

Minutes
WUQWATR Board of Directors May 8, 2015
Wascana Place, 10:55 AM

Present: Fred Clipsham, Jim Elliott, Sandra Bathgate, Tim Davies, Claudette Halladay, Don Bowman and Geoff Merifield.

Absent: David Sloan, Rod Halyk and Gary Dixon.

Staff: Duane Haave, Angela Miki

1. Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m.

2. Resignation of Ernie Oblander

It was recorded that Ernie Oblander has resigned from the Board of Directors.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Minutes of March 23, 2015

Motion (Elliott/Bowman) (M/S/C) that the minutes of March 23, 2015 be moved as presented.

5. Business Arising

Motion (Davies/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the December 8, 2014 minutes be approved as presented.

6. Correspondence

A thank you resignation letter from Ernie Oblander was received.

7. Reports

a. Chair

- Fred Clipsham introduced a need to have a board review at the next meeting
 - o Governance vs. operational
 - o Engagement of community
 - o Information sharing
 - o Board structure
 - o Roles of watershed advisory committees
 - o Is WUQWATR doing what we need it to do

19:00

8. In camera

An in camera session started at 11:33. Duane left the room.

9. Recess for Lunch

The meeting was recessed at 11:40 for lunch.

7. Reports (cont'd)

b. Executive Committee Appointments

Duane Haave assumed chair of the meeting to elect Executive Committee.

Motion (Davies/Merifield) (M/S/C) that Fred Clipsham be nominated as Chairperson.
Nominations closed.

Motion (Halladay/Davies) (M/S/C) that Rod Halyk be nominated as Vice Chairperson.
Nominations closed.

Motion (Halladay/Merifield) (M/S/C) that Tim Davies be nominated as Treasurer.
Nominations closed.

Motion (Clipsham/Halladay) (M/W/C) that Jim Elliott be nominated as Secretary.
Nominations closed.

Fred Clipsham re-assumed chair of the meeting.

c. General Manager's Report (report provided)

- The Corporate Sponsorship Policy would be on the agenda for the next meeting. Please review before next meeting.
- Work plan has additional items such as performance measures and developing or emerging initiatives. Please review as soon as possible.
- The approvals for the ALUS projects be the Producer Advisory Committee and that the once annual payments be approved by the Board. The question of whether the committee would be covered under our board liability insurance was raised. The conclusion of the investigations should also be forwarded to the other ALUS watershed.
- Work on aquatic invasives plan will be done with PARCS and environment department. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4uLKK09TljI>
- WUQWATR will provide comments into the Wascana Centre Master Plan process
- The draft financial policy isn't finished yet
- The discussion on fee structure would be on the agenda for the next meeting

Motion (Merifield/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the Board authorize in principle a contract for Employee Group Benefits, with the premium amounts to be ratified when a contract is arranged.

Motion (Davies/Elliott) (M/S/C) that the Board delegate responsibility for approval of Alternative Land Use projects to the ALUS Producer Advisory Committee, namely:

Larry Grant, Chair
Rick Hards
Nancy Johns
Claudette Halladay
Cam Foulston
Bob Wilson
Heath Tallentire
Robin Nell
Dale Sigurdson

Motion (Davies/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the Board approve a contribution of \$500 for materials related to the Yellow Fish road program in conjunction with the City of Regina.

Motion (Merifield/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the Board authorize in principle WUQWATRs participation in recreational beach water quality testing in Summer 2015 subject to an adequate administrative funding component.

d. SAW Report

- The annual conference was successful. Discussions around water management and drainage regulations happened. Minister and WSA were not represented. SWA provided \$1000 funding. There were suggestions of changing time of year for conference and providing more networking time.
- Other SAW discussions included invasive species, set of principles re compensation for drainage education role and the challenges of staffing in SWA. We may be asked to help landowners in their drainage applications.
- Fred donated a picture that went into the SAW Auction. This will come up again next year.

e. Work Plan

Motion (Davies/Halladay) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR Board accept in principle the content of Appendix A of the WUQWATR WSA 2015-2016 Annual Work plan.

It was noted that this annual work plan be on the agenda for the next meeting and that we encourage some prior discussions prior to next year's submission.

f. Financial Report

Motion (Davies/Merrifield) (M/S/C) that the Board approve the Budget Working Papers – Cash Based for 2015.

There are still potential projects coming from Eco-Action, WSA, Cargill and others. For the next year, the breakdown of the actual would allow for further assessment of the upcoming budget.

Motion (Davies/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the Board approve the Income/Expenses statements (January 1 to April 30, 2015).

Motion (Davies/Don Bowman) (M/S/C) that the Board approve the Cheques, Bills and Payments for January 1 to May 1, 2015.

10. Reports from Member Watersheds

a. Wascana

- Wings Over Wascana Nature Festival – May 30, 2015
- Nature Regina has met with Vale re their mine at Kronau
- Wascana Turtle Research Project – 2 year Masters study of Western Painted Turtles <http://www.wascanamarsh.ca/turtles.htm>

<http://www.leaderpost.com/technology/Regina+home+turtle+queen/11113128/story.html?hootPostID=33aca79e24a311c27185f67cf9c3c4f5>

- Meeting with Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Plant and City of Regina staff
 - b. Upper Qu'Appelle
- Drainage plan is priority for the area
- WSA plan for water allocation licensing
- Presentation on conveyance in fall
- Try to include RMs admin and council on drainage issues, maybe using a trade show to draw people in to meeting
 - c. Lanigan Manitou
- Humboldt Lake to do some water sampling
- Study of Little Manitou Lake may include water sampling
- May be presence of WUQWATR in July 25th for Fun Run Day in Watrous
- Planning a presentation from Dr. Wissel
- Rising levels of Little Manitou Lake
 - d. Last Mountain Lake
- Road damage issues
- Interest in water testing and levels of Last Mountain Lake

11. Next Meeting

- The next meeting is June 19th, 10:30 am in Regina.

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.