

**WUQWATR Board Meeting**  
**Minutes – April 30, 2009**  
Wascana Place, Regina

Present: Fred Clipsham, Jim Elliott, John Watkins, Geoff Merifield, Jim Supynuk, Tim Davies, Ernie Oblander, David Sloan, Claudette Halladay, Kelly Butz .

Guest: None

Staff: Duane Haave.

Regrets: Rod Halyk, Gilbert Wagner, Robin Tod

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The discussion with Terry Hanley was postponed. It was also decided to add an in camera discussion and the election of Table Officers under 6. New Business.

**Motion** (Sloan/Halladay) (M/S/C) to adopt the amended agenda

**2. Approval of Minutes – March 5, 2009**

Minutes of March 5th meetings was reviewed.

**Motion** (Elliott/Davies) (M/S/C) that the minutes be approved.

**3. Business Arising**

The minutes of October and November were fixed and redistributed.

**Motion** (Elliott/Davies) (M/S/C) that the minutes of October and November be approved as distributed.

Since the previous meeting, the amended governance policy was distributed. Tim Davies had some further suggested word changes.

**Motion** (Sloan/Halladay) that the Secretary review the amended governance policy in the context of Tim Davies' suggested changes and makes the appropriate changes. If it was deemed a significant word change, it would be brought back to the Board for discussion. Otherwise it would be modified and an amended governance policy would be approved and circulated.

**4. Reports**

**a. Chair report**

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Fred mentioned the series of sub-watershed meetings have been held this spring in anticipation of the annual meeting.

**b. General Manager Report**

- The core budget has been secured with a couple of project funds developed. The requirements for the core funding appear to be somewhat less descriptive than last year. As long as we are expending the money appropriately and provide them a quarterly report, everything should work out well.
- Under R7, we should be able to replicate research from our watershed that can help in other watersheds.
- Under R25, there are two meetings planned around the conveyance options and we need to ensure local involvement.
- Under R40, our role needs to be defined.
- Under R67, a meeting has been set up.
- Under R78, our role needs to be defined.
- There has been no response to the source water protection plan from the government.
- We need to review the budget before signing the contract with SWA.
- We should use the university for research or analysis.
- We should use the Program and Communications Committee to help develop the framework for the BMP.
- We need to add staff capacity in research and education. Riparian assessment not being done by WUQWATR.
- Work is still being done on website.
- In the school essay contest, there were 27 entrants with ten being the best.
- There has been loss of SWA staff to support the Project Wet program.
- There is no progress on approval of the Eco Action application.
- We had 13 people attending the North Battleford watershed meeting.
- Work is still needed to cover off liabilities insurance.

**Motion** (Davies/Supynuk) (M/S/C) that the WUQWATR Board approve in principle to have the General Manager work with the Buffalo Pound, Lanigan-Manitou and Lewis Creek AEGPs to submit funding proposals to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture to serve as the administrative sponsor of these groups at a rate of 15% per application funding, and that the General Manager be authorized to sign contracts with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture based on those proposals. These proposals and

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contracts be circulated to the Board as soon as they are available and present for approval at the next WUQWATR Board meeting.

**c. Executive- No Report**

**d. Financial Report- written statements circulated**

**Motion** (Davies/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the financial statements be approved.

**Motion** (Davies/Oblander) (M/S/C) that the draft budget be tabled until after the in camera session in this meeting.

**Motion** (Sloan/Halladay) (/M/S/C) that the Board go in camera.

The Board came out of camera and explained the suggested modifications to the staff contract.

**Motion** (Oblander/Supynuk) (M/S/C) that the general manager's contract be referred to the executive and that they be empowered to sign the general manager's contract.

**Motion** (Sloan/Halladay) (/M/S/C) that the budget be revised to consolidate the core funding and the SWPP project funding and that the General Manager's salary be \$55,000.

**e. Program and Communications**

There was a need for an acronym index to clearly define what they mean. It was also thought that the names of the committees should be reviewed.

**f. Membership Committee**

A package of materials should be going out to the potential members soon. This will include a schedule of plans for the coming year.

**g. Updates from WACS**

Upper Qu'Appelle - There is a meeting on the conveyance on April 24<sup>th</sup>. There seems to be a lot of activity in the area of the conveyance that could impact the options. There

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needs to be a meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup> in Moose Jaw to brief us of the findings. There was also a possible pipeline going from Buffalo Pound Lake to Coronach. This should be a part of the water ability study being proposed by SWA. There needs to be some guidance provided to us from the Upper Qu'Appelle Watershed Advisory Committee.

Lanigan-Manitou – there have been a lot of potash mines proposed. There will need to be public meetings about the proposals and their need for water.

Last Mountain Lake – they have a meeting planned for May 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be meetings around the AEGP project and the fish ladder on the Last Mountain Lake National Wildlife Area.

Wascana Creek – there are potash mines proposed. The conveyance options have impacts on Regina's water supplies. There is also a lot of Regina development. The Albert Street weir management is another issue of interest.

**h. SAW Report:**

There is a planned meeting of the board on June 29<sup>th</sup>. At this time, they will be setting up the Officers of the Board and the membership fee structure. The Alberta government is planning to introduce watershed planning district legislation soon.

**Motion** (Watkins/Butz) (M/S/C) acceptance of the Reports.

**5. Date of next meeting**

Date will be Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at Wascana Place.

**Motion** (Watkins/Butz) (M/S/C) that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.