

WUQWATR Board Meeting
Minutes – December 10, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
In Person - Zoom Call

Attendees: David Sloan, Sandra Bathgate(zoom), Jim Elliott, Sharon Rodenbush(zoom), Barry Gunther(zoom), Scott Hegglin (zoom) and Sherwin Petersen (zoom).

Absent: Shanon Zachidniak, Garth Burns, Rod Halyk and John Langford.

Staff: Thashyana Thajudeen (zoom) and Justine Raftis.

1. Call to Order

David Sloan called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m.

2. In camera

In camera began at 9:28 a.m. Thashyana and Justine left the room.

Out of camera was 9:35 a.m. Thashyana and Justine entered the room.

3. Self-Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were expressed.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Hegglin/Rodenbush) (M/S/C) that the agenda presented be approved with the addition of the resignation of Shanon Zachidniak immediately after approval of agenda and the letter of support for the Baidon project under correspondence.

5. Resignation of Shanon Zachidniak

Motion (Gunther/Elliott) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR acknowledge the resignation of Shanon Zachidniak with regrets. A follow up letter to the City of Regina should be sent to identify a new representative for the City of Regina.

Sherwin Petersen joined the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

5. Minutes of October 22, 2021

Motion (Rodenbush/Hegglin) (M/S/C) that the minutes of October 22, 2021 be approved as presented.

6. Business Arising

Nothing not captured by agenda.

7. Correspondence

a) Review of letters regarding spills

There were two spills, one by FCL in Regina and potash spill near Craven and two derailments on the CN line near Lanigan. We need a more responsive procedure as well as a potential template with possible people to include in the letter.

Motion (Elliott/Hegglin) (M/S/C) that these templates and procedures for spills be developed by Governance Committee and more responsive to the incident. Possible people would be provincial or federal ministers, RMs, UMs, MPs, spillers and regulatory bodies or media.

b) Letter of support for Margot Hurlbert

Motion (Rodenbush/Gunther) (M/S/C) acknowledge the completion and sending of the letter from WUQWATR for her project proposal.

c) Letter of support for the RM of Baildon

There is the potential to dump the sewage effluent from the City of Moose Jaw into the Moose Jaw river and eventually into the Qu'Appelle River.

Motion (Bathgate/Gunther) (M/S/C) that the letter in support of the position of Baildon to retain the irrigation option for the sewage effluent and the downstream impacts be drafted and **sent promptly.**

8. Reports

a) Chair/Executive Committee (Chair's Report attached)

In the visit to Agribition, there was a development happening on the east side of Last Mountain Lake across from Etter's Beach. There is a new Executive Director for the Saskatchewan Irrigators Association.

Motion (Rodenbush/Petersen) (M/S/C) that the Chair's report be acknowledged.

b) Staff Report (attached)

Motion (Gunther/Hegglin) (M/S/C) that the staff report be acknowledged.

c) Financial Report

Motion (Petersen/Hegglin) (M/S/C) that the Balance Sheet as of December 5, 2021 totaling \$265,512.52 be acknowledged.

Motion (Gunther/Hegglin) (M/S/C) that the Profit Loss Report as of January 1 to December 5, 2021 with a net of \$64,655.43 be acknowledged.

Motion (Gunther/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the Account QuickReport for October 1 to December 5, 2021 with a total of \$34,063.66 be acknowledged.

Motion (Elliott/Petersen) (M/S/C) that we authorize reducing our net for the end of the year to be less than \$5,000 and the remainder be put into our reserve.

Motion (Elliott/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the cheque listing to November 29, 2021 be acknowledged. The cheque for Hein needs to be reissued to fix error.

Motion (Hegglin/Gunther) (M/S/C) that the Budget vs. Actuals as of December 5, 2021 with a net surplus of \$16,329.37 be acknowledged.

d) 2021 Investments

Motion (Bathgate/Petersen) (M/S/C) that the funds remaining (\$11,000) from the initial GIC of \$17,000 be invested for one year.

Motion (Heggin/Rodenbush) (M/S/C) that the ALUS fund of \$43,000 be invested for 1 year to cover next year's ALUS payments. Further, the remaining ALUS funds of \$65,000 be invested in GIC for two and three years so as to cover those year's payment commitments.

Thashyana will develop a 12 month cash flow report to assure sufficient funds and to direct investments into the future.

9. Business

a) Upcoming Seminars and Conferences

There was the 13th Native Prairie Restoration and Reclamation Workshop in February 2022. <https://www.pcap-sk.org/upcoming-events/nprrw-2022>.

The second SAW workshop will be on February 15 and 16 where decisions will be made. There will be a webinar going into that workshop on January 25th that all board members should attend. There should be a zoom meeting between January 25th and February 15-16. There are two webinars on December 14th (\$4B Irrigation Project) and 16th (Wetlands and Their Role in the Resilience of Prairie Communities).

b) Contracts

Motion (Gunther/Rodenbush) (M/S/C) acknowledge the ECCC contract signed.

Motion (Rodenbush/Bathgate) (M/S/C) acknowledge the change of scope contract for Julie McKenzie.

Motion (Heggin/Petersen) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR finalize the contract of Taylor Kell with Moose Jaw River Stewards.

c) Annual General Meeting and Next Board Meeting

Motion (Rodenbush/Heggin) (M/S/C) that the AGM be held on April 29, 2022 at 2 p.m. possibly in Regina.

Motion (Elliott/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the next board meeting is February 11, 2022.

d) Motion to approve board meeting expenses

Motion (Petersen/Elliott) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR to approve expenses of board members for board meeting on December 10, 2021.

Meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11:52 a.m. and was restarted at 12:45 p.m.

8. Committee Reports (Cont'd)

e) Governance Committee Report

Motion (Rodenbush/Hegglin) (M/S/C) that Policies 2000, 2010 and 2020 be approved as presented with the change to remuneration maximum to "\$200 per day per hotel room". The Committee will be looking at the remainder of the 2000's and beginning the 3000's.

f) Engagement Committee

There needs to be links from and between WUQWATR and various members and partners. Working on finding two associate members. Need to determine who we are to be communicating with and what resources are needed. Identified a couple of municipal associations to engage or set up meetings. Work with contacting MLAs and MPs with a fact sheet to allow for consistency of message as well as sending out our newsletters to them. Improving communications with middle management of WSA either directly or through SAW. Three year plan to ensure limited and effective overlap with Communications Committee. Developing a contact spreadsheet to identify, record and track contacts with members. Will be talking to regional group of rural municipalities. Next meeting in February.

Motion (Rodenbush/Elliott) (M/S/C) acknowledge the verbal presentation of the Engagement Committee report.

Joe Ralko joined the board meeting at 1:15 p.m.

g) Communications Committee

We need to send consistent strategic messaging throughout all of our efforts. The communications coordinator will help guide our message to government officials and various other audiences and publics. In the workplan there is the documents back to basics plan and a crisis communications plan. It is activity based. There will be strategic media postings fitted to our needs and the various media platforms. The media budget was proposed to be 1.75% of revenue which is slightly over \$4000. A school pilot project where a high school student would volunteer as an intern to garner experience as well as work their required community service hours was proposed by Joe Ralko but to date has had little uptake. He is also developing a step-by-step guide for the communications work so that this is all written down for future reference, knowledge transfer and framework delivery. Next meeting is January 11th. There is a need for more board members on the committee. We will be using a prepared land acknowledgement statement for meetings, websites and other presentations.

Motion (Petersen/Elliott) (M/S/C) that the verbal communications report be acknowledged.

h) Business Development Committee

They would work on climate change programming opportunities. Also considering our relationship with SAW for opportunities. Working with staff around new or expanded

programming opportunities. They will be meeting on December 15th. Rod was suggested to chair that meeting as Barry is away.

i) SAW Report

SAW and Mosaic are working on the Saskatchewan Watershed Initiative Program. There will be a watershed online lottery coming out on February 1st. **It is important that all board members attend the January 25th webinar on SAW Restructuring prior to February 11th board meeting and February 15-16 SAW meeting.**

j) Reports from Watersheds

Water levels in Last Mountain Lake have dropped more since October 2021. Similar in Little Manitou Lake and other places that once had water. Garth sent his activity over the fall by email. Dry wells and dugouts.

9. Business (Cont'd)

e) Board/Bylaw Discussion

The three scenarios that were sent around were discussed. May wish to have the option of more than one urban or rural municipality coming from one subwatershed. There would be limits to no more than 6 urbans or rurals or associates.

e) Nominating Committee

Motion (Gunther/Heggin) (M/S/C) that the Nominating Committee for 2022 be Jim Elliott, Sherwin Petersen, John Langford and Sandra Bathgate, last years elected board members. Up for renewal are Garth Burns, David Sloan, Sharon Rodenbush and Barry Gunther.

g) Other Business

Boxing Day is not a statutory holiday. With Christmas and New Year's Day on Saturdays, statutory holidays are December 27th and January 3rd.

Happy Christmas and New Year.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.