

Minutes
WUQWATR Board of Directors May 1, 2019
Regina Beach, 12:49AM

Present: David Sloan, Tom Fink, Jim Elliott, Sharon Rodenbush, Lori Bresciani, Rod Halyk, Sherwin Petersen, Barry Gunther and Sandra Bathgate.

Absent: John Langford and Garth Burns

Staff: Melissa Bramham

Guest:

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:49 p.m. by Chairperson David Sloan.

2. In Camera

At 12:50 p.m. Melissa Bramham left the meeting room

At 1:05 p.m. the in camera session ended and Melissa Bramham came back into the room.

Motion (Petersen/Gunther) (M/S/C) that the meeting will discuss salary grid and will be doing a board evaluation of the General Manager.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Bathgate/Bresciani) (M/S/C) that the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of selecton of the Executive and Committee members under 8.IV.

4. Introductions

Board members introduced themselves. The new board members, Sharon Rodenbush and Lori Bresciani provided some background to their participation on this board.

Motion (Petersen/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the Board accept the appointment of Sharon Rodenbush as the urban representative for the Last Mountain Lake subwatershed and Lori Bresciani as the urban representative for the Wascana Creek subwatershed.

5. February 15, 2019 Minutes

There was a later edition of the minutes that was not sent around to the Board prior to the meeting. Jim Elliott provided a verbal report of the additions to the minutes.

Motion (Fink/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the February 15th verbal presentation of the minutes be accepted as presented.

a) Business Arising

The discussion around executive selection would also include an affirmation of committee members for the coming year.

b) Nomination of Coop Refinery as SAW Award Winner

Our submission for Watershed Stewardship Award was the winner at the SAW Conference.

We have been invited to attend a tour at a board meeting.

<https://www.jwenergy.com/article/2017/5/federated-co-operatives-refinery-wastewater-recycling-initiative-recognized-international-award/> It also identified SAW in an article in the Leader Post. We may wish to include other Regina city representatives.

6. April 11, 2019 Minutes

These minutes were not sent around to the Board prior to the meeting. Jim Elliott provided a verbal report of the minutes. There was a need to have subwatershed meetings in the coming months.

Motion (Halyk/Petersen) (M/S/C) that the April 11, 2019 minutes be accepted as read.

7. Correspondence

a. Valeport Marsh Letter

David Sloan, Tom Fink, Jim Elliott and Melissa Bramham will be meeting with Ralph Goodale's office on May 2nd.

b. Albany Potash Project Letter

The letter was sent to Sask Environment Assessment bringing our concerns about the project.

c. Government of Saskatchewan Partnering with Natural Resources

Canada

This is associated with BRACE (Building Regional Adaptation Capacity and Expertise) funding (www.nrcan.gc.ca/environment/impacts-adaptation/BRACE/21324).

Meeting was recessed for 15 minutes.

8. Reports

a. Chair & Executive

- The Executive had a conference call with Affinity Credit Union regarding interest rates and fees.

Motion (Gunther/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the General Manager and Executive continue to negotiate with Affinity Conexus Credit Union regarding interest rates and fees.

- Winner of SAW Award agreed to pass on their \$200 cash award would go to SAW's donor.
- There appeared to be consensus that we consider changing auditors or at least tender out the services to a number of firms. It is also been explored that all of the watersheds would work with one firm. At the AGM, we will need to get a motion going forward to source an auditor for the coming year.
- With the potential for resolutions coming to WUQWATR AGM, we need to develop policy directions around acknowledging resolutions, review of resolutions with deadlines and timelines.

Motion (Halyk/Gunther) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR acknowledge receipt of resolutions and take under advisement the resolutions that will be brought tonight to tonight's AGM.

- Jim Elliott and David Sloan hosted a new board member orientation session with Courtney.

- We need to determine a membership fee for individuals. Suggestion was to be at least \$25 and could be up to \$100. The last time we reviewed was 2017.
May require a bylaw change to split individual memberships from associate memberships.

b. Financial (provided updated versions at the meeting)

- **2019 Budget**

Option of possible lease of vehicle to provide the staff transportation requirements were presented. Three vehicles were considered: F150, Silverado and Canyon would be under a 2 year lease, 10,000 km and fuel cost of \$1.35/L would be \$14,045.53, \$9773.00 and \$9,385.00 per year respectively.

Motion (Petersen/Rodenbush) (M/S/C) that the 2019 Budget be approved as presented.

- **Profit/Loss Report** (February-April 2019) and **Balance Sheet** (as of April 30, 2019)

Motion (Fink/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the Profit/Loss Report for February-April 2019 and the Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2019 be approved.

- **Account QuickReport** (February-April 2019)

Motion (Elliott/Fink) (M/S/C) that the Account QuickReport for February-April 2019 be approved.

- c. **General Manager & Staff (see attached)**

Motion (Bathgate/Rodenbush) (M/S/C) that the Chair and General Manager reports be accepted as presented.

- d. **Subwatersheds (no report)**

- e. **SAW (attached)**

- f. **SAW Conference (attached)**

Motion (Halyk/Bresciani) (M/S/C) reconsider ARBI opportunities.

Motion (Halyk/Fink) (M/S/C) that we consider hosting a SAW conference in 2021.

9. New Business

- a. **Committees**

- b. **Selection of Executive**

Motion (Halyk/Gunther) (M/S/C) that we defer to the next meeting the election of the executive and determine committee members.

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

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.