

Minutes of:
Lesser Slave Watershed Council

November 13, 2014
Kinuso Seniors Center, Kinuso, AB

Present at meeting:

Name:

Meghan Payne
Megan Graham
Stephan Plouffe
Brian Rosche
Shane Knutson
Gary Braithwaite
Michael Long
Murray de Alexandra
Robert Nygaard
Claude Smtih
Todd Bailey

Sector Represented:

Executive Director
Watershed Coordinator
Town of Slave Lake
MD 124
Cabin and cottage owners
ENGO's
Town of High Prairie
Commercial fisherman
MD of Big lakes
Agriculture
Forestry

Regrets:

Michael Hunka
Jamie Bruha
Edna Willier
Gary Couch
Tammy Kaleta
Kristy Wakeling

DFO
ESRD
First Nations
Director
Recreation & Tourism
ESRD

Board Vacancies:

Métis Member at Large
Oil and Gas
Trappers

Meeting called to order by former Chairperson Murray DeAlexandra at 7:12pm

1. Adoption of November 13, 2014 Agenda

Motion 14-22: Smith/Bailey - Motion to adopt agenda as presented.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of October 16th, 2014 minutes.

Motion 14-23: Smith/Rosche - Motion to adopt the October 16th Meeting Minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Treasurers Report

-Meghan P provided the September 15 to October 15, 2014 treasurers report to the board.

Motion 14-24: Plouffe/Braithwaite - Motion to accept the treasurers report as presented.

CARRIED

4. Round table discussion

a. New Members

- Robert Nygaard was appointed to the LSWC by the MD of Big Lakes, Ken Killeen is his alternate.
- Michael Long was appointed to our board by the Town of High Prairie, Brian Panasiuk is his alternate.

- REAC was asked to find someone to replace Bonnie Raho as the ENGO alternate on the Board as she can not participate in meetings or via email.

- Trappers association has discussed and appointed Doug Horner to our board. We will welcome him at the January Meeting.

Membership forms and Board Nomination forms need to be filled out by new members.

- The LSWC Website was hacked a few weeks ago and was down for repair. Problem has been fixed and web page rebuilt from back up files.

5. Action item follow up

a. U of L Proposal

- Meghan is working with Dr. Byrne to get more information for the board and technical team to inform a decision as to whether or not we should partner and contribute to the GENESYS project.

-Rosche wants more information about the project deliverables prior to making a decision

Motion 14-25: Rosche/Bailey - Motion to have the Executive Director set up a conference call with Dr. Byrne, the LSWC, and the technical team to discuss GENESYS project details.

CARRIED

b. Weir update

- Meghan was provided with an update from Water Operations staff and sent this out as an information update to the board and stakeholders.

- Copies were given to board members, and emailed to municipalities.

- Rosche wants the plans from 2010, Meghan will email Rick to get more information and to get a copy of the actual design

- Meghan will request a presentation from them in January/ February to explain the project fully

c. Summit Highlights

- Meghan, Megan, and Gary C. Attended the WPAC summit in Edmonton.

- About 80 people from around Alberta were in attendance.

- Meghan's presentation highlighted successful partnerships and engagement strategies for northern watersheds.

- Minister of ESRD Kyle Fawcett opened the summit with supportive remarks from ESRD.

- Excellent discussion about using Traditional Ecological Knowledge in watershed reporting and planning.

- Next summit will likely be in Peace River.

d. Stewards in Motion

- Megan G. attended the event in Lac la Biche.
- co hosted by Land stewardship center and the Beaver River Watershed Alliance.
- Megan will send out the powerpoints to board members

e. Tri-Council Economic Development workshop

- Meghan was there today (November 13, 2014)
- Meghan participated in discussions and made it clear that we, as a WPAC, are not anti-development but that best management practices need to be implemented to protect the Lake.

6. Watershed Restoration and Resiliency Program

- Meghan P and Ag Fieldman Rob Klatt attended the WRRP and AWE program information session.
- The WPAC's and municipalities are both eligible to apply for project funding for 2015.
- Next application deadline is January 30th 2015
- Meghan is working to find 2-3 landowners to partner on a watershed enhancement project for 2015.
- Meghan emailed the BOD information and links to the WRRP page.

7. IWMP Update

- IWMP Steering Committee meeting was held in Kinuso on November 3rd, 2014.
- CPP and the SC Finalized the watershed risk matrix scoring.
- Draft communication and engagement plan will be out for review in early December
- Draft Info materials will be sent to Meghan for review in mid december.
- Next IWMP Steering Committee Meeting is January 16th, 2015

8. Project updates

a. Technical Project Update

- Phosphorus budget and data compilation has been completed by Hutchinson.
- ESRD staff are running the BATHTUB model for our lake based on this information.
- Kristy Wakeling will be providing the updated fish and habitat information to Hutchinson in January.
- As long as fisheries info is submitted on time and modeling work doesn't take extra time, the project is on schedule.

b. Little Green Thumbs

- Teachers training session is scheduled for Nov 28th and 29th at the LSWC office.
- Rick, the LGT coordinator will be traveling from Saskatoon to help with the workshop.
- 2015 grant has been received and deposited.

c. Municipal Water Bootcamp

- November 4th event was well attended by both municipalities and some developers.
- Jay white provided a lot of relevant information that will be of use to planners, developers and landowners.
- Meghan has sent copies of the presentation and list of resources. The file was large so if you didn't get it please request another copy.
- Water bootcamp info will be available on the LSWC website

d. Watershed Webinar

- LSWC is creating a watershed 101 webinar in partnership with NLC and the LSFES.
- Launches on April 22, 2015 at 6:30 pm. (earth day)

e. Watershed Education Board

- LSFES has developed an excellent interactive learning tool for FIRESMART and the LSWC is going to create a watershed specific one of a similar nature.
- Target audience - schools, public events, open houses, trade shows
 - the backdrop will be a watershed beginning in the hills (headwaters) and flowing to a lake in the foreground. Across the landscape there are many different activities and land uses that impact water in some way.
 - each land use or practice will have a bad, better, and best option the form of different magnets
 - idea is to have people place various magnets on the board (the watershed) and then use this as a starting point for discussion.
- designer will also develop lesson plans to go with the board so that can easily be used by volunteers.
- Trina gave an estimate for us to create everything for the board the total is ~\$8,500.00
 - Will the LSWC have ownership of the finished package? - Meghan will look into it.

Motion 14-26: Braithwaite/ Long - Motion to move forward with the Watershed Board project with Trina of Luk consulting and design as presented in the LUK consulting proposal.

CARRIED

9. Upcoming Committee Meetings and Events, Meeting adjournment

- No December meeting – Next Board meeting is on January 8th, 2015
- Strategic Planning on January 29th
- WPAC Executive Director's & watershed education coordinator's meeting - Dec. 9, 2014 in Red Deer.
- WPAC /ESRD Forum - December 10, 2014 in Pigeon Lake.

Motion 14-27: Rosche/ Smith - Motion to adjourn the meeting

CARRIED