

Minutes: WUQWATR Annual General Meeting – May 1, 2014

Lumsden Community Hall – 6:45 p.m.

Attendance: Fred Clipsham (City of Regina), Jim Elliott (Nature Regina), Tim Davies (RV of Manitou Beach), Claudette Halladay (RM of Marquis #191, David Sloan (Wascana C&D), Gary Dixon (RM of McKillop #220), Ernie Oblander (Strasbourg), Sandra Bathgate (Central Butte), Geoff Merifield (RV of Kannata Valley), Rod Halyk (City of Humboldt), Wayne Wessner (RV of North Grove), Ryan Johnson (Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Plant), Don Linton (Eyebrow), Rhonda Phillips (Town of Lumsden), Jim Stalwick (Regina), Jim Hipkin (RM of Lumsden #189), Michael Cavan (RM of Eyebrow #193), Janice Cavan, Don McDonald (RM of Dufferin #190), Orval Brownlee (RM of Moose Jaw #191), Robin Tod (Regina), Stan Capnerhurst (RM of Edenwold #158)

Staff: Duane Haave, Colleen Fennig, Izzy Ladwig

Guest: Ben Brodie, Water Security Agency

1. Introductions

The Chairperson Fred Clipsham began the meeting with an introduction of the Board of Directors and staff. Everyone then introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Sloan/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the agenda be approved as amended. Under Reports – Treasurer, it should read 2013-14 Audited Statements and Appointment of 2014 Auditor.

3. Minutes of April 4, 2013th

Motion (Elliott/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the minutes of April 13, 2013 be approved.

4. Business Arising

The resolution approved last year prompted a general letter response from Minister Cheveldayoff indicating that they were going to deal with high water levels in 2013.

5. Guest Presentation – Water Security Agency Update – Ben Brodie

Ben Brodie, the Program Coordinator for Watershed Stewardship Groups and primary liaison with WUQWATR and the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards gave an update of activities at the WSA. Ben reviewed the provincial 25 year Water Security Plan. He then provided some graphs and records of flows over the past few years.

The Agency will be working with Gordon Huang to look at more specific and regional impacts of flooding and climate change. This year's runoff concerns are more with closed basins with higher than normal levels. The Agency is working within municipal Official Community Plans to prohibit development on the 1:500 flood areas. A water demand study was completed and released recently

([https://www.wsask.ca/Global/Water%20Info/Water%20Demand%20Study/Present%20and%20Future%20Water%20Use%20in%20Saskatchewan--A%20Summary%20\(Final%20Dec%202012\).pdf](https://www.wsask.ca/Global/Water%20Info/Water%20Demand%20Study/Present%20and%20Future%20Water%20Use%20in%20Saskatchewan--A%20Summary%20(Final%20Dec%202012).pdf)).

The toilet replacement program over 5 years replaced 65,000 toilets which saves 2 billion liters of water annually. The agency along with other departments is initiating a study on the Value of Water. This year there should be completion of a water quality study of the Qu'Appelle River and lakes. It will identify water quality issues and point sources of nutrient loading impacting indicators of water quality. This fall there will be consultation around the new legislative framework for the Water Security Agency. There was a question around the water quality study sampling and the establishment of the provincial water council and the deputy ministers committee.

6. Reports

a. Chairperson's Report

Fred Clipsham thanked the very dedicated board and staff for their work over the past year. The renewal of our source water protection plan is hoped to be done this year but likely next year. Issues like potash have become forefront in recent years. Fred and David Sloan has been our representative on the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds.

b. General Manager's Report

A written report was distributed. Duane Haave has been busy with the board on a number of issues and programs. Duane thanked the board and his staff for their hard work. Duane then listed the various programs and projects including the updates to our source water protection plan. Two years of riparian health assessment has been done on the Wascana Creek and in 2014 research will be conducted downstream from the City of Regina to the confluence with the Qu'Appelle.

c. Agri-Environmental Group Program Report – Colleen Fennig

A written report was distributed. Colleen Fennig highlighted the work of the Agri-Environmental Group Plan in 2013-14 and what is proposed for the coming year. Much of this in 2013 was the development of the steering committees, work plans and publicizing of the Growing Forward 2 program (<http://www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GrowingForward2>). Colleen then went through the various components of the program followed by a Q & A.

d. Financial Reports

Motion (Davies/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the Audited Statements dated January 31, 2014 be approved as presented.

Motion (Davies/Merifield) (M/S/C) that Marcia Herback be appointed auditor for the 2014/15 fiscal year.

e. SAW Report

David Sloan provided a background and an update on the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds activities. This includes strategic planning around the promotion of the value of water, assisting WSA in the implementation of their 25 year plan and to improve the effectiveness of SAW. The annual conference was in Saskatoon this year. Next year it is Melfort. One program discussed was LIRA (Land & Infrastructure Resiliency Assessment) Questions centred around the role of Fisheries & Oceans Canada in the future.

Motion (Oblander/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the verbal and written reports of the Chairperson, General Manager, Agri-Environmental Group and SAW be accepted.

7. Bylaw Amendments

Motion (Davies/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the Bylaw Amendment below be approved. That the 2014 Annual General Meeting of WUQWATR amend Bylaw 11.1 to read "The fiscal year of WUQWATR shall end on the 31st day of December".

8. Resolutions

Motion (Oblander/Sloan) (M/S/C) that Resolution #1 be approved.

Be it resolved that the 2014 Annual General Meeting of WUQWATR approved the amended timelines for completion of the Upper Qu'Appelle and Wascana Source Water Protection Plan Key Actions as presented in "Appendix A".

Motion (Dixon/Merifield) (M/S/C) that Resolution #2 be approved.

Be it resolved that the 2014 Annual General Meeting of WUQWATR amend the Upper Qu'Appelle and Wascana Source Water Protection Plan Recommendation and Action #62 to read:

Drainage Works/Control Structure Plans: That specific management plans for approved drainage works and water control structures in the watershed be developed, implemented and evaluated regularly.

Priority should be given to an evaluation of the design capacity and development of an updated management plan for the Valeport and Craven control structures and that this be completed by 2017.

That the provincial government develop a strategy to address unauthorized drainage and water control structures.

9. Other Business

Motion (Davies/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the 2015 AGM of WUQWATR be held in Humboldt.

- **Adjournment :** The Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.