

WUQWATR Board Meeting
Minutes – December 10, 2010
Wascana Place, Regina

Present: Jim Elliott, Fred Clipsham, Ernie Oblander, Sandra Bathgate, Geoff Merifield, Jim Supynuk, Tim Davies, Claudette Halladay, Rod Halyk, David Sloane and Kelly Butz.

Guests: None

Staff: Duane Haave and Jillian Scott

Regrets: Todd Richter

The meeting was called to order at 10:43 am. by Fred Clipsham.

Jillian Scott was introduced to the Board.

1. Agenda

The Conservation Strategy for the Qu'Appelle Valley was added under new business.

Motion (Elliott/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the meeting agenda as amended be approved.

2. Minutes of October 8, 2010

Motion (Butz/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the minutes of October 8, 2010 as circulated at the meeting be approved. It should be noted that the minutes circulated by email were changed under 3.

Business Arising, the minutes should read "A letter has been sent to the SaskWater Corporation from Lanigan Manitou Watershed Advisory Committee regarding a consultation on the water supply for BHP Billiton, but no date has been set yet."

3. Business Arising (nothing required)

4. Correspondence (no correspondence)

5. Reports

a) Chair

- The Chair had nothing to report at this time.

b) General Manager (report provided with original agenda)

Further to the note on the Water Forum, the General Manager will be sending out via email to the Board members the full report for the forum. This includes the PowerPoint slide presentations of the presenters. A briefing of the Forum will be made at the Humboldt SAW conference in April. Further to the Jansen Lake potash mine meeting, we will be getting the presentation from them for distribution.

Motion (Davies/Oblander) M/S/C that a letter be drafted in light of the 3 potential potash mines coming on stream. The question is what is the status of the water availability study and express our concerns that these mines will be operational before we know of water availability. It was stated that we should have the availability study done before we get the mines operating. This letter should be sent to the Minister of the Environment. SUMA and SARM should be cc'ed.

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It was brought up by the Chairperson that the Cities of Moose Jaw and Regina, the rural municipalities between as well as a few towns and/or villages have just started the Moose Jaw-Regina Industrial Corridor and they should be encouraged to get involved in the discussions around the Upper Qu'Appelle River Conveyance Project. We have had concerns about the availability of water through this infrastructure.

It was recommended by consensus that we send a letter outlining these questions and concerns.

Recommendations

Motion (Sloan/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the General Manager be authorized to increase Jillian Scott's work contract to 20 hours per week and 1,500 dollars per month salary starting December 1.

Motion (Halladay/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the General Manager be authorized to make payments for the 2011 SAW Conference, these funds to be reimbursed by SAW.

Motion (Sloan/Davies) (M/S/C) that the General Manager be authorized to make payments under the PCAB ADOPT Ecobuffer project to residents of the watershed performing maintenance on sites in the WUQWATR watershed, payment from PCAB having been invoiced.

Motion (Supynuk/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the General Manager be authorized to make payments for the Agriculture Plastics Workshop on January 20th, these costs to be offset by registration and funding from the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council.

Motion (Elliott/Oblander) (M/S/C) that the General Manager's report be received.

Meeting was adjourned for lunch.

c) Executive Committee (no report)

d) Finance and Risk Management Committee

- The financial report was presented.
- It was thought that the Committee should come back with a reserve policy.

Motion (Halladay/Butz) (M/S/C) that the financial reports be approved as presented.

e) Program and Communications Committee

- Upcoming events are the agriculture plastics workshop and the utility mail out.

f) Membership Committee (no report)

A suggestion from the Board was to have a proposal as to how we might present ourselves to either SUMA or SARM and/or regional meetings.

g) Updates from WACs

- Lanigan Manitou (see report)

Motion (Sloan/Oblander) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR develop a work plan within the 2011-2012 budget process that would address the resolution presented by the Lanigan Manitou Watershed Committee. The proposed project would identify the threats to the Little Manitou Lake ecosystem, how to protect unique natural features of the ecosystem and what studies should be done to aid in the development of a protection plan for the lake. WUQWATR would then seek funding for the project.

- At the meeting there was a person from the RM Prairie Rose and the Quill Lakes Watershed and they were considering an effort to lowering the level of a slough and putting the water into the Lanigan Creek. They were initiating the process but had no knowledge or understanding of the process. There are people in the Yorkton office of SWA that have

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expertise in this area. There may be a prospect of including a group like Ducks Unlimited to mitigate any backlash from an action like this.

- Last Mountain Lake
 - There are meetings planned.
- Wascana Creek
 - There is a draft report on the Albert Street weir within SWA as well as some profiling on Wascana Creek. It is anticipated that there will be meetings around these.
 - There is a proposal to do a storm channel within the Creeks subdivision of Regina. The question was whether they needed to do channelization as doing nothing would create a natural wetland.
- Upper Qu'Appelle River
 - Meetings are planned. The conveyance project has not gotten funding yet.

h) SAW report

- The workshop agenda for Humboldt was presented and discussed. Meetings on this are next week.
- Deanna Trowsdale-Mutafov will be leaving SAW but will stay part time until March to help transition.
- Directors liability for watersheds will likely be insuring themselves separately and not collectively.
- A meeting of AEGP people from across the province met and discussed development of a MOU between AEGPs and appropriate watersheds.
- APAS (Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan) is developing an ALUS (Alternative Land Use Services) project and it was thought that it would be good to work with the watershed.

6. Code Content Committee Report

Both Jim Elliott and David Sloan have been part of Environmental Code Content Committees. It was thought that we might have someone from Saskatchewan Environment present to us on the Environmental Code.

Motion (Oblander/Halladay) (M/S/C) that David Sloan represent WUQWATR on the Municipal Code Content Committee.

Motion (Halladay/Supynuk) (M/S/C) that the reports be approved as presented.

7. New Business

- Conservation Strategy for the Qu'Appelle Valley was presented by Gary Howland to the RM of Lumsden. This was briefly discussed and it was thought that we put it on the agenda for our January meeting for further discussion and how we want to proceed with this.

8. Next Meeting

January 19, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.