

Minutes

WUQWATR BOARD MEETING June 21st, 2019

9:00AM – Regina Co-op Refinery Board Room: 580 Park Street, Regina

Note: 12-12:30pm: Lunch provided compliments of Co-op Refinery

Present: Barry Gunther, Sandra Bathgate, Garth Burns, John Langford,
Sharon Rodenbush, Tom Fink, Sherwin Petersen, David Sloan, Lori Bresciani

Absent: Jim Elliott, Rod Halyk

Staff: Melissa Bramham, Courtney Devins

1. Call to Order

David Sloan called the meeting to order.

2. Introductions

Board members and staff introduced themselves.

3. Presentation & video from Kelly Currie with Coop Refinery

A presentation and video tour of Co-op Refinery as a whole, as well as video of the WIP were provided by Kelly Currie.

4. In camera

At 10:00 a.m. Melissa Bramham and Courtney Devins left the meeting room.

At 10:25 a.m. the in-camera session ended and Melissa Bramham and Courtney Devins came back into the room.

5. Adoption of Agenda

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

6. Minutes of May 1, 2019

February 15 meeting minutes inaccurate – Jim update with corrections

Motion (Bathgate/Petersen) (M/S/C) that the May 1, 2019 minutes be approved as presented.

7. Business arising

a. selection of new Executive Board

New members will kick in after the meeting on June 21.

Chair nominees were David Sloan and Sharon Rodenbush. David agrees

to let name stand. Sharon Rodenbush declined the nomination. Vice Chairperson nominees were Barry Gunther, Sherwin Peterson and Sharon Rodenbush. Sherwin Petersen and Barry Gunther declined the nomination. Sharon Rodenbush agreed to be Vice Chairperson. Secretary nominee were Jim Elliott and Tom Fink were nominated. Jim has verbally agreed to accept the position. Tom Fink declined the nomination. Treasurer nominees were Sandra Bathgate and Lori Bresciani. Lori Bresciani declined the nomination. Sandra Bathgate accepted the position.

Motion (Peterson/Gunther) (M/S/C) that ballots be destroyed.

b. Board statement regarding Clint Kimmery and Imperial Oil

Jim forwarded email with statements of resident poisoning. Clint presented updates to the WWAQ meeting. Melissa suggests providing a statement back to Clint from the Board. Lori reached out to Clint with concerns, and the City of Regina informed Lori that they are in a legal battle with Mr. Kimmery and we may not want to get involved with the legal courts. Barry nominates to receive and file letter with no response. Sherwin nominates to respond and defer to WSA and Ministry of Environment

Motion (Gunther/Fink) (M/S/C) to respond to Mr. Kimmery's letter and defer his concerns to WSA and the Ministry of the Environment.

c. Decision on an organizational truck lease (print off update)

Melissa recommends leasing a 2019 Canyon 4WD at \$9,385/year for a 2-year lease.

Motion (Rodenbush/Gunther) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR lease the 2019 Canyon 4WD truck for a 2 year lease at \$9,385 per year.

The source of the lease will need to be determined.

d. QBRMC presentation and update from GM

Brief history and updates of Qu'Appelle Basin Research and Monitoring Committee was provided by Melissa Bramham. QBRMC to focus on Mass Balance Study (completed in 2019). QBRMC has been granted funds from Lake Winnipeg Basin. Board expects regular updates from Melissa regarding the QBRMC.

e. WSG Business Case final draft and board sign off (emailed to all Board members)

Watershed Stewardship looking for a sign off on the business case. 18-month metamorphosis to have the document ready to be signed.

Motion (Gunther/Fink) (M/S/C) to accept the final draft of the WSG Business Case report.

f. Investment amount for the 12-month 2.45% interest for Affinity (re: ALUS funds)

ALUS payments (over paying/under paying participants) has caused WUQWATR to have a \$6,000 shortfall over the last 5 years. \$100,000 or \$115,000 at 2.45%.

Motion (Petersen/Bresciani) (M/S/C) to invest \$100,000 of ALUS Funds with Affinity Credit Union at 2.45% for one year.

This would provide a cushion of about \$15,000.

8. Correspondence

a. Ministry of Agriculture letter and response May/June

MoA informed WUQWATR funding would be cut due to work completed in Q1 & Q2 in 2018/2019. Need contract signed and then potentially have a meeting with Dustin Duncan. WUQWATR does not want to disrupt the working relationship between staff and MoA.

Board authorization needed to release archived Growing Forward 1 & 2.

Motion (Burns/Gunther) (M/S/C) to view and proceed with contract for 2019-2020 with Ministry of Agriculture as soon as possible.

b. Valeport Marsh returned correspondence from Minister Duncan (sent by email)

Motion (Petersen/Bathgate) (M/S/C) to acknowledge the letter.

c. Invitation to Prairie Water Summit Regina, Delta Hotel June 24-25

Ralph Goodale meeting attendance* (meeting on May 2, 2019). David Sloan was asked to be an expert with a round table session talking about the impacts of WUQWATR on the watershed and conveyance. Sandra Bathgate & Melissa Bramham will be in attendance with David. Need WUQWATR action items listed in *Getting to the Source*.

9. Reports

a. Chair & Executive Committee

Not mentioned in report: David met with Allan Solynick (APAS) staff members regarding background on watershed stewardship groups, etc. Discussed wants/needs for the watersheds.

b. Financial Report – Sandra

Audited statements are still not complete. Books have been returned first of May to get books updated. Problem was no adjusting in 2018. May 1st approved draft budget needs to be relooked at as the balance was incorrect.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) payments over \$12,000 for 2019 only.

Motion (Burns/Rodenbush) (M/S/C) to approve budget as presented in the Budget vs. Actuals dated June 20, 2019.

Motion (Gunther/Rodenbush) (M/S/C) to approve balance sheet dated June 15, 2019.

Motion (Langford/Petersen) (M/S/C) to approve account quick page dated May 1 to June 15, 2019.

Motion (Burns/Bathgate) (M/S/C) to approve profit loss comparison dated January 1 to June 15, 2019.

c. General Manager & staff report

Motion (Bresciani/Rodenbush) (M/S/C) to accept the Chair & General Manager reports.

d. Reports from member watersheds

Sherwin – Manitou Beach received 1.1 inches of rain since spring. Lake is down 1.5 ft from 2 years ago. Completed latter wharfs (steps into lake). Water supply is great due to the deep well. Issues may arise as the lake levels continue to go down.

Tom – Last Mountain Lake had a formal meeting (David & Melissa in attendance). Dalbert Schmidt has agreed to join the WUQWATR Board. He will wait until he comes to a meeting to have a formal motion.

Sharon – not much to report. Their AGM was at end of June. Lake level for Lumsden Beach is low. Happy to do water quality testing at the resort village of Lumsden Beach.

John – concerns are rising regarding the water quality in the Qu'Appelle River from irrigators and others using the water. John will get in touch with residents who have concerns to see if they would be part of the citizen science water quality sampling kits.

Lori – Cathy Lauritsen Off Leash Dog Park project is in conversation. She would like to see more with communications and engagement.

Garth – applied to FCDA to investigate with their new LIDAR to put one reservoir on Lanigan Lake side. Lake analysis once or twice per year to see if this would help downstream. FCDA has a new manager and has contacted Garth to start looking into this project.

Sandra – Along Highway 19, the water is very close to the highway.

Barry – Buffalo Pound Lake is right in the middle of its normal operating range.

e. Planning for WAC's meetings – propose dates

If WWAC was to dissolve, how would the Board come to the table? Lori would like to see a report come back to the committee with the goal of WWAC and if the goals are being met. Need Executive Committee to think about this.

Motion (Langford/Bresciani) (M/S/C) to establish a report back with WWAC goals with pros/cons of dissolving the committee.

f. SAW Report from Sherwin Petersen

Issues were the BRACE funding issue. Services Agreement signed on Friday June 14, 2019 with WSA. Income from BRACE would balance budget. Communicating or dealing with information, the watersheds dropped out of SAW will not be treated like an outcast– they will be included with information to try and bring them back into becoming part of SAW again.

Motion (Fink/Langford) (M/S/C) to acknowledge SAW Report.

10. New business

I. Budget 2019 Draft updates (AIS)

II. Committees (meetings and groups to set dates)

Communications & Planning Committee –Sharon (Chair), John, Lori, Jim
WSA Engagement Committee – Sharon, Rod, Garth, Sandra, David (Chair)
Entrepreneurial Committee –Tom, John, Lori, Barry (Chair)
Business Improvement Committee – Sherwin, Tom (Chair), Sandra, Jim, David

Barry Gunther left at 3:30pm

Motion (Langford/Petersen) (M/S/C) to recognise the committees and the chair person associated with each committee.

III. Opportunities discussion (board open forum)

Experiment with David to talk about spraying around a wetland

Motion (Burns/Bathgate) (M/S/C) to pay mileage for board members who attended the meeting today.

- 11. Next meeting August 16, 2019 10:00am- 4pm Location TBC – Sun Valley?**
- 12. Adjourn** at 4:00 p.m.