

WUQWATR Board Meeting  
Minutes – October 22, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.  
In Person - Zoom Call

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

Absent: Garth Burns and John Langford.

Staff: Thashyana Thajudeen and Justine Raftis.

**1. Call to Order**

David Sloan called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m.

**2. In camera**

In camera began at 9:31 a.m. Thashyana and Justine left the room.

Out of camera was 9:46 a.m. Thashyana and Justine entered the room.

Sherwin Petersen joined the meeting.

**3. Self-Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were expressed.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

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

**5. Minutes of July 16, 2021**

**Motion (Rodenbush/Elliott) (M/S/C)** that the minutes of July 16, 2021 be approved as presented with two changes, 9 g) a. should read SAW and 10 g) should read discharging to sewage system rather than storm wate system.

**6. Business Arising**

Nothing not captured by agenda.

**7. Correspondence**

**a. Humboldt Lake**

No response from letter sent to Humboldt Lake group.

**Motion (Hegglin/Halyk) (M/S/C)** that the letter sent be acknowledged.

It was noted that Rod Halyk has a meeting with Humboldt city staff.

Sandra Bathgate attended at 9:54 a.m.

**8. Reports**

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

In correspondence with Kerry Hamilton from Mosaic, she has been asked to be part of the PAC committee.

**Motion (Elliott/Heggin) (M/S/C)** that WUQWATR will observe Truth & Reconciliation Day (September 30, 2021) and that staff will be given the day off with pay.

**Motion (Bathgate/Gunther) (M/S/C)** that drone work done by Casey on the shoreline eroding on the Qu'Appelle River upstream of Eyebrow Lake be acknowledged and paid for the work.

Sandra mentioned that she had been in touch with the Irrigation District in that area and they may be willing to cover half of the costs of the drone work. It also may be a suggestion to do a complete video of the entire Qu'Appelle River so as to have a record of the current status for the river. Action from the images are pending after review of the material.

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

b) Staff Report (attached)

**Motion (Rodenbush/Halyk) (M/S/C)** that website maintenance and cleanup be done on an annual basis and that this be placed into the budget going forward.

Tracking of the volunteer hours for the board shall be done and that they will be reminded every 3 months to submit their hours.

**Motion (Petersen/Rodenbush) (M/S/C)** that the staff report be acknowledged.

c) Financial Report

**Motion (Zachidniak/Heggin) (M/S/C)** that the Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2021 totaling \$361,684.21 be acknowledged.

**Motion (Bathgate/Rodenbush) (M/S/C)** that the Profit Loss Report as of January 1 to September 30, 2021 with a net of \$51,895.82 be acknowledged. Further information is to be provided for the uncategorized income of \$10, 525.00.

**Motion (Halyk/Gunther) (M/S/C)** that the Account QuickReport for July 1 to September 30, 2021 with a total of \$62,751.26 be acknowledged.

**Motion (Gunther/Heggin) (M/S/C)** that the cheque listing to July 13, 2021 be acknowledged.

**Motion (Rodenbush/Bathgate) (M/S/C)** that the Budget vs. Actuals for September 30, 2021 with a net surplus of \$131,978.11 be acknowledged.

d) 2021 Investments

**Motion (Gunther/Petersen) (M/S/C)** that the possible options for investment of the ALUS funds be reviewed and that the Executive Committee and staff be authorized to make the the best investment choice given the financial demands on those funds.

e) Committees

As committees have not been active since the last board meeting, it was recommended that they have another meeting prior to the next board meeting to further their appointed duties.

f) 3 Month Review – Thashyana Thajudeen

**Motion (Heggin/Rodenbush) (M/S/C)** that the title of Administrative Lead In Training for Thashyana Thajudeen be changed to Administrative Lead.

**Motion (Gunther/Petersen) (M/S/C)** that Thashyana Thajudeen be given a raise of \$2/hour to \$24/hr.

g) Upcoming Seminars and Conferences

It was noted that Justine Raftis has been re-certified in First Aid. There was the 13th Native Prairie Restoration and Reclamation Workshop in February 2022.

<https://www.pcap-sk.org/upcoming-events/nprw-2022>. SAW will not be at Agribition but it was recommended that Justine attend Agribition to talk to various vendors.

h) Reports from the Watersheds

- Barry – water levels are low with increased weed growth on Buffalo Pound Lake.

Meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11:47 a.m.

Meeting was restarted at 12:45 p.m.

## 9. Business

a) Contracts

**Motion (Elliott/Heggin) (M/S/C)** that the WSA – Arm River Colony Project Contract changes be acknowledged.

Joe Ralko joined via zoom at 12:47 p.m.

**Motion (Rodenbush/Petersen) (M/S/C)** that the changes to the contract scope and funding with Julie McKenzie be acknowledged.

**Motion (Petersen/Halyk) (m/S/C)** that the changes in funding of the ALUS program be acknowledged.

**Motion (Heggin/Petersen) (M/S/C)** that the increase in support from ECO.ca be acknowledged.

**Motion (Rodenbush/Bathgate) (M/S/C)** that the Natural Edge contract be acknowledged.

**Motion (Hegglin/Rodenbush) (M/S/C)** that WUQWATR be authorized to sign the grant application for ALUS from Environment Canada & Climate Change once finalized.

Shanon Zachidniak joined the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

b) Communications Report

It was noted from Joe Ralko that there are two expenses that should be placed in the budgets, the annual registration of wuqwatr.ca domain of \$19.99/yr and website hosting expenses of \$395.64/3 years.

c) SAW Report

Work on the business case for SAW from now until end of year will be reported to the next board meeting in January 2022.

d) Presentation of Urban BMP Project

The team from the University of Regina provided a powerpoint presentation of what has developed as a result of the initial need for Urban BMPs.

e) Presentation of Margo Hurlbert and Darrell Corkal

The research report and proposed plans were presented to the board and staff.

**Motion (Hegglin/Rodenbush) (M/S/C)** that WUQWATR write a support letter to the research project with limited staff and board participation.

f) Reports from Watersheds

- Shanon – presented the motion respecting the City Toxic Spills & Leaks Report (CR21-131)

- David – noted that CRL is intent to do carbon capture at their refinery.

- Sharon – water levels are very low going into the winter.

- Scott – Yan Coal has been given an extension on their EIS to 2024.

- there was a potash spill on the rail lines near Sifton.

- Sherwin – the Manitou Lake is down 6 feet.

- the town is upgrading their reverse osmosis system.

- Sandra – the Qu'Appelle Irrigation Project is on hold to determine funding partners.

- Sask Water is considering building new pipelines to Regina to supply raw water for the new industrial plants proposed.

- the renewal of the effluent irrigation project from Moose Jaw is under review with the potential of dumping the effluent into the Qu'Appelle River.

- the Annual AGM is December 6-8 and Sandra will provide on line links for the conference.

- there will be a Thunder Creek valley study.

- Rod – the local paper front page is the decision around the BHP Billiton potash mine next stage of development.

g) Next Meeting

Upcoming board meetings were December 10<sup>th</sup> and February 11<sup>th</sup>.

f) Motion to approve board meeting expenses

**Motion (Petersen/Zachidniak) (M/S/C)** that WUQWATR to approve expenses of board members for board meeting on October 22, 2021.

g) Other Business

Upcoming agenda items are the draft 2022 budget, board representation and the disbursal of the year end surplus.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.