

WUQWATR Board Minutes – March 4, 2011 Wascana Centre Boardroom

Attendance: Fred Clipsham (chair), Ernie Oblander, David Sloan, Jim Supynuk, Sandra Bathgate, Rod Halyk, Kelly Butz, Duane Haave(Acting secretary)

Regrets: Geoff Merifield, Jim Elliott, Todd Richter, Tim Davies, Claudette Halladay

1. Agenda – Motion to approve as circulated, but with decision on recommendations postponed until Kelly arrives. Supynuk/Halyk Carried
2. Minutes of January 19th Board Meeting. Motion to approve as circulated. Sloan/Halyk carried. It was agreed that Duane circulate minutes to the Board in future so that he can attach other Board info as required, and reduce the number of emails going out.
3. Business arising from the minutes: To be covered in General Manager's report.
4. Correspondence. None
5. Reports
 5. a) Chair report: Fred reported on the Canada West Foundation James Richardson Foundation Roundtable that was attended by himself as a SUMA rep and, David Sloan and Jim Supynuk representing SAW on March 3 at the U of S. Similar discussions are being held in the other 3 western provinces.

The guest list was coordinated by Howard Wheeler, and consisted of several academics, plus Joel Peterson of DUC, and Wayne Dybvig of SWA. There was general wide-ranging discussion on 4 topical questions drafted by the CanWest Foundation.

1. What are the emerging water policy issues and priorities in Saskatchewan?
2. What water challenges will be key to western Canada's place in the country and its long term economic prosperity over the next 5-10 years?
3. What are the most important public policy actions that must be taken by the local, provincial or federal government to address water challenges in Saskatchewan?
4. How can today's research agenda be better positioned to address these water policy challenges?

The delegates reported much of the discussion was technical in nature.

CanWest reported that they are doing research on water pricing issues. The 3 reps will receive a report from CanWest on the roundtables.

Fred reported on his participation in a further meeting with APAS and Delta Waterfowl on the Alternative Land Use Service concept. The involvement of SAW and WUQWATR

has moved this from a municipal based concept to one based on a watershed located in southern Saskatchewan.

5. c Executive Committee: The Chair raised the matter of doing a performance review of the General Manager, and asked the GM to leave the meeting for an in-camera discussion.

The Board decided to do an evaluation as a group at a convenient time in May or June. They requested the GM to take the work plan from 2010-11 and complete a self evaluation of progress on that workplan.

The Board also decided to conduct a strategic planning exercise to look at progress on the original plan, how our current activities relate to that plan, and also a scan on how WUQWATR was perceived by funders and the public. Recommendations were made on possible facilitators, including the United Way and SWA staff.

The General Manager was asked to look at options and come back with recommendations for a strategic plan review.

5b The General Manager circulated a written report with recommendations. It was decided that deliberation on the recommendations would be postponed until Kelly arrived.

12; 10: The meeting broke for lunch and resumed at 12:40

The agenda moved to the SAW Conference Report. The General Manager provided a written report.

Discussion: DH will be looking at tour routes on March 8th. David recommended random seat assignment for the break-out discussion at the conference.

Kelly Butz joined the meeting.

At 1:15 Gary Howland arrived and gave a verbal presentation of the Lumsden Valley Community Association's work in developing a conservation plan for the Qu'Appelle Valley and its tributaries. This plan was submitted to the RM of Lumsden and Town of Lumsden during the development of their Official Community Plans. LUVCA has also written a submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Community Planning Branch regarding their consultation on Statements of Provincial Interest. Gary explained their

focus on identifying key parcels of upland habitat and the use of the “patch system” to identify key habitat and corridors.

Discussion: There was a 30 minute discussion on issues around regional planning and the barriers to implementing conservation and watershed protection in municipal planning and zoning.

After Gary Howland left the meeting the Board considered the possibility of filing WUQWATR submissions when local municipalities are reviewing their Official Plans. Lumsden, Sherwood and Regina are all in the process of reviewing their plans. It was agreed that the General Manager would review the Source Water Protection Plan and provide the Board with recommendations on key Actions that we could recommend for inclusion in Community Plans. These would be reviewed and developed into a standard submission to WUQWATR area municipalities as they go through the OCP process.

The Board moved back to consideration of the recommendations contained in the General Managers Report.

1. (A) That the final contract with the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority be ratified by the Board. Sloan/Butz carried.

1 (B) That a portion of the \$20,000 Funding from the PRAC program be utilized for staff salaries effective March 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012 as follows; an amendment to the employment contract of Jillian Scott to increase the number of hours weekly from 20 to 25 or \$375 monthly. And an amendment to the employment contract of Duane Haave to increase the General Managers monthly salary from 4583.33 to 4958.33, or \$375 monthly. Oblander/Halyk carried.

2. That a letter of engagement be executed for Marcia Herback to perform the review for our 2010-11 Financial Statements and that the Board recommend to the March 29 WUQWATR Annual General Meeting her appointment to conduct our audit in 2011-12. Bathgate/Supynuk Carried

3. That the General Manager be authorized to purchase a new printer for the office with a total value not to exceed \$1,000. Supynuk/Sloan Carried.

4. That the General Manager be authorized to purchase a back up hard-drive with a total value not to exceed \$400. Oblander/Supynuk Carried.

5. That WUQWATR provide an accommodation advance of \$150 to Jim Elliott for his Room booking for the 2011 SAW Conference. Sloan/Halyk Carried

6. That WUQWATR approach the RM of Lumsden and Last Mountain Lake Stewards to sign as contractors for the upcoming AEGP contracts in Buffalo Pound and Lewis Creek respectively. Butz/Oblander Carried.

5d) Finance and Risk Management: The General Manager provided Financial Statements. The GM and Administrative Co-ordinator will draft a budget based on the 2010-11 Financial Statements for the March 29th Board meeting.

Motion to approve the Financials: Sloan/Bathgate Carried

5g) Report from Member Watersheds

Wascana- WAC meeting scheduled for March 22. There is also an event for World Water Day earlier on the 22, and WUQWATR will have a display.

Upper Qu'Appelle – The AGM will be held in Bethune and Bob Parker will be giving a presentation on the UQ conveyance.

LM and LML- no news to report.

5h) SAW Report: SAW has hired a new Executive Director, Nancy Kopell. SAW has sent delegations to meet with the Minister of Environment, where they discussed SWA's core funding for the Watersheds in the upcoming provincial budget and with officials from the Ministry of Health. SAW is updating its display unit with money donated from Cenovus Energy.

7. New Business

Rod recommended that we send delegates to the Western Canada Water and Waste Water Conferences.

8 Next Meeting – March 29th, 3 PM at the Bethune Wildlife Federation Hall.