

## Minutes

### WUQWATR Board of Directors September 29, 2011

#### Wascana Place, 10:46 AM

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

Staff: Duane Haave

Regrets: Todd Richter and Rod Halyk.

#### 1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion (Merrifield/Supynuk) (M/S/C)** that the meeting agenda be approved with the addition of the in-camera session at 6 b). It was also suggested that we try to set meeting dates until March.

#### 2. Minutes of July 28, 2011

**Motion (Elliott/Merrifield) (M/S/C)** that the minutes of July 28, 2011 as circulated at the meeting be approved.

#### 3. Business arising:

There was discussion of the letter to the editor but due to time and delays in responding, it was not written.

The spelling of ALUS was wrong in the previous minutes.

#### 4. Correspondence

A copy of the letter to the Mayor of Regina regarding the news coverage around the Environment Canada study was included with the agenda. A copy of an email from Lance Anderson of the South Shore Wildlife Federation and our response to the letter were included. A summary of the Environment Canada study was included in the agenda package.

#### 5. Reports

##### a. Chair

- There is a meeting and presentation on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m. at the Mackenzie Art Gallery from Bob Sanford talking about water policy reform. Duane will be attending the November meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee of the City of Regina. The pilot of the ALUS will include the RMs of Francis, Indian Head and the South Qu'Appelle. SUMA has met with the Minister with source water protection not being the principle discussion item. The meeting was to start an ongoing forum with the Minister.

##### b. General Manager

- Contact with departmental staff will slow down during the election period.
- The policy document called Priority Actions for Municipal Community Plans was circulated for review by the Board. This would be used in the future as a standard submission to an OCP planning process in our watershed. Duane to send out by email the policy document and links to the Municipal Affairs materials respecting OCPs. We may wish to send it around to other watersheds.

- Geoff mentioned that Tom Fulcher of LMLSG had identified a 1978 flood protection plan had been done for the LML and the Lower Qu'Appelle lakes and that Duane was to check the story with Geoff.

**Motion (Davies/Halladay) (M/S/C)** that the Board approve the closure of our EcoAction bank account effective September 30.

**Motion (Halladay/Butz) (M/S/C)** that the Board approves the delegation of authority in all matters related to the Canada Revenue Agency to the General Manager and Administrative Co-ordinator.

- The Royal Saskatchewan Museum is looking to pilot an eco-museum site in and around Regina. Duane will send to Jim Elliott.
  - c. Executive Committee (no report)
  - d. Finance & Risk Management Committee

**Motion (Davies/Supynuk) (M/S/C)** that the Board approve the Income/Expense, Budget to Actuals for September 29, 2011 and Cheques statement to September 2011.

- e. Program & Communication Committee (no report)
- f. Membership Committee
- There was a recommendation that we review the membership fees such that we can, if necessary, make recommendations for next year.

Meeting was adjourned for lunch.

- g. Updates from member watersheds
  - i. Upper Qu'Appelle

**Motion (Sloan/Supynuk) (M/S/C)** that the Upper Qu'Appelle sub-watershed contact in writing the South Central Enterprise district instructing them of past involvement in the conveyance plan and the wish to have the sub-watershed and WUQWATR involved in the future discussions and have a long term interest in the ongoing process. We would cc. to SWA.

Sandra was to provide Duane with a two page report from the summer meeting so that it can be kept on file in respect to the plans for the conveyance. Duane would scan and send out to the board.

**Motion (Davies/Oblander) (M/S/C)** that WUQWATR contact all enterprise regions informing them of our activities and our ongoing interest in any activity that may have impacts on the watershed.

It was suggested that there be a presentation on what has developed since our last meeting around the conveyance.

- ii. Wascana Creek
  - 1. David Sloan and Jim Elliott has been part of the Environmental Code development process but will not begin again until after the election.

**Motion (Jim Elliott/Sloan) (M/S/C)** that we contact Saskatchewan Environment to set up a meeting after the election regarding the status and proposal around the environmental code, especially septic haulers.

2. Lot of discussion around potash mines. Vale is having meetings in Kronau and White City on October 4 and 5 from 4 to 8 pm.
  3. Meeting is planned for middle of November to meet with Western Potash officials.
- iii. Lanigan Manitou
1. Provided a report to a village meeting. Meeting was well attended. Jill has been doing some investigation around the research inventory.
- iv. Last Mountain Lake
1. Water levels are still high and not going down quickly enough due to blockages.
  2. Looking at doing a shoreline protection project and repairing the shorelines around Kanata Valley.

**Motion (Merrifield/Halladay) (M/S/C)** as appropriate that WUQWATR send a letter to SWA President regarding concerns about the plugged waterworks at Last Mountain Lake and a need to review the maintenance/monitoring management plan around Last Mountain Lake. We should cc RMs and resort villages.

h. SAW report

- i. There appears to be no policy in place to report on items or to present issues like the Richardson roundtable to the media.
- ii. Letter for extra funding of watersheds has been sent and have had meetings with SWA
- iii. Taking over the staff benefits packages for all watersheds
- iv. Starting to work on the spring workshop in Moosomin on April 16-17, 2012.
- v. No response from political parties regarding supports for watersheds.
- vi. There was a resolution from SUMA to encourage joining watershed associations.

**Motion (Bathgate/Davies) (M/S/C)** that the Board receive all verbal reports.

6. Next meeting

The next meetings have been tentatively been set for

October 25, 2011 - Board Strategic retreat & Planning session  
December 2, 2011 - Regular Board meeting  
January 27, 2012 - Regular Board meeting  
February 24, 2012 - Executive meeting  
March 10, 2012 - Regular Board meeting

7. In Camera Review at 2:20 pm

- concluded the in camera session at 2:55 pm.

- plans for October 25<sup>th</sup> might be a review of the vision, values, goals, missions and plans set back 3-4 years ago (David, Tim and Jim Supynuk), Duane's experience and then develop three priorities for 2012 (Fred).

8. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.