

**WUQWATR Board Meeting**  
**Draft Minutes, November 20, 2008**  
Wascana Place, Regina

Present: Gilbert Wagner, Fred Clipsham, Jim Elliott, Geoff Merifield, Jim Supynuk, Duane Haave, Tim Davies and John Watkins.

Absent: Ernie Oblander, Delbert Schmidt and Rod Halyk

Guest: Robin Todd

Meeting started at 5:50 p.m.

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion** (John/Jim S.) (M/S/C) that we approved the agenda.

**2. Minutes of October 23, 2008**

**Motion** () (M/S/C) that the minutes of October 23, 2008 be adopted.

**3. Business Arising**

Letter to Province re Well Commissioning

The draft letter was reviewed and modified and will be sent.

Record Checks

Jim Supynuk and Ernie Oblander need to send in record checks.

**4. Reports**

**a. Chairperson**

There has been follow up with attendance of Alex Banga. He has subsequently sent in his resignation. This will be discussed at the Wascana Creek Advisory Committee meeting next week.

The chair will be attending a meeting with the Upper Qu'Appelle.

With respect to filling positions on the Board of Directors, Ernie will talk to Delbert.

Attached was a draft letter to Hon. Nancy Heppner respecting the inclusion of watershed related comments in the Throne Speech of the provincial government. It was agreed that this be sent to the minister.

Fred has talked to Trenton Basley, the Director of Economic Development for Treaty 4. They had a good meeting but there was still an intent to meet with Edwin Bellgarde. As there is not much land within the boundaries it was suggested that we keep them informed of our actions and at least meet with them annually. We may be able to provide advice regarding the planning process as it relates to the Lower Qu'Appelle consultations. We should also invite them to our AGM. It was also noted that the First Nations are likely going to be more involved in the Lower Qu'Appelle meetings and plan.

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**b. General Manager**

The written report (attached to the original minutes) was read with a few recommendations to the board. It was suggested that the General Manager be aware of the Lower Qu'Appelle planning process and perhaps be open to make a presentation on our assessment of the WUQ planning process.

**Motion** (Geoff/Ernie) (M/S/C) that we approve Action 1, agreement in principle to participate in a school essay contest with the understanding that we will help look for sponsors for prizes.

For Action 2, that the participation in the Lower Qu'Appelle Protection Planning Process be limited to presentations by either the General Manager or members of the Wascana Creek Advisory Committee. It was identified that if fully engaged, it could take a lot of time away from our plans.

**Motion** (Ernie/Geoff) (M/S/C) that we approve Action 3, purchasing a \$25 corporate membership in the Last Mountain Lake Watershed Stewards Group.

For Action 4, it was recommended to include the request for support for LML WSG water quality testing in the letter to the Minister identified in the Chairperson's report.

**Motion** (Geoff/Jim S.) (M/S/C) that we approve Action 5, the movement of funds for well decommissioning be moved to the communication strategy.

**Motion** (Jim S./ Geoff) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR write a letter to SAW to pursue with the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority that the WIPG to discuss the parameters of the 2<sup>nd</sup> report prior to the drafting of the report.

There was some discussion of the impacts of the intermodal facility on the watershed, more specifically the cottonwood creek.

**Motion** (Jim E./John) (M/S/C) that the General Manager's report be accepted.

**c. Executive Committee (no report)**

**d. Finance & Risk Management Committee**

**Motion** (Ernie/Geoff) (M/S/C) that the financial statements presented be approved.

**e. Program & Communications Committee**

It was noted that we should be making the link for municipalities that the participation in a watershed planning process are considered positive points for infrastructure funding.

Some contacts or advertising options are the following:

SWWA newsletter or advertising

Water carriers

SUMA Convention

SARM Convention

Regional conventions

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Issues Workshops or education opportunities

Inserts into SARM binders

It was further suggested that we pursue opportunities at conventions or other events to promote source water protection plans.

**f. Membership Committee**

As there is intent to make a presentation to the Last Mountain Lake Stewardship Group, it was seen as a chance to practice our pitch. There was also some indication that the individual associate fees for WUQWATR be lower than the \$100 currently identified for associate organizations. It was also recommended that the Wascana Centre Authority be given the #001 membership. We need to create a membership acknowledgement material package. We need to develop a membership drive plan. We can get some photos for use in materials from Robin Tod.

**g. Updates from Watersheds Advisory Committees**

Watersheds are planning to have meetings sometime over the next few months. The Wascana Creek Advisory Committee is having their meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**h. SAW Report**

Their next meeting is October 29<sup>th</sup> in Outlook. They are finalizing their bylaws and will be applying for Non-Profit Organization status. There is currently no fee structure. John and David will be tackling the funding request.

**i. SWA Report**

There should be a response to our protection plan from the Ministries in November.

The Lower Qu'Appelle River is being set up for consultation. They are likely to split it into a west and east section. It will be including the 1<sup>st</sup> Nations. There is a meeting of technical and operations with respect to the protection plan and they will be developing the format for furtherance of the plan.

**5. Governance Policy Discussion**

This was tabled to the next meeting. We will be discussing the June 17<sup>th</sup> version of the policy. It was also suggested that this be moved up on the agenda.

**Motion** (Jim S./Tim Davies) (M/S/C) that we approve the governance policy as developed and reviewed by the Board at the next Board meeting.

**6. Other Business**

It was identified that Robin Tod should be added to the minute distribution list.

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**7. Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Duane will confirm a location.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

**Minutes – WUQWATR Board Meeting January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Present: Fred Clipsham, Jim Supynuk, Duane Haave, Rod Halyk, Kelly Butz and John Watkins.  
Absent: Ernie Oblander, Gilbert Wagner, Tim Davies, Geoff Merifield and Jim Elliott.

Guest: David Sloan

Meeting started at 1:30 p.m.

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Agenda: Moved that the item for discussion is the proposal by the Executive Committee to amend the WUQWATR membership fees structure adopted by the Board on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion** (Jim S./ John) (M/S/C) that the agenda as presented be adopted.

Duane Haave outlined the new structure:

Urban municipalities: \$100 plus 10 cents per capita. \$ 100 minimum

Rural Municipalities: \$50 per 10% of RM area in WUQWATR Watershed, minimum \$100

Associate members: \$100

Discussion followed.

**Motion** (Jim S./John) (M/S/C) to accept the recommendation from the Executive Committee.

**2. Next Meeting**

Date of next board meeting March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM – Wascana Centre

Date of WUQWATR annual meeting – April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Regina Beach area.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.