

Minutes
WUQWATR BOARD MEETING October 11th, 2019
Buffalo Pound Lake Water Treatment Plant

9:30 a.m.

Present: Barry Gunther, Sandra Bathgate, Jim Elliott, Rod Halyk, John Langford, Tom Fink, Sherwin Petersen, David Sloan and Lori Bresciani
Absent: Garth Burns, Sharon Rodenbush and Delbert Schmidt
Staff: Melissa Bramham

1. Call to Order

David Sloan called the meeting to order.

2. In camera

At 9:36 a.m. Melissa Bramham left the meeting room.

At 10:03 a.m. the in-camera session ended and Melissa Bramham came back into the room.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion (Gunther/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the agenda be approved as amended to include SAW Water Stewardship Award and the Waste Reduction Council Award at 3 e).

4. Minutes of August 16, 2019

Motion (Fink/Bresciani) (M/S/C) that the August 16, 2019 minutes be approved as amended to include the additions of the changes provided by Sharon Rodenbush and Barry Gunther. It would also include under 6. d. that "It didn't appear that it was a high priority for the Saskatchewan Government". Under 7. b, (1st motion) that we approach "Amy Jane". It was also identified that Barry Gunther moved and Sherwin Petersen seconded that the board travel expenses for the August 16, 2019 be paid. It was carried.

Motion (Gunther/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the board travel expenses for the October 11, 2019 be paid.

5. Business arising

a. February 15, 2019 Minutes

It was identified that the circulated minutes were not complete and Jim Elliott provided verbal additions to the February 15, 2019. His combined written and verbal report was approved.

b. Payroll grids for Staff

The payroll grids for staff are to be provided by Melissa to the Board.

c. Item numbering

There were some concerns around the numbering of the items in the minutes. Jim Elliott was to review and modify numbering if needed.

d. 2018 Audited Financial Statements

It was identified that the 2018 audit had been completed and that the statements need to be sent out to the Board and members. Melissa would do this.

e. QBRMC Lake Winnipeg Basin Fund

Melissa provided an update on the status of the Basin Fund application. Letter of support has been written.

f. WSG Business Case Update

Sharon Rodenbush attended the August 23rd meeting surrounding the business case. Melissa provided an update. If legislative changes are done, it would be a minimum of two years.

Motion (Elliott/Petersen) (M/S/C) that we request the letter sent from Global Institute for Water Security (Prairie Water letter) be sent to the Minister's office and Leader of the Opposition.

Motion (Halyk/Petersen) (M/S/C) that the WSA Engagement Committee should meet with VP Tim Himore at WSA.

g. Banking updates with Affinity

Our branch for operations will now be the Affinity branch at Prince of Wales branch as our downtown branch is closing as of March 2020. We also need to update signatures.

Motion (Gunther/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that we update our banking signatures at the Affinity Credit Union to add Sharon Rodenbush as Vice Chairperson.

h. Watershed Stewardship Award

Motion (Gunther/Halyk) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR nominate Fred Clipsham for this award. We will need to talk to Fred and get the materials together for the nomination.

i. Waste Reduction Council Award for Waste Reduction

(www.saskwastereduction.ca)

A number of options for this award were given including potash (K+S, Mosaic), FCL (water recycling project at refinery), Regina Waste Water Treatment Plant and PSI (www.psitechnologies.ca) (injection work at Esterhazy).

Motion (Langford/Petersen) (M/S/C) that the Entrepreneurial Committee look to research options and come to the board with recommendations.

<https://www.saskwastereduction.ca/events/swrc/waste-minimization-awards/>

Deadline for application is February 7, 2020.

6. Correspondence

a. WSA – Rapid Risk Assessment

Work has started on this project.

b. Contract with Arm River Colony

The contract has been signed.

c. Agriculture Drainage WSA Mitigation Strategy

A presentation of the WSA PowerPoint presentation was given by Melissa. More consultations will happen in November. Issues around sustainability, stewardship, parameters and objectives were identified. There is need to respond to diversity of land uses.

Casey McMahon and Courtney Devins arrived at the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Motion (Bresciani/Langford) (M/S/C) that the WSA Engagement Committee put in a response to the mitigation strategy consultations using our comments at or prior to the meeting. Board members are to send in their comments to Melissa to be provided to the committee. Missing board members are to be informed of the action.

Meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:07 p.m. and resumed at 12:23 p.m.

7. Reports

a. ALUS Report

Paige Englot was not able to attend the meeting. Casey provided an overview and update on the ALUS program.

b. CAP Report

Courtney provided an overview and update on the CAP program.

Motion (Petersen/Halyk) (M/S/C) that WUQWATR be approved to go into Lower Qu'Appelle watershed for CAP based on approval through the MOA.

Casey and Courtney left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

8. Seminars and Conferences

a. **U of Regina – Jeff Olson – Friday, October 18 at 2:30 p.m.** Free event

b. **Ag Drainage and the Environment Conference – November 6 at Travellodge** - It was agreed that we do not sponsor the conference. Board members wishing to attend are asked to contact Melissa.

- c. **Potential climate change seminar** with Margo Hurlbert at the U of Regina (TBC)

9. Committee Report

a. Chair & Executive

David provided a verbal report.

b. General Manager & Staff Report

Melissa provided a verbal report in addition to the printed report.

Motion (Langford/Fink) (M/S/C) that the staff & executive report be approved as presented.

c. Reports from Watersheds

There was a pilot Urban BMP program meeting with Rod Halyk attending. They talked about five program areas being developed including Radisson, Humboldt, Mistawasis First Nation, Avonlea and Yorkton.

There is another review by Western Diversification of the potential conveyance updating the knowledge around the proposed water conveyance. They will be looking at irrigation options as well as costs and urban and rural demands.

d. SAW Report

The 2020 SAW conference will be a partnership with the Water Forum. A report from SAW was sent out to board members.

Motion (Bathgate/Fink) (M/S/C) that the SAW report be approved as presented.

e. Financial Report

Motion (Elliott/Bresciani) (M/S/C) that the transaction report (August-September 2019) be approved.

Motion (Langford/Gunther) (M/S/C) that the Profit & Loss report (January-September 2019) be approved.

The Balance Sheet (as of September 30, 2019) with the need for an update on ALUS and negative Deferred Income be sent around for an email motion to approve.

Motion (Petersen/Fink) (M/S/C) that the Budget (income and expenses as of September 30, 2019) be acknowledged.

10. Next meeting January 3, 2020

Location is to be determined by doodle poll.

11. New business

a. Committee Reports

The Business Improvement Committee will be looking at bylaws/policies and procedures.

The Communications Committee is working on a discovery questionnaire. Board members are to review and submit comments. They are also working on new brochures and how to build relationships with the membership.

12. Adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

13. Tour of Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Plant

Board members were given a tour of the Buffalo Pound water treatment plant after the meeting.