

Minutes

WUQWATR Board of Directors December 14, 2018

WUQWATR Office, Regina, 10:30AM

Present: Fred Clipsham, David Sloan, Tom Fink, Jim Elliott, Barry Gunther, Sherwin Petersen, Sandra Bathgate, John Langford and Geoff Merifield.

Absent: Garth Burns and Rod Halyk

Staff: Melissa Bramham

Guest:

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Vice Chairperson David Sloan. Introductions were made from everyone.

2. In Camera (10:33-10:55)

Melissa Bramham left the meeting room.

At 10:35 Fred Clipsham arrived.

After the in camera session was concluded Melissa Bramham came back into the meeting room. The six month review of Melissa Bramham will be initiated in January.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Merifield/Petersen) (M/S/C) that the agenda be approved as circulated.

4. Adoption of Interim Chair

Motion (Petersen/Merifield) (M/S/C) that David Sloan be interim chairperson of WUQWATR Board of Directors until the next AGM.

Motion (Clipsham/Fink) (M/S/C) that Sherwin Petersen be vice-chairperson of WUQWATR Board of Directors until the next AGM.

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

Motion (Gunther/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that John Langford be acknowledged as the rural representative from the Upper Qu'Appelle sub-watershed coming from the RM of Lumsden.

5. Minutes of October 12, 2018

Motion (Merifield/Gunther) (M/S/C) that the minutes of October 12, 2018 be approved as circulated.

a) Business Arising

The sewage system survey was likely coming from Sask Health. Regina Beach has a new official community plan. There is work at the provincial level on how to revert the small villages into rural municipalities and how would they be re-integrated into the rural municipality, physically and financially.

6. Correspondence

a. Resignation letter of Garry Dixon

Motion (Clipsham/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the resignation letter of Garry Dixon be received and filed.

b. Email from Upper Souris Watershed Association

Motion (Gunther/Elliott) (M/S/C) that the email letter be received and filed.

c. Email from Lower Souris Watershed Association

Motion (Fink/Gunther) (M/S/C) that we ratify the electronic support that we were not supportive of the recommendations made in October 18, 2018 email letter.

d. Support for SAW applying for EcoAction Community Funding
Motion (Elliott/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR ratify the electronic support for the action of SAW to apply for EcoAction Community Funding.

7. Reports

a. Chair & Executive Committee (see email report)

- There was support for the Chair to provide an email chair report prior to the meeting.
- The work at Lang and Wascana will be combined within the Qu'Appelle Basin Research Monitoring Committee.
- David wrote a reply letter to MOA after meeting
- David attended the communications committee meeting
- David attended the Agribition SAW display one afternoon in the trade show area. David was going to pursue with Agribition the option of doing a water alley area. David will report back on progress
- David reviewed contract with Sarah, Ag Tech
- Attended QP training in Yorkton with Melissa, Sarah and Sherwin
- Suggestion that Larry Grant attend early meeting in 2019 to improve our liaison with the Producer Advisory Committee and possibly having a few board members sitting on this advisory committee

Motion (Fink/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the verbal report be received and filed.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:00 p.m. until 12:30 p.m.
Sarah Tranberg attended the meeting for lunch.

b. Financial Report

Motion (Bathgate/Clipsham) M/S/C) that the financial report January to November 2018 for the profit loss report and balance sheet dated November 30, 2018 be received and filed.
The surplus identified probably includes our deferrals to next year, contingency reserve fund and ALUS payments.

Motion (Petersen/Gunther) (M/S/C) that the accounts payables for October – November 2018 totalling -24,241.38 be received and filed.

Travel expenses will be presented to board members at the next meeting. If they are absent, the cheque will be sent out by mail.

c. General Manager/AETS/ALUS (attached)

- We have someone (Casey McMann) lined up to do the work on contract for the Bratt's Lake project and Wascana for about \$18,000 each
- These are water flow management projects
- SAW should take some leadership in developing a draft QP drainage contract
- We need to talk to Assiniboine watershed manager and how the financial and deficiencies are being dealt with by them

Motion (Sloan/Merifield) (M/S/C) accept General Manager's report.

d. Reports from Member Watersheds

- Last Mountain Lake
 - Geoff will be moving to Regina
 - wish to work on some research in the Valeport Marsh
 - Tom Fink wants a letter sent to WSA to request information on the future of the Valeport Marsh Water Control Structure. Is it being removed or repaired? What is the future of the Marsh

and will it be restored or abandoned? The letter should go to Minister with a cc to Prince Charles. There was a part of our SWPP to deal with the management of the lake through this structure. There was some thought to include a response presentation from WSA at our AGM.

- Wascana
 - At our next meeting we will be discussing the vacancy for our urban position
 - Jim will be involved in the Saskatchewan government carbon tax reference court case to be held February 13-14, 2019
 - Jim will be doing some policy review and comment with the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce
- Manitou Lanigan
 - The lake levels have gone down 10-12", water levels down
 - beginning ceremonial and information meetings with Touchwood File Hills Tribal Council
 - Yancoal potash project is not dead
 - BHP Billiton is actively selling the potash mine; Mosaic has bought out Vale location
 - In recent copy of *Manitou*, there is an article on What is WUQWATR? Sherwin will send copy to Melissa

- Upper Qu'Appelle

- There is a potash mine going north of Eyebrow by Gensource

(<https://gensourcepotash.ca/lazlo/>). It has conditional approval on the well source for water.

There are 5 sites approved in the area.

- K & S wants more water
- Western site is looking into groundwater source by Kronau
- Thunder Creek irrigation agreement with DU expires in 2020 and WSA wants them to return it to its natural state and take out control structures. Not sure if the City of Regina knows of the changes being made in this project.
- Buffalo Pound Lake weeds problems and clam numbers cycle every few years and this year, they are bad
- Water levels decent with K & S

Motion (Fink/Merifield) (M/S/C) that a letter be sent to WSA, Minister and Prince Charles re future of Valeport Marsh and water control structures and work with Tom on the wording for the letter. Jim and Tom will work on the letter.

There are thoughts to have a possible presentation at the AGM about the status of the area.

- There needs to be Watershed Advisory Committee meetings in the next couple of months.
- Some positions are up for renewal or replacement.
- Coming out of these, there may be resolutions.
- Some things to discuss is who is WUQWATR and being a conduit for change for the watershed.

e. Business Improvement Committee

- They need to meet to review the role and structure of business entrepreneurial options.

f. Bylaw & Governance Committee

- They need to have a meeting.
- There appears to be no bylaw changes necessary for this year.

g. Communications Committee

- The branding package has been approved.
- There are four areas of focus.
- Work on logo is in progress.
- Top 3 key messages need to be finalized in February 2019 meeting.

- The State of the Watershed Report, if 2 pages, could be done this coming year, maybe for the AGM. Otherwise it will be a longer term project. A number of things need to be defined, target audience, parameters of assessment, actions in the watershed, data collected.

h. SAW Report

Motion (Petersen/Fink) (M/S/C) that Melissa attend the next SAW steering committee meeting in January as our manager.

Motion (Clipsham/Gunther) (M/S/C) that the application for the Natural Edge project by SAW be supported as joint applicant.

- SAW conference is in Moosomin
 - Please let David know who wishes to attend

8. New Business

a. Date and Location of WUQWATR AGM

Motion (Elliott/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the meeting will be in Regina Beach on March 28, 2019.

b. WUQWATR Successional Planning

- a number of board members need to be found.

Motion (Clipsham/Langford) (M/S/C) that successional planning be tabled until the February board meeting.

c. Opportunities Discussion

Motion (Gunther/Merifield) (M/S/C) that Melissa attend the Prairie Water Global Water Futures Conference on January 24/25, 2019 at the University of Saskatchewan.

On line banking will need to be set up for Sherwin Petersen.

Motion (Petersen/Langford) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR provide \$250 to cover coverage costs for the draft business case at the manager's meeting. In the letter, it should be identified that this is a one-time payment.

Motion (Gunther/Fink) (M/S/C) that the Sewage Survey be deferred to the February meeting and that the Business Entrepreneurial Committee provide more information and recommendations for the next meeting. We need to have early discussions with Sask Health (David) and the Mayor of Regina Beach (Tom) and bring back information. Melissa will send out Alice's report.

Tom to talk with Last Mountain Lake Stewards and Barry on Lake Diefenbacker (Citizens on Patrol) to see if they wish to do more work on AIS and what role there may be for WUQWATR.

Motion (Gunther/Petersen) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR approve payment of individual board expenditures from this meeting.

9. Next Meeting

Next meeting is February 15, 2019 – location to be determined.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.