

Minutes
WUQWATR Board of Directors November 30, 2012
Wascana Place, 11:14 AM

Present: Fred Clipsham, Jim Elliott, Tim Davies, Claudette Halladay, Jim Supynuk, David Sloan, and Rod Halyk.

Staff: Duane Haave

Regrets: Sandra Bathgate, Ernie Oblander and Geoff Merifield.

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

3. Minutes of October 19, 2012

Motion (Supynuk/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the board minutes of October 19, 2012 be approved with the addition of the name Pat Rediger as the SAW Executive Director. There was some question around where the boil water order was that provided by Geoff Merifield.

4. Business arising:

- No separate business arising.

4. Correspondence

- Letter from Cheveldayoff

A response was deferred to the discussion on the 25 year water security plan.

5. Reports

a. Chair

- The City of Regina has chosen not to elect a councillor to be the representative and have gone to a citizen representative. Fred has applied.

b. General Manager (Report attached to original agenda)

- There were some discussions around illegal drainage at Agribition and who may be responsible to enforce the law. It was suggested that the local C & D be invited to our sub-watershed meetings to cultivate a closer relation with them and to discuss illegal drainage.

Motion (Halladay/Sloan) (M/S/C) that Duane Haave join the Canadian Water Resources Association and that the membership fee of \$95 be paid.

- There was some awareness of the South Saskatchewan River being nominated as a heritage river. Ken Lowinski appears to be the contact. More information was needed. [As announced by the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan, the South Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Rivers have been collectively nominated to the

Canadian Heritage River System based on their rich cultural heritage. The [process to officially designate](#) the rivers to the System will now begin. Link to website, <http://www.chrs.ca/en/main.php#toc7>

- Further to the Western Producer article, it was suggested that SAW express in a letter to the Board an interest of SARM and being supportive of SARM's efforts to ensure that illegal drainage is managed by the government and that there are things at the provincial level that we can do to work with you on this issue.

c. Executive Committee

- Board Review
 - o Generally the board is doing well
 - o Board member needs to have a copy of the bylaws
 - o There needs to be an orientation package with all of the bylaws and policies
 - o There needs to be a copy of the bylaws on website
 - o Review of bylaws needs to be done every year prior to AGM
 - o Question of reporting to the AGM needed to be reviewed and/or amended
 - o Need to evaluate whether we should have times allotted for agenda items at board meetings or leave it up to the Chairperson and General Manager
 - o Board meetings should always be finished by 3 pm and that we may define when lunch is on the agenda
 - o Assigned tasks for committees should be in writing
 - o Ballots should be used for the election of officers if two members request
 - o Need for terms of reference for officers, committees and reviewed annually
 - o Do we need a yearly work plan for the Board separate from the General Manager's work plan and/or used regularly and/or reviewed every year
 - o Annual planning and review meeting prior to AGM targeted for February 2013 and agenda items be:
 - Source Water Protection Plan renewal
 - Picking of 5 priorities for the Board
 - Governance and internal processes
 - Involvement of watershed advisory committees
 - Support for renewal from WSA
 - o Executive and General Manager should have a conference call to confirm planning meetings agenda by December 7th
 - o May need the board needs to do ranking or clarified on the protection plan and or reviewed
 - o Need for a code of ethics and reviewed annually
 - o Board policy discussion part of each board meeting
 - o Mission and vision statements reviewed annually

- Business continuation plan in place as well as a de-hiring procedure established
- Member relations, member education, policy guide for program development and recruitment strategy needs to be established
- Committees need some action plans or assessment tools
- Do reports get compare results with goals planned (do we have list of strategic goals to direct actions or programs and when we report about a program, what goals is it intended to achieve)
- Do we use SAW programs
- Do we effectively communicate with SAW through our representatives (may be one way at this time)
- What is our role within SAW and what is the relationship between ourselves and SAW

Lunch happened from 12:00 pm to 12:46 pm.

d. Finance & Risk Management Committee

- The Cheques, Deposits and Bill Payments list for November 23, 2012, Income and Expenses to October 31, 2012 and Revised Budget to Actuals for February 1st to November 23rd was presented. It was recommended that the budget should be done after strategic planning so that the budget follows from the planning and the identified priorities.

Motion (Davies/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the Board approve the transfer of funds from previous years' surplus for the 2012/2013 Fiscal Year Budget, including \$27,000 allocated to the Project Fund and \$15,000 to the Reserve Fund, \$42,000 in total.

Motion (Davies/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the budget/actual analysis statement ending October 31, 2012 and the income/expense statement ending November 23, 2012 be approved as presented.

Motion (Sloan/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the list of cheques, deposits and bill payments be approved as presented.

e. Program & Communication Committee

- Report on website
 - Details of use of website were reviewed and identified.

f. Membership Committee: membership list was circulated

Motion (Supynuk/Davies) (M/S/C) that the above mentioned reports be approved.

g. Updates from member watersheds

i. Wascana Creek

1. The town of Sedley released their lagoon raw sewage into the watershed. It was not known whether the release got to the creek.
2. The City of Regina has hired a consultant to do a flood plan and WUQWATR submitted its key action on the Albert Street Management Plan.
3. Jim Elliott volunteered at the SAW display at Agribition for the one day.
4. Notice of the agreement between Western Potash and the City of Regina has been signed.

ii. Lanigan Manitou

1. Bhp Billiton put on a seminar in Lanigan, Humboldt and Wynyard. There is still gravel hauling done at the potash mine. Two holes have been bored. The potash corporation has set up baseline studies on Little Manitou Lake. The City of Humboldt is interested to know whether the mine has gotten a green light to the project. Residential development at Leroy has been extensive.
2. Other mines have been delayed or postponed.
3. Sask Power has proposals for power generation at Swift Current and Wolverine Lake area.
<http://www.thestarphoenix.com/business/Swift+Current+Lanigan+shortlisted+project/7604726/story.html>
4. New Council in Humboldt and Rod or Duane will be doing a presentation.
5. No news on the new landfill at Humboldt.
6. Our study and research on Little Manitou Lake has been integrated into the inventory that Jillian is working on.

iii. Upper Qu'Appelle

1. Letters were received that the province is releasing 4 cubic metres per second down the conveyance to test the Upper Qu'Appelle valley's ability to handle this flow in the winter. Not sure as to whether it will be going further downstream. Duane will follow up on this with WSA and to encourage WSA to include us in any correspondence.
2. Tenders for the use of the valley have been discussed but were unsure as to whether the tender has been determined.
3. It was suggested that if there are any deviation or change outside of regular management plan operations for any of the control structures in our watershed that we be notified. It

was decided that a letter be sent to WSA with a copy to SAW.

iii. Last Mountain Lake (no report)

h. SAW report

- i. John Van Eaton is on leave.
- ii. SAW office and meeting space has been set in the Regina DU offices.
- iii. SAW has director liability and general insurance coverage.
- iv. The mitigation program for the Regina drainage is likely in the Assiniboine watershed.
- v. Moose Jaw is the next spring conference location.
- vi. SAW has signed a waterfowl enhancement program funding for watersheds.
- vii. The next stage of the LIRA program is going ahead near Warman.
- viii. There was roundtable updates from each watershed at the last board meeting.

Motion (Supynuk/Davies) (M/S/C) that all verbal reports be approved.

6. New Business

a. 25 Year Water Security Plan was presented.

- i. 1.1 b) The timeline is too long. The data is all there. This will likely be a recommendation that would go to the municipalities. [A general comment was that the various groups like Regina EAC, SUMA, SARM, SCDA, SIPA (CSIDC) and Nature Sask be identified while going through this document. We could be feeding our comments into the various organizations.]
- ii. 1.2 b) The date seems ambitious.
- iii. 1.2 c) There may be implications for municipalities.
- iv. 1.3 a) We should be finding out for the 2014 actions what the input mechanisms for WUQWATR and/or SAW would be.
- v. 1.3 b) We need to bring the potash mining operations into our plan renewal.
- vi. 1.3 c) The date seems ambitious because of the potential demands of potash mines. We may be able to use this item or others to encourage membership in WUQWATR.
- vii. 1.4 We don't have anything in our plan to address irrigation.
- viii. 1.4 b) This may need to be added to our plan due to the potential expansion of irrigation off of the conveyance.

- ix. 1.6 a) This should refer to KA43 instead of KA2. Is the potash development going ahead more quickly than the development of detailed aquifer maps?
- x. 1.7 The statement is unclear and vague.
- xi. 1.7 b) There was some concern that the economic value of water is going to drive all decisions. How do you effectively value or determine importance of wetlands, water retention, human use and other ecological services of water? There may be best practices out there that could be used to direct allocation decision making.
- xii. 2.1 a) Do we have to prove our worth at this point?
- xiii. 2.1 c) This may be another reason for municipalities to join WUQWATR.
- xiv. 2.2 a) Identifies the need for scrutiny of the zoning bylaws and regulatory controls of systems by Sask Health and others. Decommissioning is not considered. No indications where or how much money is being allocated to implement the recommendations.
- xv. 3.1 b) and 2.1 d) are a priority of the city mayor's national caucus.
- xvi. 3.1 d) There needs to be monitoring of recreational lakes and receiving bodies. This could be some places where local watersheds could help.
- xvii. 3.2 a) This ties into questions around illegal drainage. These should be moved on sooner so that it is consistent with illegal drainage timelines. This is a very good way to deal with pressures to do illegal drainage.
- xviii. 3.3 c) There was some modifications to federal legislation as it relates to water bodies and fisheries. Jim Elliott will review and advise the group.
- xix. 3.4 a) There needs to be a definition of resilience.
- xx. 3.4 b) This needs to be on the agenda of the next SAW board meeting. Also, each watershed needs to be actively reviewing the 25 year plan and pass on any relevant items or concerns to the provincial body for some collective action or assessment.
- xxi. 3.4 d) Needs to know what this means.
- xxii. 4.1 This needs to include management of weirs and other control structures.
- xxiii. 5.1 e) Need to look at the report of the Insurance Bureau of Canada's report to find locations in our watershed that identified with flood risk areas.
http://www.ibc.ca/en/natural_disasters/documents/mcbean_report.pdf
- xxiv. 5.1 f) What are the implications of this to communities and municipalities. This may also be a way to encourage membership in WUQWATR.

- xxv. 5.2 a) How does WUQWATR relate to SARM. David Sloan will talk to SARM to see where they are with the 25 year plan.
- xxvi. In the printed version on page 34, there is a discussion of priority wetlands. What are these? Is there a definition? Do we want to work with Ducks Unlimited, Nature Sask and Nature Regina and attempt to define “what is a priority wetland” before they are defined by government? Is government going to talk to us before they are defined? We have had discussions with Gary Hyland about conservation areas, natural patches and connecting corridors. Wetlands may be still determined to be valuable for those reasons, not because of being a priority wetland.
- xxvii. 7 Effective Governance and Engagement – we need to consider informing government about our priorities in this area and let them know what we are concerned about. What is a results based framework and how do our objectives mesh with this type of management.
- xxviii. 7.4 a) What are the terms of reference for the Provincial Water Council? They should be making reference to our watershed recommendations when they are considering what should be the Council’s terms of reference.
- xxix. We should be considering a meeting with Bob Carles about what their terms of reference are for their plan being that our plan is fairly similar to theirs. We may only consider items of interest like municipalities, wetlands, conveyance, drainage and public participation with essential partners.

b. Tabled to next meeting

c. Tables to next meeting.

6. Next meeting

The date for the next meeting was January 25th at 10:00 am.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.