

WUQWATR Board Meeting
Minutes – February 11, 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, Rod Halyk (zoom), John Langford (zoom) and Sherwin Petersen (zoom).

Absent: Garth Burns.

Staff: Thashyana Thajudeen, Joe Ralko (zoom) and Nicole Moffat.

1. Call to Order

David Sloan called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

2. In camera

In camera began at 9:43 a.m. Thashyana, Joe and Nicole left the room.

John Langford joined the meeting at 10:05

Out of camera was 10:30 a.m. Thashyana, Joe and Nicole entered the room.

3. Self-Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were expressed.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Rodenbush/Langford) (M/S/C) that the agenda presented be approved with the addition of the tree for life project.

5. Minutes of December 22, 2021

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

6. Business Arising

David had not followed up with Shanon Zachidniak. The city of Regina is setting up two committees, a Spring Runoff Committee and and Environmental Committee.

7. Correspondence

a) Letter of support for the RM of Baildon

The letter has been sent but have not received a formal acknowledgement or a respons to the letter.

8. Reports

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

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

b) Staff Report (verbal)

Motion (Rodenbush/Langford) (M/S/C) that the staff report be acknowledged.
A printed copy would be sent to board members.

c) Financial Report

Motion (Hegglin/Gunther) (M/S/C) that the Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2021 totaling \$372,124.70 be acknowledged.

Motion (Halyk/Gunther) (M/S/C) that the Profit Loss Report as of January 1 to December 31, 2021 with a net of \$57,401.93 be acknowledged.

Motion (Elliott/Langford) (M/S/C) that the Transaction Report from December 1, 2021 to February 8, 2022 be acknowledged.

a. Cash Flow

Motion (Bathgate/Petersen) (M/S/C) that the Cash Flow for 12 months be acknowledged.

Meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and returned at 12:45 p.m.

b. 2022 Draft Budget

Some suggestions were to reduce Computer Hardware or Software to \$2,000, increase Salary by \$5,000 and the Contingency by \$7,000 to leave a net surplus of \$2,089.56. This budget also consider a \$10/meeting/board member meeting honoraria. There was some thought to improve the internet systems.

Motion (Langford/Petersen) (M/S/C) that the 2022 Budget be referred to the Executive Committee to review and that it be brought back to the Board at the next meeting.

d) Committee Reports

a. Communications (verbal)

Notes from the last meeting will be sent to the board.

Motion (Hegglin/Langford) (M/S/C) that the communications committee report be acknowledged.

b. Governance (no report)

c. Business Development

e) SAW Restructuring Workshop

Motion (Elliott/Petersen) (M/S/C) that Thashyana Thajudeen and David Sloan be our representatives for the restructuring workshop, Thashyana Thajudeen the staff rep and David Sloan be the voting board member.

Topics of interest were regional or bunched distribution versus individual watersheds, contracts with original bodies like ALUS, northern provincial representation, questions around involvement of irrigation districts or other organizations, communications bringing people together, RM boundaries may change, population distribution, involvement of or adjacent to other areas or basins like Cypress Hills, Quill Lakes, Winnipegosis and Milk River (co-terminus

boundaries?). Article provided by Barry Gunther needs to be given to Communications Coordinator (not sure whether this is the right article - <https://www.moosejawtoday.com/local-news/agrimart-cash-to-enhance-marginal-farmland-5003786>)

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- f) SAW Report
- g) Reports from Watersheds
 - a. Rod – city of Humboldt lagoon project will have an irrigation component, continuous discharge and a decreased nitrogen and phosphorus.
 - b. Sherwin – snowfall runoff looks good, no water issues
 - c. Scott – good snowfall
 - d. Sharon – good snowfall
 - e. John – good snowfall, PFRA dam being demolished
 - f. Susan – good snowfall, Marquis C & D is going ahead, more irrigation in Upper Qu'Appelle, Thunder Creek report coming out in late January, KPMG report on Irrigation Project coming out in March, Ridge Creek control structures.
 - David – good snowfall, discussion of Sask Water pipeline for new canola plants.
- h) Review Membership Fees
Motion (Elliott/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the membership fees remain the same and municipal districts be \$300.00. Further, the population number changes due to 2011 census that may change individual membership fees be deferred to 2023.

9. Business

- a) Upcoming Seminars and Conferences
 - a. ARBI Conference – March 2-3
 - b. Water Conference – February 17
 - c. ALUS Conference – weekly in February
 - d. SCDA – March 23
- b) Contracts
 - 1) ECO.ca Agreement for Summer Student Funding
 - 2) Natural Edge
Motion (Hegglin/Petersen) (M/S/C) that the Executive Committee review any Natural Edge applications and contracts.
 - 3) Grants/Eco Edge
Motion (Rodenbush/Langford) (M/S/C) that the Executive Committee review any Eco Edge applications and contracts.
- c) Human Resources
 - 1) Justine Raftis Resignation

Motion (Rodenbush/Petersen) (M/S/C) that the resignation of Justine Raftis be acknowledged.

2) Joe Ralko Contract

Motion (Bathgate/Heggin) (M/S/C) that the contract for Joe Ralko be approved and signed.

3) Thashyana Thajudeen Performance Review

Motion (Gunther/Petersen) (M/S/C) that Thashyana Thajudeen passed the 6 month performance review and her salary be increased from \$24 to \$25 per hour.

4) Nicole Moffat Contract

Motion (Rodenbush/Langford) (M/S/C) that the contract with Nicole Moffat be approved and signed.

d) Annual General Meeting and Next Board Meeting

a. Some suggested speakers for AGM include Sask Water about water pipelines, SAW about restructuring.

b. The nominating committee (Jim, John, Sandra and Sherwin) need to find board members for Wascana Rural, Upper Qu'Appelle Urban, Last Mountain Lake Associate and Last Mountain Lake Rural. It was also noted that Sherwin Petersen was going to resign by AGM and a Wascana Urban also needs to be found.

c. Some suggested bylaw changes were put forward.

Motion (Gunther/Langford) (M/S/C) that the Governance Committee review and recommend appropriate changes prior to the next meeting.

d. Next board meetings were set at April 29th, July 15th, October 14th and December 16th.

e) Motion to approve board meeting expenses

Motion (Gunther/Halyk) (M/S/C) that board meeting expenses for the February 11, 2022 board meeting be approved. Further, that set up a policy of \$10/board meeting/board member for incidental costs associated with the board meetings.

Motion (Rodenbush/Heggin) (M/S/C) that those travelling to the board meeting and AGM be approved to submit one night's hotel expenses.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.