

**Minutes**  
**WUQWATR Board of Directors October 14, 2016**  
**Regina, 10:45 AM**

Present: Fred Clipsham, Sandra Bathgate, Geoff Merifield, Claudette Halladay, David Sloan, Kelly Butz, Garry Dixon, Rod Halyk and Barry Gunther.

Absent:, Jim Elliott and Don Bowman

Staff: Colleen Fennig

**1. Introductions**

Meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion (Sloan/Gunther) (M/S/C)** that the agenda be approved.

**3. In Camera Session**

Colleen left at 10:50 AM and returned at 10:55 AM

**4. Aug 19, 2016 Minutes**

**Motion (Gunther/Dixon) (M/S/C)** that the minutes of August 19, 2016 be approved.

**5. Business Arising**

The Wetland Mitigation Guideline: User Handbook was not available to us as it is still in draft form but Peter Joyce offered to make a presentation to the board at their December board meeting.

Colleen will issue him an invitation.

**6. Correspondence**

General Liability insurance went up from \$410 to \$733 per year.

E/O insurance has been obtained and will cost \$2000/year through Knight Archer. SAW is looking into group E/O insurance for all the watersheds.

**7. Reports**

**a) Chair & Executive Committee**

The chair had a meeting with the Moose Jaw River Stewards and Claudette Halliday. It was agreed that Tammy Myers needs to keep WUQWATR informed when events/information pertaining to us passes her desk.

For drainage, the board would like a generic copy of the letter being sent out to the landowners. We also need to be aware of our commitments and how one contract may commit us to another contract/project.

We may need to investigate the possibility or options pertaining to of the Upper Qu'Appelle portion of the watershed joining the Moose Jaw watershed.

**Motion (Sloan/Halyk) (M/S/C)** that the UQ WAC formulate options for boundary changes and present them to the board at the December meeting.

**b) General Manager (attached)**

The board would like the GM to make note of the local knowledge and benefits provided to the LYL program from the volunteers (local residents and board members). Recognition for this is important.

The GM should look into the possibility of getting Humboldt Lake on the list of beaches tested for the Beach Water Testing Program through the Ministry of Health as it is the recipient of effluent. Rod Halyk volunteered to deliver the samples to the lab in Regina for testing.

**Motion (Dixon/Sloan) (M/S/C)** That the board approve contributing \$1500 to the Lower Qu'Appelle Research and Monitoring Committee to carry out their work plan.

**Motion (Halladay/Merifield) (M/S/C)** That the board approve paying up to \$250 (no more than 1/6<sup>th</sup>) the cost of the Upper Souris Watershed to draft a legal waiver letter for landowners to sign for QP services pertaining to the drainage contract.

**Motion (Halladay/Merifield) (M/S/C)** That the GM and 1 staff member register to attend the Native Prairie Restoration and Reclamation workshop being held on February 8-9, 2017 before December 12<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of the Early Bird fee.

**c) Financial Report**

**Motion (Halladay/Merifield) (M/S/C)** that the board accepts the Transactions report ending Sept 30, 2016.

**Motion (Merifield/Sloan) (M/S/C)** that the board accept the Balance Sheet report ending Sept 30, 2016.

**Motion (Halyk/Merifield) (M/S/C)** that the corrected income and expense report be sent out via email to board members.

**d) SAW report**

SAW is able/will be able to pull collated info/stats from the new reports generated by the watersheds. This data is used to demonstrate all that the watersheds are doing and to justify why the watersheds need increased core funding.

The next SAW conference is in Esterhazy and will have limited hotel space. It was recommended that we discuss how many people we are going to send so that we can budget for the conference and so we can book rooms early.

#### **e) Reports from Watersheds**

##### **a. UQ and WC**

Sandra had a conversation with Dale Hjertaas and his new role in policy and planning. Topics discussed were water allocation, the water act, the conveyance etc.

The UQ WAC and the WC WAC will hold joint meetings for water supply and demand. An agenda for a public meeting was created and will be sent out once it is confirmed. The Moose Jaw watershed was also invited to this meeting.

##### **b. LML – it was suggested that a follow up letter be sent to the government asking for an update on the management decisions for the Quill Lakes since levels are still at a threatening level. The Lower Qu'Appelle is to be cc'd.**

##### **c. LM-With the resignation of Tim and the health issues for Don, there was no update but Rod will get an update on the situation at Manitou Lake for the next board meeting.**

We need to start looking for new board members in the LM sub watershed.

**Motion (Sloan/Butz) (M/S/C)** to receive the reports as presented (Chair/Executive, Manager's report, SAW report, and sub watersheds reports).

#### **8. New Business**

Fee Structure- Garry and Geoff will look into the fee structure of the other watersheds and make recommendations at the next meeting for our fees.

Colleen will send them a copy of our potential members/members and the fees they are invoiced.

Drainage- discussed in the Chairs and the GM's report section.

Need to be careful about being seen as the "bad guys" with landowners when doing drainage contracts. Recommended that we come across as a resource to the landowner and as someone who can help them with the paperwork.

#### **9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on December 16, 2016 at 10:30.

#### **10. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:12 PM.