to January 31, 2013. The Revenue should read 2011 surplus. The budget column is for 2012/13 and the actual is for 2011/12. There was a decision to have a proposed surplus allocation recommendation in the last month of the fiscal year.

Motion (Davies/Supynuk) (M/S/C) that we allocate to the Reserve Fund \$15,000 dollars.

Motion (Supynuk/Halyk) (M/S/C) that a line be added under Programs called "Plan Renewal Process" with a budget of \$4,000 leaving a surplus of \$1,069.

Motion (Sloan/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the revised budget be approved.

Motion (Sloan/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the Deposits, Cheques and Bill Payments March 29, 2012 Report be approved.

Motion (Davies/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the Income and Expenses March 28, 2012 report be approved.

- e. Program & Communication Committee (No Report)
- f. Membership Committee (No report)

g. Updates from member watersheds

i. Wascana Creek

1. ALUS met in Indian Head and have hired a person. They are looking at three other projects, one in Vermillion Alberta and another one in Saskatchewan and Alberta.
2. Wings Over Wascana Nature Festival will be held on May 12th.
3. Jim attended a webinar called "Uncertainty and Risk in Securing Adequate Water Supplies: Challenges and Opportunities."

ii. Lanigan Manitou

1. bhp Billiton has sent out the executive summary of their EIS for Jansen Lake mine. They are interested in having them come to our next board meeting.
2. The Carrot River Source Water Protection Plan will be presented to Minister on March 30th in Melfort.

iii. Upper Qu'Appelle

1. There has been a ratepayers informational meeting for the Upper Conveyance. There is intended to be a motion to the City of Regina administration to report on what is happening with the conveyance.

iii. Last Mountain Lake (no report)

Bill McKenzie arrived at the meeting.

h. SAW report

- i. Information about the SAW AGM including resolutions and bylaw changes. There has been a replacement for Roger Gibbons.
- ii. SAW attended the SCDA meeting in Saskatoon.
- iii. Ducks Unlimited has produced a video on the environmental goods and services.
- iv. The Executive met with Saskatchewan Environment, Saskatchewan Agriculture and SWA.
- v. There was also discussion about who would be the nominees for the SAW board and voting delegates. David was to be the Board representative. Rod Halyk would be the Board alternate and Jim Supynuk would be put forward as the Director at Large.

6. Annual General Meeting

David Sloan and Tim Davies will speak to resolutions #1. Claudette Halladay will speak to resolution #2.

Motion (Elliott/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the verbal reports be adopted.

7. Next meeting

The date for the next meeting was not determined.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 5:13 pm.

Resolution on the Upper Qu'Appelle water supply development.

Whereas the completion date for the South Central Enterprise Region report on the Upper Qu'Appelle Water Supply development is September 2012,

Whereas current projections of increased water demands indicate that water volumes will exceed the capacity of the existing canal by 2020,

Whereas the development of new potash mines would also increase future demands,

Whereas the erosion of the valley will only increase with increased flows in the existing canal,

Whereas the goals of the WUQWATR Source Water Protection Plan (Recommendations #51-56) support the development of an adequate water conveyance from the Qu'Appelle,

Whereas to make this major infrastructure project viable the project should consider all potential water demands including domestic, industrial, irrigation, agricultural, recreational and environmental uses along the Qu'Appelle River system and Buffalo Pound Lake, and

Whereas WUQWATR places a high priority on the urgency of the project.

Therefore be it resolved by this AGM meeting that WUQWATR continue to support the planning and development of the Upper Qu'Appelle water conveyance channel project, and

Be it further resolved that the WUQWATR Board communicate to the Provincial Government the importance of continued progress on the development of a new conveyance, and

Be it further resolve that the WUQWATR Board communicate our position to elected officials and municipal governments in our watershed.