

**WUQWATR Board Meeting
Minutes – March 25, 2010
Imperial Community Centre**

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

Guests: None.

Staff: Duane Haave.

Regrets: Rod Halyk (medical reasons)

Meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Oblander/Merifield) (M/S/C) to adopt the agenda.

2. Approval of Minutes – February 8, 2010

Minutes of February 8th meeting was reviewed.

Motion (Sloan/Supynuk) (M/S/C) that the February 8, 2010 minutes be approved.

3. Business Arising

a. Financial Reserve Structure

This will be provided for the next meeting.

b. Year End Report

The year-end report was filed today.

4. Correspondence

We have received a few more responses about our source water protection plan. These may be incorporated in this year's year-end report.

5. Reports

a. Chair

- The national watershed awards are being sponsored by the Insurance Bureau of Canada and FCM. Deadline for submissions is April 9th.
- Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff and MP Ralph Goodale hosted a morning on water in Regina on March 17th. Fred Clipsham and David Sloan were there. Liberals are looking at a water policy. David Sauchyn and Wayne Clifton spoke at the meeting. Questions around jurisdictional overlap, allocation decision-making and growing conflicts around water use.
- There is a national infrastructure summit that will be happening in Regina in 2011.
- Budget for the Watershed Authority in the spring budget is down again this year. They are losing 7.3 positions. All watershed groups last year received \$820,000. This year we are getting \$640,000 or \$80,000 each.
- Duane had put together a proposal for spending the remainder of the funds in last year's budget. The decision to proceed was given at the last meeting.

Motion (Davies/Watkins) (M/S/C) that we pay our 2010 SAW fees of \$3,000 today.

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b. General Manager Report (report attached to original minutes)

- The year end results and the work plan for 2009-10 will be put together with the financial statements and will be sent out to our various funders, RMs, UMs and supporters.
- We have approximately 22 or 23 memberships.
- The grain bag and twine collection days went off fairly well and the assessment of the project will give us information about the future of this project.
- The website was updated with membership info and other reports.
- A project proposal (\$165,000 over 2 yrs.) was put into the Lake Winnipeg Basin Stewardship Fund to look at nutrient flows on Wascana Creek and possible solutions to the flows.

c. Executive Committee Report (no report)

d. Financial & Risk Management Committee Report

Motion (Davies/Watkins) that we accepted the financial review and forward it to the Annual General Meeting.

e. Program and Communications (no report)

f. Membership Committee (no report)

g. Updates from WACS

- A meeting of the Upper Qu'Appelle River watershed was held. It was stated to look at the water quality and this should be passed on to our various government partners including Agriculture, Environment, SWA and Sask Water. There was a talk about the implications of changing the name of Buffalo Pound Lake into a reservoir.
- It was suggested that a meeting be held with some of the potential users of the proposed canal to start getting that background information together. This may also allow us to gather support for what we want to happen. We may wish to gather our thoughts together on this before we propose a meeting. It was suggested this might take six months of planning before the meetings with the government.
- Last Mountain Lake has their three representatives for the Board.
- Other watersheds did not report.

h. SAW Report (no report)

i. SWA Report (no report)

Motion (Oblander/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the reports be accepted as presented.

6. Date of next meeting (not decided)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.