

Minutes of:
Lesser Slave Watershed Council

May 16, 2013
Kinuso Seniors Center, Kinuso, AB

Present at meeting:

Name:

Meghan Payne
Lindsie Fairfield
Brian Rosche
Lynn Sandquist
Todd Bailey
Bonnie Raho
Guy L'Heureux
Tammy Kalita
Nona Elliott
Brian Elliott
Murray De Alexandra
Gary Couch

Stakeholder Group Represented:

Executive Director
Watershed coordinator
MD of 124
Agriculture West end
Forestry/West Fraser
ENGO REAC
MD of Big Lakes
Recreation Angling
Cabin owners
Cabin owners
Commercial Fisherman - Chiarman
Member at large

Regrets:

Carl Chykerda	Oil and Gas
Sherrie Hay	Tourism
Monica Dahl	ESRD
Wilfred Willier	Town of High Prairie
Jeff Cummins	MD of Lesser Slave River
Mary Okonum	MSGC
Rob Irwin	Town of Slave Lake
Gordon Sanders	Forestry
Myles Brown	ESRD

Board Vacancies:

First Nations
Federal Government

Meeting called to order by Murray De Alexandra 7:00 pm

1. Adoption of May 16, 2013 Agenda

Changes to agenda:

- 4. GOA process - postpone
- 4. a) - addition of LSWC committees
- 7. a) - sector/stakeholder survey (Nona)
- 7. b) - Faust site (Bonnie)

WC12-30 - B. Elliot/Bailey - Motion to adopt the May 16, 2013 Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of April 18, 2013 Minutes

WC12-31 - L'Heureux/B. Elliot - Motion to adopt the April 18, 2013 Minutes

CARRIED

3. Business arising from the Minutes

a. funding request to local governments

- 2 letters have been received in response to our request.
- The MD of Big Lakes has tabled this request because they would like to see some support from the east end of the lake as well.
- Sawridge First Nation declined to commit funding because they have constitutionally protected consultation rights and the GOA needs to consult directly with them.
- Meghan is presenting to the MD of LSR on May 22, 2013 to provide update and more info to follow up our request.
- Agreement to meet with FN and Settlements individually at the least for watershed management planning, not necessarily commitment to sitting on board
- Letter request for update on appeal LSR from ESRD northern region

WC12-32 - L'Heureux/Rosche - Motion to send letter requesting update on LSR weir appeal from ESRD

CARRIED

4. GOA contract project process (Monica)

- Monica had other commitments and could not attend so discussion is tabled to a future meeting.

a. LSWC sub committees

- We need to set up an official project review committee. This group will meet when needed to go over project details, plans, deliverables etc.

- We need an education and stewardship committee, and possibly a Project and Technical Committee. We have people interested in getting involved and we need to provide an avenue for the to do so.
 - this committee may be made up of board members, teachers, ENGO folks, and community members who want to get involved.
- For each committee there will be a Terms of Reference documents created to outline to purpose, goals and activities of each.
- Aim to establish committees at AGM

5. IWMP Process

- As of May 16th we have not heard anything from ESRD in terms of contract dollars to continue with IWMP work.
- Meghan has applied to AB Ecotrust for \$7500 to facilitate an IWMP Steering committee workshop, supplemented with an additional \$5000 from the GOA pending project grants. The goal is to have participation from 1-2 people from each sector in the watershed. These people will spend the day learning about watershed planning in Alberta, What the roles and responsibilities of the Stakeholders, the LSWC, the GOA and the contractors will be throughout this process.
- This workshop will be important in bringing everyone to the same levels of knowledge and understanding about watershed planning before we develop a terms of reference.

a. identifying key stakeholders and participants

- LSWC board members are asked to help staff find 2-4 people in their representative sector who would be willing to participate in the IWMP process from start to finish. These people will be personally invited to attend the day long workshop.

***Board action item**

6. Discussion Items:

a. Lakeshore days

Tentative Schedule:

June 7 - Jousard Harbor - Guy

June 15 - Faust - Bonnie

June 28 - TBD

July 26 - TBD

August 9 - TBD

August 23 - TBD

- We will be set up with tables, a tent, info materials including our stewardship handbook, and games for kids. The purpose is to engage with people who are at the lake enjoying it and promote our organization.
- **LSWC Handbook** - Guy - Clarification between Environmental Easement vs Reserve - double check with both MDs as to regulations for Environmental Easement which is controlled by the private landowner.
- Board in favor of final draft copy of LSL Handbook.

b. Canoe Trip

- Lindsie is working with the guys at NLC in Slave Lake to coordinate the trip, but waiting to hear back from NLC.
- Tentatively Scheduled for August 17

c. LSWC AGM - June 20th

- Planned to be in HP on June 20th at 6:00 pm at Smitty's back room
- Agenda to include the regular AGM business. First Nations, Agriculture, Federal Gov, and ENGO seats are up for election.
Lynn stepping down from Treasurer but staying on as Agriculture west end
Addition of central lake representative - Jim Sheldon?
- Donation to LSFES for \$10,000

d. Shoreline naturalization project in our watershed

- Meghan emailed a copy of the Wabamun Lake project to the board.
- Where in our watershed can we do something similar? Needs to be a shoreline on private land. Further research needed as limited private sites on lake with significant erosion problems.
 - Nona - Shaw's point?
 - Guy - focus on land which has an erosion problem
 - Marten River

e. Garden and Weed info night - May 22

- In partnership with the MD Ag. department and Horticulturalist Christie Pollack
- Full registration of 50 people. Expecting a great and successful event. Donation to Seniors home.

6. Treasurers Report

WC12-33 - B. Elliott/De Alexandra - Motion to accept the treasurers report as presented.

CARRIED

a) 2013 Outstanding funding requests

GOA - \$150,000

AB Ecotrust - \$7500

TDFEF - next deadline is July 15 - their focus is environmental education, urban greening, and science based projects that will fill info gaps.

b) Financial review for 2012

- Meghan has spoken with David Bliss in High Prairie and Bobbies Accounting in Slave Lake. If Bobbie can't match Doyle and Co.'s price we will stick with them. Review will be complete by AGM.

7. Round Table & Meeting Adjournment

a. sector survey - Nona

- Nona has prepared a draft survey that her and Brian will get out to the stakeholders in the cabin/cottage owner sector this summer.
- Each board member is asked to prepare a list of ten sector specific questions for a similar survey for their respective sectors/groups. Some questions will be sector specific while others will be common across all stakeholder groups. Please have these questions back to Meghan ASAP to be formatted. Each board member will have a role in distributing and collecting these (Aside from ESRD). Ideally would like to make available online or by hard copy.

*Board action item

7b. Osmosis plant - Bonnie

- ESRD has put high barbed wire fence around Osmosis site area limiting the public access to the area (risk management technique to protect people, but funds unavailable to fix).
- Guy - When the MD brought up mediation technique of site to build fence around the site, there was no public objection. The fence was built to prevent disturbance and to ensure safety of people in the area.
- The LSWC wrote a letter last year with no significant response from ESRD.
- Murray - Suggested sending an additional letter regarding the problem and indicating that building a fence does not solve the problem. The letter should reference the previous letter with response and ask for more

information as to why nothing has been done to remediate the site, and to state concerns based on high water levels and contamination.

- REAC has sent letters and spoken to stakeholders in regards to issue and primary response has been the fence.

WC12-34 - B. Elliott/Sandquist - Motion to send letter to ESRD in regards to Osmosis site fence and request for more information in terms of potential remediation.

CARRIED

- Brian Elliott suggested that as Meghan has not received a salary raise in 3 years that she receive a 3% raise based on her seniority within WPACs and the duration of time without a pay increase.

WC12-35 - Rosche/ Elliott - Motion to increase Meghan's salary by 3% effective June 1, 2013.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned May 16, 2013 8:30 pm

Next Meeting Date: **June 20, 2013 following the AGM - short agenda**