

Minutes of:
Lesser Slave Watershed Council
June 11, 2015
Peavine Inn and Suites, High Prairie, AB

Present at meeting:

Name:

Meghan Payne
Megan Graham
Tammy Kaleta
Stephan Plouffe
Michael Long
Claude Smith
Todd Bailey
Shane Knutson
Brian Rosche
Murray DeAlexandra
Kristy Wakeling
Jamie Bruha
George Gross
Bob Popick
Bob Jackle

Sector Represented:

Executive Director
Watershed Coordinator
Chair
Town of Slave Lake
Town of High Prairie
Agriculture
Forestry
Cottage Owners
MD of LSR
Commercial Fishing
E&P
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Forestry
Oil and Gas Industry

Regrets:

Edna Willier
Robert Nygaard
Jason Shpeley

First Nations
Big Lakes County
DFO

Board Vacancies:

Trappers
Métis Member at Large

Meeting called to order by chairperson Tammy Kaleta at 9:00 pm

1. Adoption of June 11, 2015 Agenda

Motion 15-01: DeAlexandra/Bailey- Motion to adopt the June 11, 2015 agenda as presented
CARRIED

2. Adoption of May 21, 2015, 2015 minutes.

Motion 15-02: Rosche/Bailey - Motion to adopt the May 21, 2015 meeting minutes as circulated

CARRIED

3. Welcome new board members

- Bob Popick for the Oil and Gas board seat. Alternate position is still available.
- Tony McWhannel as our new member at Large, and Bob Jackle as the alternate member at large.

4. Election of Executive Positions

- Chair Tammy Kaleta Called for Nominations for the vice chair position

Nomination of: Bob Popick

By: Tammy Kaleta

Seconded by: Jamie Bruha

- No other nominations were put forward.

- Chair Tammy Kaleta Called for Nominations for the Secretary position

Nomination of: Stefan Plouffe

By: Claude Smith

Seconded by: Murray Dealexandra

- No other nominations were put forward.

- Chair Tammy Kaleta Called for Nominations for the Treasurer position

Nomination of: Michael Long

By: Jamie Bruha

Seconded By: Brian Rosche

- No other nominations were put forward.

Motion 15-03: Bailey/Bruha- Motion to accept the newly elected executive and to have them complete necessary paper work to have signing authority on LSWC accounts.

CARRIED

5. Treasurers Report

Motion 15-04: Plouffe/Bruha- Motion to accept the April 15 - May 15 treasurers report as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Follow up on May Action items

Action: Chair and staff will set up an E&S committee meeting for the fall and try and interest volunteers from the community such as teachers.

Action: A decision needs to be regarding new office space.

- if the space meets our needs and costs less there is no opposition to the move.

Action: Meghan will send a doodle poll to select the best time in June for the SC to meet

7. Round Table discussion

- Should the LSWC get board members paid staff from the MD & towns to participate in board and committee meetings in addition to the appointed councillors?

- It would be most beneficial for SC meetings to have someone in planning participate
- It would help with communication in the long run & it will also help with the transition periods when new councilors are appointed.
- challenges - staff would need to be paid for participation out of councils budget.

- Brian Rosche expressed concerns with Lake Water Quality and that we need to focus on reducing Phosphorus loading.

- through Phase 1 of the IWMP water quality will be addressed and recommendations for stakeholders will be brought forward.
- implementation of these recommendations will help reduce P loading and improve water quality over time.
- Participation from the MD's in the development of the IWMP is crucial to its success because they will have an important role to play in implementation.

- Communication and dissemination of information

- currently the municipalities and other stakeholder groups aside from those who are on our board are not getting current and accurate information about our activities and projects.
- After board meetings staff will prepare a 1 page update to be circulated to the Board and other stakeholder to provide brief information about key projects and actions.
- Board members need to do their part in communicating within their sectors or directing people to the office for information.

8. Information and updates

a. IWMP - Steering Committee

- Meghan will set up a meeting time and date.
- at this time we have not received a response from ESRD regarding the IWMP terms of Reference.

b. Living By Water - August 6,7,8th

- Currently we have no one signed up – board members need to help to recruit people by sharing the information poster with folks they know.

b. Riparian restoration projects

- Currently seeking producers with river or lake property to work on restoration projects with us.
- Funds from Big Lakes County are available and Watershed Restoration and Resiliency Funds are pending.
- overall goals are to improve water quality, habitat, reduce sedimentation and erosion

c. Watershed Wise

- The final deliverables are complete.
- so far the feedback has been really positive.
- Meghan has asked the contractor for a price sheet so that we can share with other WSG's who would like to purchase it.

d. Rain Barrel project

- 180 rain barrels sold.
- really good for outreach and getting our names out there. We will do it again next year.
- challenges: coordination of shipment with rainbarrel.ca & the online ordering system was not user friendly.

9. Upcoming Committee Meetings and Events, Meeting adjournment

September 10th, 2015 - Regular LSWC Board Meeting

IWMP Steering committee - TBD

Motion 15-05: DeAlexandra/ Rosche - *Motion to adjourn the meeting.*

CARRIED