

Minutes of:
Lesser Slave Watershed Council
April 9, 2015
Kinuso Seniors Center, Kinuso, AB

Present at meeting:

Name:

Meghan Payne
Megan Graham
Tammy Kaleta
Stephan Plouffe
Bob Popick
Todd Bailey
Claude Smith
Brian Rosche
Jamie Bruha
Robert Nygard

Sector Represented:

Executive Director
Watershed Coordinator
Chair
Town of Slave Lake
Oil & Gas
Forestry
Agriculture
MD of LSR
ESRD
MD of Big Lakes

Regrets:

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| Michael Hunka | DFO |
| Michael Long | Town on High Prairie |
| Edna Wilier | First Nations Member at Large |
| Shane Knutson | Cabins |
| Doug Horner | Trapper |

Board Vacancies:

Métis Member at Large
ENGO
Member at Large

Meeting called to order by intern chairperson Tammy Kaleta at 7:05pm

1. Adoption of April 9, 2015 Agenda

- Remove item 6. - Operational plan and budget

Motion 14-47: Smith/ Bruha- *Motion to approve the April 9, 2015 meeting agenda as amended.*

CARRIED

2. Adoption of March 12, 2015 minutes.

Motion 14-48: Rosche/ Bailey - *Motion to approve the March 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes as presented.*

CARRIED

3. Treasurers Report

- Bobby and Associates will be preparing our financial review engagement, charitable return and GST returns completed prior to our June 12 AGM. Bobby will join us at the AGM to present our financials.

Motion 14-49: Popick/ Nygard- *Motion to approve the Feb 15-March 15, 2015 Treasurers report as presented.* *CARRIED*

4. Action Items from March

Action: Chair and staff will set up an E&S committee meeting

- Doodle poll has been sent to committee members.

Action: Each board member is to provide a best estimate of time spent per month on LSWC business.

- No one has provided this. Meghan is currently estimating it for grant reports.
- Jamie Bruha will check into how they calculate and track their in kind time.

Action: the WNC would like a letter from the LSWC acknowledging our participation as a nonvoting member for their records.

- Done

Action: the LSWC currently has some board vacancies.

- Métis Member at Large
- Environmental Non Government Organizations
- Member at Large
- Recommendation is to advertise vacancies to be filled at June AGM.
- [ADD to next agenda: discussion on commercial fishing seat on our board](#)

Action: Resources for ATV users in the watershed.

- Staff have followed up on this and we will be taking info materials with us to the Gun and Sportsman show as well as leaving copies at local ATV dealerships for customers.
- Jamie Bruha will follow up with information on rally's on public land.

5. Round table discussion

- Meeting with Swan River First Nation on April 16th at 1pm at the Swan River Band Office.
 - Meeting was requested via email by Ave Dersh, Moccasin Flower Consulting.
 - They have requested a meeting to talk about the IWMP, the Terms of Reference and to have a conversation about how they can be involved.
 - Meghan will be attending and it would be appropriate for Edna and Tammy to also attend.
 - The Approved Terms of Reference as well as our information materials and communication and engagement plan will be sent to them prior to the meeting.

- Meghan will contact Swan River and inform them they we have a communication and engagement plan that we will be following throughout the IWMP project and at this time a meeting would be premature.

- Robert Nygard wanted to know an update about the Weir – Meghan does not have any more information at this time.
- Tammy is wondering is ESRD has considered domestic nets from First Nations fishing as a potential transported or invasive Mussels.
-Meghan P. will speak to Kate White from the ASI project Team.
- Stefan is still waiting for information about the marina feasibility study. Will send us the info once he gets it.
- Watershed council should be helping the decision makers by providing recommendations regarding lake management planning.
-Parkland county has been doing a lot of Lake planning with the help of the NSWA.
David Trew would be an excellent speaker and resource for our municipalities to talk to.

6. Approval of IWMP Terms of Reference

- Copies of the Guide to Watershed Planning, the IWMP Communication and Engagement Plan and the IWMP info sheets were made available for the board members not on the SC.
- 5 members of the IWMP Steering Committee met on March 26th to finalize the IWMP Terms of Reference.
- Meghan P edited to document to make it current since the release of the Guide to Watershed Management Planning was released.
- The SC developed overall objectives and outcomes for the IWMP project.
- The other major change was the timeline of work.
- Final Terms of Reference has been sent to Steering Committee for review and approval and presented to the Board as a whole for approval.

Motion 14-50: Nygard/ Popick- *Motion to approve IWMP Terms of Reference as presented and send to ESRD for review and endorsement.*

CARRIED

a. 2015-16 IWMP work plan

- Terms of Reference endorsement
- Submission of the Terms of Reference to ESRD for their review and endorsement.

- Board members will be taking info packages to members of their sector to talk about the IWMP and get endorsement and support. Additional meetings may be required as needed.
- Staff will prepare the packages once the Terms of Reference is printed.
- Meghan will be bringing a list of people who we will need to communicate with. She will bring it next meeting

- IWMP Engagement and issue prioritization

- Facilitated sessions with SC to develop specific outcomes and objectives for each of our 5 topic areas.
- Facilitated First Nation workshop - talk about IWMP, present technical report, discuss their water related concerns and prioritize. Discuss which can be addressed by an IWMP.
- Reach out to stakeholders and public to determine which of the topics is most important and should be addressed first in the Phase 1 plan. Could be done via survey, social media, and mail out packages with a survey. Possible opportunity for open house.

7. Information items

a. Upcoming Trade shows - volunteers needed

- April 18-19 - High Prairie Gun Show
- May 1-2 - Slave Lake chamber of Commerce Trade show
- Sign up sheet circulated to board members.
- Reprinted handbooks will be ready and we will have some new promo items.
- Promote green acreages workshop, rain barrels, and LSWC.
- Aquatic Invasive species will be covered by ESRD

b. Green Acreage Workshops

- First one is April 11 in Widewater.
- High Prairie is May 9th.
- Advertised in newspaper and social media and through email and board.

c. Webinar

- April 22, 2015 at 6:30pm
- As of April 9 we have 11 people registered for it.
- We will be registering all of the board members from the office so you will just need to click the email link sent out that day to log in.

d. AGM - June 11

- Will be in High Prairie at the Peavine Inn at 5:30pm
- Dörte Köster from Hutchinson Environmental Sciences will be joining us as the Keynote speaker. She will be talking about the technical update just completed for the Lake and

explaining the changes in the lake's health over time and predicted future trends based on land use changes.

- Will advertise AGM on local media through may and June and use social media.
- Invitations will be sent to MD's and First Nations.

c. Technical Project Update

- Draft Technical Report has been reviewed by Technical team members and the final will be available in the next couple of weeks when the edits are complete.
- HESL is now working on the summary document written in common language and graphically designed. I will be asking for board feedback when this is in draft form.

d. Watershed Wise

- Trina has finished the graphic design of our watershed board and magnets.
- Meghan presented the draft for the board to get their feedback.
- Once we give edits and or approval the art will be sent to be printed. 4-6 weeks.

8. Upcoming Committee Meetings and Events, Meeting adjournment

May 21, 2015 - Regular LSWC Board Meeting - 7:00pm

Motion 14-51: Nygard/Bruha- *Motion to adjourn meeting.*

CARRIED