

Minutes
WUQWATR Board of Directors February 12, 2016
Wascana Place, 10:30 AM

Present: Fred Clipsham, Jim Elliott, Sandra Bathgate, Tim Davies, Don Bowman, David Sloan, Garry Dixon, Rod Halyk, Barry Gunther, Geoff Merifield and Claudette Halladay.

Absent:

Staff: Colleen Fennig

1. Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Under new business, WSA and drainage was added under 6 g).

Motion (Dixon/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the agenda be amended.

3. In Camera Discussion

The in camera discussion started at 10:33 a.m. and Colleen left the room.

The in camera discussion ended at 11:00 a.m. and Colleen returned to the room.

Motion (Gunther/Halyk) (M/S/C) that Colleen Fennig has passed her 3 month probationary review.

4. December 11, 2015 Minutes

It was noted that Garry Dixon have two "r"s.

Motion (Merifield/Bowman) (M/S/C) that the minutes of December 11, 2015 be approved as amended.

5. Business Arising

- Love Your Lakes
 - o Will develop more of a presence in remainder of watershed
 - o If we get EcoAction funding we can add aquatic invasive species, leafy spurge, info on septic systems
 - o There were more costs than \$5000 if we do 300 assessments; it might be possible with EcoAction funding (response pending)
 - o Need 60 day get out of contract clause
 - o Eligible expenses are staff, materials and mileage (boat rental?)
 - o Training provided, get consistent results, reports on time
 - o Confidentiality agreement would be sent to board members
 - o New contract pending (will get sent when ready)
 - o Looking at residential properties only and encourage community buy-in
 - o Sun Valley 80 South Lake 20 North Grove 80-100 provincial park some more
 - o Kanata Valley 80-90 Long Lake 1000 (30-50 per hamlet)
 - o Humboldt 50-60

- Insurance & liability coverage?
- Mapping & identification of properties?
- Colleen will report back to board prior to April meeting

Tim left the meeting.

Motion (Halladay/Halyk) (M/S/C) that we proceed with Love Your Lake plan. Colleen will develop budget, identify staff requirements and work plan. Colleen will bring back to the board a revised contract to make a decision to proceed prior to April board meeting and then make a decision on which lake at our April board meeting.

6. Correspondence

- Quill Lakes letter reply
- 2016-17 Board work plan
 - Last line of introduction be changed from "safe and reliable source of drinking water" to "safe and reliable water source".
 - Under Goal #2, this board should be looking more locally in respect to strengthening stakeholder relationships. Groups listed in timelines are being taken forward by SAW at the provincial level where we may act at the regional level.
 - Look at the watershed advisory committee structure
 - Added Goal #3 as presented
 - Each WAC should bring forward groups in their watershed that they should have a stronger relationship with and be encouraged to have them involved both locally but also at a watershed association level.
 - Potash may be considered in all of the WACs led by Upper Qu'Appelle

Larry Grant from RM of Lajord who is the AEGP Producer Advisory Committee Chairperson was introduced to board.

Meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:38 p.m. and reconvened at 1:18 p.m.

- Under Goal 3, each WAC needs to evaluate and incorporate impacts of climate change, drainage regulations and increased population & industrial growth; each watershed was to review two topics at their next WAC meeting.
 - Wascana – drainage regulations & population & industrial growth
 - Upper Qu'Appelle – drainage regulations & population & industrial growth
 - Lanigan Manitou – drainage regulations & climate change
 - Last Mountain – population & industrial growth & climate change
- Each WAC was to schedule their meeting and identify technical resources needed and what the WAC wants to know

Tim arrived back to meeting.

- Budget for each WAC to be \$400
- Fred and David agreed to be working group and go through Source Water Protection Plan and review actions that need to be updated based on 3 topics

Motion (Gunther/Dixon) (M/S/C) that the Board approved the amended 2016-17 Board Work Plan.

7. Meeting with Ministerial Staff on AEGP

- No more student education based on AEGP program
- Many applications were for farm stewardship and farm and ranch water infrastructure programs and they can go straight through for funding
- If they need an AEGP certificate, then they have to go through the PAC approval
- Once received, the application must be reviewed within 3 weeks
- The primary focus is agricultural education & awareness and program promotion, secondary focus is completion of applications
- Need for staff to report to PAC and board quarterly
- Work plan and budget is developed by staff with PAC and adopted by the board before they are signed by chair

8. AEGP 2016-17 Work Plan Template

- Being reviewed by PAC on February 24th, it will be emailed back to the board
- Emerging issue – manure distribution & soil wetness

Larry left the meeting.

9. Reports

- a) Chair & Executive Committee
 - Executive performed the 3 month probationary review of the general manager.

- b) General Manager/AEGP/ALUS (Colleen Fennig) (report attached)
 - Website will be updated. Colleen has gotten access and will make changes.
 - Isabelle Ladwig has resigned and Colleen is pursuing getting another bookkeeper to do month end, cheques and year end. Colleen will do entry of invoices.
 - Recommendation 1 is tabled until it is updated.
 - Recommendation 2 does not require board approval.
 - Recommendation 3 is cancelled.

Motion (Gunther/Dixon) (M/S/C) that the board increase the approved amount for the purchase of an AEGP printer to \$350 (taxes & enviro fees included).

- WSA Engineering Intern
 - o Rod Halyk volunteered to help Colleen assess the potential of hiring and using their intern in a year from now.
- c) Financial Report

Motion (Davies/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the financial report Cheques, Deposits & Payments through December 31, 2015 be approved as presented.

Motion (Davies/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the Income and Expenses through January 2016, Account Details – All Classes through January 2016 and the Budget vs. Actual to December 31, 2015 be approved as presented.

- The Sunlife Financial Contract needs to be sent to the Board.
- The Board needs more details on advertising and promotions in the 2016 budget related to board priority of promoting WUQWATR.

Motion (Sloan/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the budget for 2016 be approved.

d) SAW Report (see report sent by SAW)

- No nominees for watershed stewardship award
- Plans for SAW conference are almost completed
- WUQWATR needs to identify its representatives for board and AGM meeting

Motion (Halladay) (M) that our board representative be David Sloan.

Motion (Gunther/Merifield) (M/S/C) that nominations cease.

David Sloan was acclaimed.

Motion (Merifield) (M) that our board alternative representative be Rod Halyk.

Motion (Davies/Sloan) (M/S/C) that nominations cease.

Rod Halyk was acclaimed.

Motion (Gunther) (M) that our nominee for Member-at-Large be Fred Clipsham.

Motion (Halladay/Merifield) (M/S/C) that nominations cease.

Fred Clipsham was acclaimed.

Motion (Gunther/Halladay) (M/S/C) that our voting delegates to the AGM be David Sloan and Rod Halyk.

Motion (Merifield/Bowman) (M/S/C) that we reimburse up to 7 delegates to the 2016 SAW convention for travel, hotel and registration. And that Colleen also be reimbursed for her attendance at the convention.

e) Report from member Watersheds

- Manitou/Lanigan
 - Concerns over expansion of cattle operations on Lanigan Creek
- Last Mountain Lake
 - May have new board member
- Upper Qu'Appelle
- Wascana Creek

f) Yancoal Inter-municipal Committee and Havelock Special Projects Committee

- Encourage awareness and environmental assessment of mine proposal
- Garry Dixon will encourage them to include WUQWATR in further correspondence and notification of activity

g) WSA and drainage

- With all permitted drainage, WSA should notify WUQWATR
- This should also be taken forward by SAW
- This should be on our website and WSA website

10. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be April 9, 2016 prior to the WUQWATR AGM

11. Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 3:43 pm.