

**Minutes**  
**WUQWATR Board of Directors January 25, 2013**  
**Wascana Place, 10:09 AM**

Present: Fred Clipsham, Jim Elliott, Tim Davies, Claudette Halladay, Jim Supynuk, David Sloan, Sandra Bathgate and Ernie Oblander.

Staff: Duane Haave

Regrets: Geoff Merifield and Rod Halyk.

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion (Davies/Sloan) (M/S/C)** that the meeting agenda be approved as presented with the addition of two additional letters will be discussed under correspondence.

2. Minutes of November 30, 2012

**Motion (Elliott/Supynuk) (M/S/C)** that the board minutes of November 30, 2012 be approved with the correction that Geoff Merifield attended the meeting. The Board Review materials will be moved to being an attachment to the minutes and that the minutes reflect that the Board reviewed its governance.

3. Business arising:

- In respect to the letter to the municipalities about the 4 cubic metres per second going down the conveyance to Buffalo Pound Lake, Duane has not been able to get in touch with Warren at the Water Security Agency. A report will be forthcoming.

4. Correspondence

- Letter from Minister Cheveldayoff re Council of the Federation Excellence in Water Stewardship Award (flagged for next year)
- Letter from MP Gerry Ritz re AEGP
- Letter from Minister Cheveldayoff re our letter of December 18, 2012 (25 year Water Security Plan)
- No actions taken

5. Reports

a. Chair

- i. Fred Clipsham was confirmed to be the City of Regina representative for the Wascana Creek Advisory Committee for two years.

b. General Manager (Report attached to original agenda)

Motion ( ) (M/S/C) that the 2013-14 Draft Budget be prepared with options to address the following:

- Human Resources including cost of living and benefits (2 to 2.5 % increment)
- The hiring of a summer student in 2013
- Additional staff to implement our SWPP responsibilities

- Consideration of Board honoraria
- Potential costs for Plan Renewal
- Reserve Funds
- Staff Education
- ALUS report
  - c. Executive Committee
- Three of the executive committee met on strategic planning.
  - o Talk around renewal of source water protection plan in the context of the 25 year water security plan
  - o Review of governance/terms of reference/policy & procedure
  - o Priorities for the year
  - o Agenda
    - Facilitator for the session
    - Review of vision statement
    - Review of board governance/policies/bylaws (Jim S/David)
    - How do we fit in with SAW/WSA
    - Identifying strategic points or priorities
    - Plan renewal
    - Budget implications

Lunch happened from 12:05 pm to 1:00 pm.

- d. Discussion of Plan Renewal – James Hood, Water Security Agency (overheads attached to minutes)
- Much of work forward will be driven and guided by 25 year plan
- Groups have role in the plan other than the source water protection plan
- Question - definition of resilience
- Question - where does the science come from, who pays
- Question – is the focus on source water protection or overall quality
- Work is starting at Old Wives Lake watershed
- Question – concern of increased variability of water access and flow because of climate change
- Piloting in Lower Qu’Appelle is opportunities to work together and more often with technical people
- Desire is to work together
- Long term goals and results might work in the same direction as what is provincially but not necessarily
- Lower Qu’Appelle plan is almost done
- Most goals are to be Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timely.

- Two Qu'Appelle watersheds will need to talk and work together
- First step in review is to assess does this need a full re-visioning and renewal or just an update
- How do we discuss broad issues like climate change and potash
- How do we talk about the fact that our water comes from or goes to another watershed
- Probably would start with Lower Souris, not sure whether WUQWATR is next in cue

e. Finance & Risk Management Committee

**Motion (Sloan/Halladay) (M/S/C)** that the income/expense statement ending January 18, 2013 be approved as presented.

f. Program & Communication Committee (no report)

g. Membership Committee (No report)

h. Updates from member watersheds

- i. Wascana Creek (no report)
- ii. Lanigan Manitou (no report)
- iii. Upper Qu'Appelle (no report)
- iii. Last Mountain Lake (no report)

i. SAW report

- With the resignation of John van Eaton, David Sloan has assumed acting chair. There is likely to be a need of Secretary. The watershed workshop is April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Displays to be up on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Watershed mitigation is likely to be in Assiniboine.
- ALUS had a seminar at use of soybeans, presentation on drainage issues and appeal process and presentations on AEGP and crop diseases. One pilot project done this year and four next year.
- Percent of Average Precipitation (Prairie Region) Map (attached to minutes)

6. New Business


**Motion (Davies/Bathgate) (M/S/C)** that the honoraria discussion be referred to the budget discussions.

7. Next meeting

The date for the strategic planning meeting was February 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am in Regina. Hotel space would be possible if one wanted to come to the meeting the night before.

The date for the next board meeting is March 15<sup>th</sup> and AGM on April 4<sup>th</sup> in Regina Beach.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.



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January 25, 2013

## Watershed Planning Model and Plan Renewal

Wascana Upper Qu'Appelle  
Watersheds Association Taking  
Responsibility, Inc.

### Outline

- Introduction
- 25 Year Saskatchewan Water Security Plan (25 Year Plan)
- Watershed Planning in the 25 Year Plan
- Pilot Watershed Planning Model – Lower Qu'Appelle River and Old Wives Lake
- Plan Renewal
- Timeline for Renewal Process

## 25 Year Saskatchewan Water Security Plan

### • Goals:

1. Ensure the sustainability of our surface and ground water supplies
2. Ensure our drinking water is safe by protecting supplies from the source to the tap
3. Ensure water quality and ecosystem functions are sustained
4. Ensure dams safely meet water supply and management needs
5. Ensure measures are in place to effectively respond to floods and drought
6. Ensure adequate water data, information and knowledge are available to support decision making
7. Ensure water management and decision making processes are coordinated, comprehensive and collaborative

## Watershed Planning in the 25 Year Plan

### Action Area 3.4 - Source Water Protection Planning

- 3.4. a. Update the source water protection planning process to achieve resilient, locally appropriate source water protection plans that are informed by science to identify key local threats to source water protection, address drinking water source protection, and identify achievable solutions for implementation (2014)
- 3.4. b. Work with Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds to more clearly identify the future roles and responsibilities of watershed and aquifer planning groups, including the renewal of source water protection plans (2014)
- 3.4. c. Evaluate the need to expand source water protection planning to additional watersheds or aquifers (2014)
- 3.4. d. Assess and renew the approach to implementing source water protection plans to ensure that threats to source water are mitigated into the future (2013)

#### Roles possible in other goals

- Safe drinking water, Protection of water resources, Flood and drought damage reduction, Adequate data, information and knowledge, Effective governance and engagement

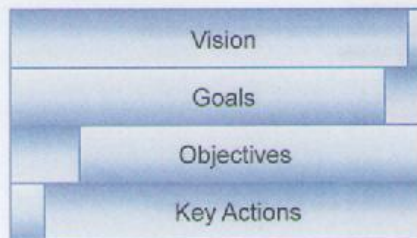
### Pilot Watershed Planning Model – Lower Qu’Appelle River and Old Wives Lake

- Better involvement of technical staff in decision-making on relevant technical/management issues
  - The issue is not control but a desire to be partners in decision making
- Recommendations that achieve long term provincial water management goals in an integrated manner



### Pilot Watershed Planning Model – Roles of organizations

Watershed Advisory Committee (Local Community)



Technical Advisory Committee





## Plan Renewal

### Evaluation Component

Piloted with the Lower Souris River Watershed

1. People involved in the watershed:
  - Core project team is explicit (i.e. they see/think of themselves as a Team) and roles are clearly assigned, including a clear project leader
  - Key partners and stakeholders are included as team members, engaged, and understand their roles
  - Core team members are clearly engaged and have sufficient time allocated
  - All disciplines appropriate to the project are represented on core team, extended team, or advisor groups
  - Collaboration with partners is strong; relationships and engagement are clear
  - Project has strong local community relations

## Plan Renewal

### Evaluation Component

Piloted with the Lower Souris watershed

2. Organization structure
3. Define plan scope and priority watershed assets
4. Status of priority assets
5. Critical stressors
6. Situation analysis
7. Strategies: Objectives and Actions
8. Measures
9. Work plans
10. Implementation
11. Adaptive management and sharing successes
12. Sustainability




## Plan Renewal

### Renewal Process Elements (not yet finalized)

- Identify and Engage Stakeholders
  - Evaluation stakeholders
  - Renewal stakeholders
- Plan Evaluation
  - Based on Pilot
- Plan Renewal
  - Ratify, Adopt or Develop the Vision and Goals
  - Review or Develop Objectives and Key Actions
  - Review Organizational Development
- Final Products


## Timeline for Renewal Process

1. Initial drafting of process – current
  - Based on the broad elements discussed above
2. Input from SAW prior to presentation to WSA executive – before March 31, 2013
  - Meetings with SAW representatives to comment on draft process
3. Presentation to WSA executive – by March 31, 2013
4. Final process – finalized after March 31, 2013



## Questions?

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Water Security Agency

## Timeline for Renewal Process

1. Review of current plan - 2012
2. Public consultation - 2012
3. Draft plan development - 2012
4. Final plan approval - 2012

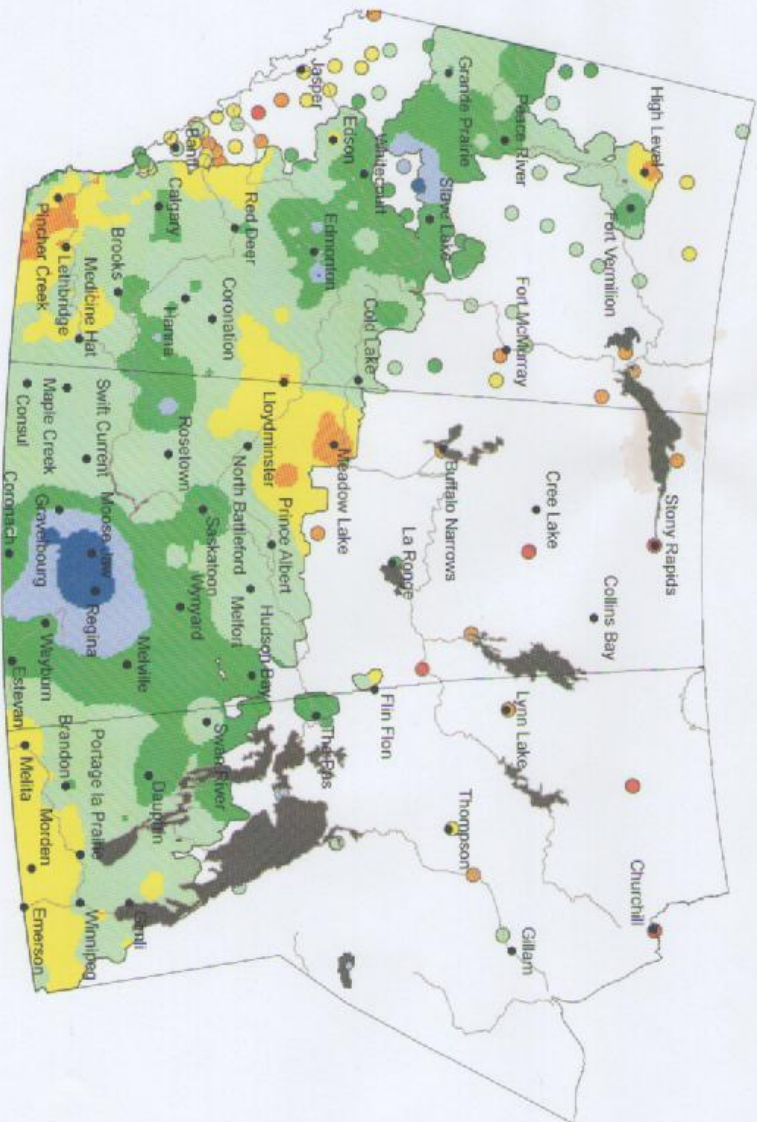


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### Percent of Average Precipitation (Prairie Region)

November 1, 2012 to January 23, 2013



# Canada

- < 40%
- 40 - 60%
- 60 - 85%
- 85 - 115%
- 115 - 150%
- 150 - 200%
- > 200%
- Extent of Agricultural Land
- Lakes and Rivers

Produced using near real-time data that has undergone initial quality control. The map may not be accurate for all regions due to data availability and data errors.

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