

Minutes
WUQWATR Board of Directors March 27, 2018
Dew Drop Inn, Lumsden, 1:30PM

Present: Fred Clipsham, David Sloan, Sherwin Petersen, Garry Dixon, Sandra Bathgate, Jim Elliott, Barry Gunther, Rod Halyk, Geoff Merifield and Kelly Butz.

Absent: Garth Burns and Kelly Butz

Staff: Colleen Fennig

Guest:

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Gunther/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the agenda be approved with the addition of 5 f) Strategic Plan update.

3. In Camera (1:34 – 2:47)

Sandra Bathgate arrived at 1:36 and Garry Dixon arrived at 1:54.

Motion (Petersen/Merifield) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR accept Colleen Fennig's letter of resignation.

Motion (Gunther/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the hiring committee is Geoff Merifield, Garry Dixon and Jim Elliott.

4. Board Minutes – February 16, 2018

Motion (Sloan/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the February 16, 2018 meeting minutes be approved as presented.

5. Business Arising

- a. Watershed Stewardship Award

Motion (Elliott/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the Board acknowledge the declination of Don Bowman as a nomination for the SAW Watershed Stewardship Award.

6. Reports

- a. Chair & Executive Committee (no report)

- b. Financial Reports

- Balance Sheet for February 28, 2018

Motion (Dixon/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the Balance Sheet for February 28, 2018 be tabled to the next meeting. There were problems of allocation of ALUS liability funds.

- Balance Sheet for January 31, 2018 (circulated)

Motion (Bathgate/Gunther) (M/S/C) that the Balance Sheet for January 31, 2018 remain tabled to the next meeting.

- Income and Expenses Sheet for February 28, 2018

Motion (Merifield/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the Income and Expenses Sheet for February 28, 2018.

- Transaction Details for February 2018

Motion (Gunther/Geoff) (/M/S/C) that the Transaction Details for February 2018 be approved.

c. General Manager Report (see attached)

Motion (Halyk/Gunther) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR sign the 2018 Natural Edge contract for SAW.

Motion (Merifield/Sloan) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR offer for payment culvert mapping to the RM of Lajord, township #15 at cost and present a full RM mapping estimate to the RM of Lajord.

Motion (Gunther/Halyk) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR purchase a metal detector if needed for culvert mapping for up to \$400 dollars plus tax.

Motion (Dixon/Merifield) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR sign the Love Your Lakes agreement.

Motion (Sloan/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR sign the ALUS letter of support.

Motion (Gunther/Dixon) (M/S/C) that the Board have the June 15th board meeting in Regina at the new office, 1440 Fleury Street.

Motion (Gunther/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR sign the in-kind contribution form for the EcoAction Wetlands final report.

Motion (Dixon/Petersen) (M/S/C) that the Board agree to the 2017-2018 work plan in principle.

Motion (Elliott/Halyk) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR put a stop order on payment to Terry Mearns with cheque #100074 and reissue the cheque to Terry Mearns for the same amount.

Motion (Merifield/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the Board give permission to e-transfer the monthly rent for the Regina office in the amount of \$787.50. The landlord is Lindsay Brooks.

7. New Business

a. School Art Contest Winners

- The winner of the art contest is Wetlands & Deadlands

Motion (Merifield/Petersen) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR pay award cheques to contestants.

b. Resolutions

- resolutions are in order to go forward

c. Motions for the AGM (auditor, etc.)

- a motion will be made to present the draft audited statement to the AGM, it will be posted on our website once complete and printed to members who request copies.

- we will be deferring adoption of the audited financial statements to the board pending the final audit report by the auditor. The final audit report, when approved, will be posted on our website with copies printed for members who request copies.

Motion (Halyk/Merifield) (M/S/C) that we recommend Marcia Herback to be our auditor for the coming year.

d. Executive Elections

- Chairperson

* Five people were recommended through the ballot selection process. None of the people accepted the nomination.

- Vice-Chairperson

* Three people were recommended through the ballot selection process. Garry Dixon accepted the nomination.

Motion (Petersen/Merifield) (M/S/C) that nominations cease.

- Treasurer

*Four people were recommended through the ballot selection process. Sandra Bathgate accepted the nomination.

Motion (Petersen/Gunther) (M/S/C) that nominations cease.

- Secretary

* One person was recommended through the ballot selection process. Jim Elliott accepted the nomination.

Motion (Petersen/Gunther) (M/S/C) that nominations cease.

- SAW Board Representative

Motion (Dixon/Merifield) (M/S/C) that our representative to SAW be David Sloan.

- SAW Member-at-Large

* Three people were recommended through the ballot selection process. Rod Halyk accepted the nomination.

Motion (Merifield/Petersen) (M/S/C) that our nomination for SAW Member-at-Large be Rod Halyk.

- SAW Voting Delegates

Motion (Gunther/Merifield) (M/S/C) that our voting delegates to the SAW AGM be David Sloan and Rod Halyk.

- SAW Alternate Representative

Motion (Bathgate/Petersen) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR defer the selection of the SAW Alternate to the next board meeting.

The ballots were destroyed.

e. Strategic Plan Update

- WSA Engagement Committee (no action to report)

- Communications Planning Committee

a. The masthead cutline will be changed to reference our new mission statement. The website will be changed.

b. There was some need to have rules and procedures to limit people's access to WUQWATR social media platforms.

c. There was also some need to define how staff and board members should act on social media platforms as it relates to WUQWATR issues.

Motion (Merifield/Gunther) (M/S/C) that the Social Media Policy be approved as amended.

- d. There is a Who is WUQWATR? Pamphlet and a benefits of membership package will be developed.
- e. A survey of members and newsletter recipients to gauge what people's opinion of what WUQWATR is.
- f. We need to adopt a profile in public education and in advocacy.
- g. We need to develop a media presence policy.

- Entrepreneurial Development Committee (no action to report)

- a. The discussions about culvert mapping should be something that is worked on soon.

- Governance Committee (no action to report)

- a. There needs to be a printed and virtual policy and procedures manual developed.

f. Office Key

Motion (Sloan/Dixon) (M/S/C) that Jim Elliott keep a key to the Regina office.

g. Resolutions for SAW

- The resolutions were reviewed.

h. Reports from Sub Watersheds

- Humboldt landfill visit is confirmed.

10. Next meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. Next meeting is on June 15th at 1440 Fleury Street. at the Regina office, second floor.