

Minutes of:
Lesser Slave Watershed Council

October 17, 2013
Kinuso Seniors Center, Kinuso, AB

Present at meeting:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Stakeholder Group Represented:</u>
Meghan Payne	Executive Director
Murray De Alexandra	Chairman/Commercial Fishing
Rob Irwin	Town of Slave Lake
Edna Willier	First Nations
Brian Rosche	MD LSR
Todd Bailey	Forestry
Kristy Wakeling	ESRD
Guy L'Heureux	MD Big Lakes
Lynn Sandquist	Agriculture

Regrets:

Sherrie Hay	Tourism
Gary Braithwaite	ENGO's
Gary Couch	Member at large
Monica Dahl	ESRD
Wilfred Willier	Town of High Prairie
Brian Elliott	Cabin and Country Residential
Tammy Kalita	Fishing Tournaments and Recreation

Board Vacancies:

Oil & Gas

Meeting called to order by Chairman Murray De Alexandra 7:10 pm

1. Adoption of October 17, 2013 Agenda

addition of 10a - fish cleaning stations

Motion 13-08: Irwin/L'Heureux : To adopt the October 17, 2013 agenda with addition.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of September 12, 2013 Minutes

Motion 13-09: L'Heureux/Irwin : To adopt the September 12, 2013 minutes as presented.

CARRIED

3. Guest Presentation - Alberta's Wetland Policy - Thorsten Hebben (45 min)

- Thorsten was unable to make it to the meeting. We will try to re schedule a presentation about Alberta's wetland policy for sometime in the new year.

4. Business arising from the Minutes

WPAC Summit

- Held in cold lake by the Beaver River Watershed Alliance.
- Meghan emailed out summary doc and links to the BRBC's webpage with pics and more about the summit.

Flood Symposium

- Oct 4th in Calgary.
- Premier Redford opened the event.
- Discussions around the flood of 2013. Why it happened, why the monitoring system didn't work better, what are the proposed plans for flood mitigation.
- Proposed projects include 2 berms, an underground pipeline to move water from the little bow to the bow when flows are too high, and an over land diversion around the town of High River. Proposed cost 830\$\$ see more online.
- Meghan prepared a summary document with links to the presentations, the video stream of the entire morning session, and Alberta WATER Smart white paper addressing flooding.

Water Conversation Update

- All of the WPAC executive directors were asked to join ESRD on October 8th in Edmonton to discuss the outcomes of the March 2013 water conversations and the next steps.
- Meghan prepared and emailed a summary document with the information from the meeting to the board.
- This meeting was part of many stakeholder sessions to be held during the validation phase of the water conversations. Action items will be released soon. Intent is to gt to work on the easier ones, and assign project teams to address big issue items.
- Education and awareness came up throughout discussion. This is here the WPAC's can be very helpful in sharing information with Albertan's.

5. Project updates

a. Bathymetry

- AMEC completed the field survey at the end of Sept.
- Data review shows good coverage of the survey area.
- survey area was approximately 51km starting at the narrows and moving west.

- Major project deliverable is the data set from the survey. Will be used for habitat modeling, and to update lake bathymetry dataset. Report will explain the project, field work, and classification methods and provide maps showing substrate type and vegetation type.

b. IWMP TOR

- We had 16 participants at the September 16th workshop.
- Feedback was recorded and the summary report will be complete on November 1.
- Amanda from Aquality would like all feedback by the 18th or 19th at the latest.
- Next half day session to present the workshop summary and draft Terms of Reference materials will be in February 2014. This will be the last chance to make comments and provide input before the final draft is presented to us.

c. Paleo and nutrient work

- The core samples are at the lab and being analyzed for several parameters. These include: PAH's, 29 elements, 209 PCB's, dioxins and furans, mercury, and lead.
- Colin Cooke, ESRD is working on the reporting for this project. He has also completed the reporting for the 2006 core samples that were analyzed. Final draft of the report available soon.
- Last nutrient samples were collected on Oct 16th. Dataset must be validated and entered into GOA system.
- Next steps: technical team will have a conference call to discuss the next steps in putting together all of this information. It may be too soon to update our SOW report but we have a lot of water quality data as a result of projects over the past 5 years.
 - nutrient model, nutrient WQ samples, 2011-12 core samples, 2011-12 lake WQ, 2008-10 tributary data.
- Curtis Brock has requested that our lake be monitored yearly by ESRD as part of the Upper Athabasca projects.

d. Application to ACA - Blue water imagery analysis

- Paul Havvengard with ACA took a look at the Blue Water info meghan sent him and encouraged us to put together an application for the January ACA deadline.
- We have requested an updated estimate from David Allen.
- On top of scans and pictures from Blue Water we will need to have someone put together a report explaining the findings and amount of change over time etc.

comment - perhaps someone from ESRD would be able to do the reporting for us to save costs on that portion of the project.

Motion 13-10: Roshe/Irwin- motion to approve the project grant application to ACA for the January 2014 submission deadline.

CARRIED

6. Upcoming events/opportunities

a. Ducks Unlimited Dinner

- Booked for Nov 23 at the Peavine Inn. Cocktails at 6, dinner at 7. Silent and live auctions, raffles and door prizes.
- Looking for donation of money or items for raffles

b. partnership for 2014 ALMS conference

- Gary B attended the ALMS conference in Pigeon Lake on Oct 27-28.
- Summary was sent to the board. Proceedings and more info available on the ALMS website.
- Gary suggested partnering with ALMS for next fall's conference. We will follow up with ALMS on this. Would be a great partnership for a northern AB event and to bring attention to our lake.

- ALMS hosted one in Slave Lake at the college in 2006. It was well attended with a broad range of speakers.

- Meghan will work on getting more details about what the event entails and what our responsibilities are.

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Motion 13-11: Irwin/Sandquist - Motion to pursue hosting the 2014 ALMS conference with ALMS and other local groups.

CARRIED

7. Treasurers Report

- Copies of the August 15 - September 15, 2013 treasurers report were distributed.

Motion 13-12: L'Heureux/Rosche : To accept treasurers report as presented.

CARRIED

8. Round Table & Meeting Adjournment

- Murray presented Rob Irwin with a thank you water drop plaque for their time with the LSWC. Neither Rob or Wilfred are running for a seat in the upcoming election.

- Todd Bailey attended the Keepers of the Athabasca event in Slave Lake.
- Topics included the Swan Hills Waste incinerator, the Faust Osmose site, water allocation and transfer in AB, Alberta Energy Regulators, floating wetland structures, and a video: scaredrelationship.ca., which is a video about water which brought together traditional ideas and relationships with water with western science.

a. fish cleaning station

- Canyon Creek Harbor is applying for funding from ACA to put in a fish cleaning station at the Canyon Creek Harbor. There is a very good chance that they will get the funding.
- education is important along with the stations because transporting filleted fish is illegal. People need to recognize the rules
- they work well and keep fish guts out of the lake and the fish material is good for the sewage lagoon.

Motion 13-13: L'Heureux/Irwin: Motion to provide a letter of support to the Canyon Creek Harbor Authority to accompany the fish cleaning station grant application.

CARRIED

Motion 13-14: N. L'Heureux/Irwin : motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: **November 21, 2013**