

Minutes of:
Lesser Slave Watershed Council
March 12, 2015
Kinuso Seniors Center, Kinuso, AB

Present at meeting:

Name:

Meghan Payne
Megan Graham
Tammy Kaleta
Brian Panasiuk
Bob Popick
Kristy Wakeling
Todd Bailey
Brian Rosche
Murray De Alexandra
Jeannie Plomondon

Sector Represented:

Executive Director
Watershed Coordinator
Chair
Town of High Prairie
Oil & Gas
ESRD
Forest Industry
MD of LSR
Commercial Fishing
Guest

Regrets:

Michael Hunka
Jamie Bruha
Michael Long
Stefan Plouffe
Shane Knutson
Edna Willier
Claude Smith
Doug Horner

DFO
ESRD
Town on High Prairie
Town of Slave Lake
Cottage Owners
First Nations
Agriculture
Trappers

Board Vacancies:

Métis Member at Large
ENGO
Member at Large

Meeting called to order by intern chairperson Tammy Kaleta at 7:00

1. Adoption of March 12, 2015 Agenda

Motion 14-41: Panasiuk/Wakeling- *Motion to adopt the March 12, 2015 agenda as presented*

CARRIED

2. Adoption of February 19, 2015 minutes.

Motion 14-42: Panasiuk/Popick- *Motion to adopt the February 19, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.*

CARRIED

3. Treasurers Report

- Executive Director presented the Jan 15 - Feb 15 Treasurers report.

Motion 14-43: DeAlexandra/Rosche- Motion to adopt the treasurers report as presented.

CARRIED

4. Action Items from February

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

- Meet in April – going to send a doodle poll to the whole committee

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

- At this time no one has provided this information.
- It is important to track in kind time contributions for reporting and performance evaluation and monitoring.

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

- WNC sent their Terms of reference, membership list and a letter to the LSWC.
- Meghan Payne has drafted a letter for the Water North Coalition stating that the LSWC will participate as a nonvoting member.
- Robert Nygaard is the MD of Big Lakes voting member on the WNC and can act as an alternate for the LSWC in the case that Meghan Payne cannot attend.

Motion 14-44: Rosche/Wakeling- Motion to approve the membership letter to the Water North Coalition.

CARRIED

Action: the LSWC currently has some board vacancies

Board Vacancies

Member at large + alternate

Environmental non Government Organizations+ alternate

Metis Member at large+ alternate

Alternate position vacancies:

Oil and Gas

First Nation Member at Large

Trappers

- In the bylaws it states that LSWC members that have filled out a board member nomination form may let their name stand for election by the general membership. (copies of current by laws provided as information)
- Currently we have 2 interim appointments: Trappers, oil and gas that will need to be addressed at the AGM.
 - Going to start advertising for positions before AGM

5. Round table discussion

a. Lakeshore development

- recently there has been discussion at the municipal and community level regarding shoreline development, bed and shore surveys, and ownership, specifically in Jousard.
- The MD had a presentation from ESRD staff regarding shoreline ownership, bed and shore, and accretion and decretion based on lake levels.
- It was decided that it is much too specific of an issue for the LSWC to get involved in. The LSWC's role is to provide guidance for municipalities in making management decisions on the lakeshore as a whole, and stress the importance of healthy shorelines and riparian areas.

- Jousard Tournament – Staff and Tammy spent the day helping with the tournament and promoting the LSWC. The LSWC made \$1,308.00 from the Ice Auger raffle. Thank you to Bob and Tammy who split the cost of the donation.
- Updates on the Weir? - nothing new has developed since the last update sent out. Meghan P will enquire with the project manager Ali Chaudry.

6. 2015-16 Operational Plan & Budget

- Executive director provided copies of the Draft operational plan and budget with minor changes made since the Feb 19th meeting.
- This draft is intended for submission with our 2015-16 ESRD grant application.
- For information the Executive Director provided a 6 year operational budget comparison to the board.
- A final operational plan and budget will be presented and adopted at the April LSWC meeting.

Motion 14-45: DeAlexandra/Bailey- *Motion to approve the 2015-16 operational plan and budget as amended during the meeting.*

CARRIED

7. Information items

a. Alberta Water Council Lake Management Team

- Most recent meeting was March 11, 2015 in Calgary. Hugh Sanders, battle river watershed alliance chair attended on behalf of the WPACs.
- Meghan will attend meetings when they are in Edmonton and in Calgary only if Hugh cannot attend.
- The AWC will reimburse the LSWC for travel expenses.

b. Canada Water Week

- Coloring contest is in the spotlight this week.
- We will be on 92.5 Prairie fm on the hot seat on Tuesday the 16th.
- SL Cable is running an ad for us, as is the Town of High Prairie sign.

- Trivia contest starts March 15.
- Radio Ads in High Prairie promoting water week, the LSWC webpage and sharing water related facts.

c. Green Acreage workshops

- From the Land Stewardship Centers' "Green Acreage Guide" developed to meet the needs of non agricultural country residential.
- Wadewater complex - April 11, 2015 -10:00am
 - running ads in the SL paper and Dawnia is going to do a mail out with utility bills.
- High Prairie Agriplex - May 9, 2015
 - Ads in the HP paper and will ask MD about a mail out.
- Door Prizes (5 rain Barrels at each event)

d. Alberta Water Research and Innovation Strategy Workshop

- Hosted by ESRD's Science and Research Branch on March 20, 2015 in Edmonton. Meghan P will be attending.
- This is a one day workshop for the development of an implementation and evaluation plan for the *Alberta Water Research and Innovation Strategy 2014: a Renewal* (AWRIS). The implementation plan will set out the rationale, scope and processes necessary to deliver on the outcomes of AWRIS.
- Working with knowledgeable stakeholders, like the WPAC's, they will define the short/mid/long-term priorities in the water research space, establish leadership for specific AWRIS actions, provide greater clarity for the sequencing of certain interdependent actions, identify any gaps and barriers to Implementation and discuss what successful implementation of AWRIS actions will look like.
- WPAC's may be identified as the leaders for some implementation so this is something that we should stay engaged in.

e. 2015 Stakeholder workshops

- Potential topics discussed included:
 - a. Lake shore management
 - participants include municipalities, First nations, ESRD, developers, MPC
 - presentations from ESRD, other municipalities, lake planning successes.
 - b. Stream crossings in the upper watershed.
 - participants would include forest industry, oil and gas industry, ESRD, ACA,
 - what has been done to date, what is the status of stream crossings, new stream crossing directive.
 - How can we better collaborate to manage stream crossings and reduce barriers and habitat fragmentation.

- Other ideas?
 - ATV users, particularly in the Slave Lake area and FN.
 - How can we best engage this group?
 - Meghan will reach out to clubs in the foothill region to see what programs have worked well.
- Other opportunities:
 - fishing tournaments - Aquatic Invasive Species
 - Developers - low impact development, lakeshore best practices.

f. 2015 AGM - High Prairie

- The 2015 AGM will be held at the Peavine Inn and Suites on June 11 at 6pm.
- Agenda includes: year in review, financial presentation from bobby's accounting, election of directors, keynote speaker
- Ideas for keynote speaker? Dörte Koster - presenting the technical report and current state of LSL water Quality, nutrient loading and fish health.
- We will have appetizers rather than a sit down meal to encourage networking.

8. Upcoming Committee Meetings and Events, Meeting adjournment

March 26, 2015 - IWMP Steering Committee Meeting

April 9, 2015 - Regular LSWC Board Meeting

April 11, 2015 - Green Acreage Workshop - 10am at the Widewater community complex.

April 18-19 - High Prairie Gun Show

May 1 -2 – Slave Lake Chambers of Commerce Tradeshow

May 9, 2015 - Green Acreage Workshop - 10am at the High Prairie Agriplex.

Motion 14-46: Bailey/Popick- *Motion to adjourn the meeting*

CARRIED