

Minutes of:
Lesser Slave Watershed Council

September 11, 2014
Kinuso Seniors Center, Kinuso, AB

Present at meeting:

Name:

Meghan Payne
Megan Graham
Tammy Kaleta
Shane Krutson
Claude Smith
Todd Bailey
Owen Gourley
Brian Panasiuk
Ed Podollan
Tammy Kaleta
Gary Braithwaite
Murray De Alexandra
Gary Couch
Stefan Plouffe
Brian Rosche
Owen Gourley

Stakeholder Group Represented:

Executive Director
Watershed Coordinator
Recreation & Tourism - Chairperson
Cottages
Agriculture
Forestry
Oil & Gas
Town of High Prairie
Big Lakes
Rec. & Tourism
SARDA
Commercial Fishing
Member at Large
Town of Slave Lake
MD of 124
Oil & Gas

Regrets:

Jamie Bruha

ESRD

Board Vacancies:

Métis Member at Large
Trappers

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Tammy Kaleta at 7:02pm

1. Adoption of September 11, 2014 Agenda

Motion 14-7: Claude /Braithwaite - Motion to Adopt the September 11, 2014 Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of June 12, 2014 minutes.

Motion 14-8: Plouffe / Braithwaite - Motion to Adopt June 12, 2014 minutes as presented

CARRIED

3. Introductions & Round table

- a) Harvey Neilson Project:
 - Gary Braithwaite brought up concerns about the process in which the HP RAT groups is allocating resources and project materials.
 - He stressed that if materials were received that this project could be completed this fall.
 - The LSWC is not formally involved with this group and it is out of our scope of work to interfere with their operations.

Motion 14-9: Rosche/Braithwaite - Motion to have Meghan Payne follow up with Kristy about the Neilson project.

CARRIED

- b) South Shore Water Main
 - The MD, Town and Sawridge First Nation are working on a regional water main. It will provide fresh water from the new storage dugout near widewater to the south shore and town.
- c) Slave Lake Forestry Public Advisory Committee
 - Will be having their fall meeting on October 1st, 2014 at the Fire Center office.
 - Meghan P will provide a presentation and info materials to the group and discuss engagement with the Forest sector.

4. Treasurers report

- Meghan distributed copies of the May 15-August 15th treasurers report.

Motion 14-10: Panasiuk/ Braithwaite - Motion to Adopt the treasurers reports as presented.

CARRIED

5. Action item follow up

a. IWMP Steering Committee Meeting (Sept 16)

- First SC meeting is being held on Sept 16th at the Kinuso Seniors Center. Agenda and pre reading material has been distributed.
- Theo from CPP will be joining us to meet the group and talk about our work plan for the remainder of the year.

b. ALMS Conference (Sept 26-27)

- If you are planning to come you need to register online or call the office and we can register you. Free for Board members to attend.
- Need volunteers.

c. WPAC Summit (Oct 21-23, Edmonton)

- Meghan and Gary C will be attending. Gary C has expressed interest.
- Ed will be checking to see if he can attend

d. Opportunity with U of L for Grad Student research work

- Meghan received a proposal from Dr. Jim Byrne from the University of Lethbridge.
- Potential opportunity to have a PhD Student use our watershed as part of a project that involves computer mapping, satellite data, and resource management models. This modeling platform will allow for real time capability to assess changing resource or land issues within the watershed.
- See Handout.
- Meghan has asked Curtis Brock for his technical opinion and if this type of work aligns with ESRD priorities. Comments from Curtis - "The project fits with the technical needs in the basin and would support planning. " "Also keep in mind that AMERA is to have modeling capacity....the transition is now underway. WE are a bit behind in the queue as the UARP will be one of the last to be completed but I suspect that the work completed by WPACs will be foundational to support the development of WMFs."
- through research grants and in kind time the UofL would be investing \$97,500. We would need to come up with \$15,000 a year for 3 years which is achievable.

ACTION: Meghan will be getting more info on the work, board wants a presentation from U of L to see more about the project.

6. Municipal water Bootcamp and Sector specific learning opportunities

- Meghan has contacted CAO's of both MD's and they are in favor of having staff and council participate in a half day Water Bootcamp Session with Jay White of Aquality Environmental.
- Topics include: Federal and provincial water policy, the MGA and water, wetlands and riparian areas and related policy, planning and development on lakes. Meghan will be working with the CAO's and Jay to tailor the content specifically to our needs.
- LSWC will cover the \$4500 cost out of the operation budget funds earmarked for stakeholder workshops.
- November 4th will be the Session date. Location TBD - possibly Faust or Jousard halls and the MD of Big Lakes has offered to pay for the lunch.
- All LSWC Board members encouraged to attend.
- Megan G will be sending out reminder emails.

7. Projects

a. Technical Update

- Contract Signed in July and project kick off meeting with the technical team members was held at the NSWA office in Edmonton.

- The work plan with Hutchinson Environmental is on track.
- Team members have been communicating and sharing information efficiently.

b. Living By Water

- 6 Jousard residents were visited by Greg from Nature AB on August 31.
- There will be a LSL report compiled and when it is received, Meghan will share it with the board and post on the website.
- Next year we hope to have at least 12+ residents around the lake signed up for Home site Consultations.

c. watershed webinar

- Megan will be working with MJ and Cori of the LSFES to create a watershed webinar.
- NLC has the capability to host it and has offered to do so for us.
- Topics: Watershed 101, wetlands

d. Little Green Thumbs

Megan G attended LGT Coordinator Training in Saskatoon at the end of August.

- We have 5 repeat teachers from last year and 3 new teachers in Slave Lake signed up this year for a total of 8 gardens.
- Megan will be planning a teacher training session for the new folks at our office this fall.

e. Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness

- Throughout the summer Meghan distributed AIS quick fact sheets and posters to camp grounds and boat launches.
- MD's have installed the GOA clean, drain, dry signs at the boat launches. MD of Big Lakes has requested 6 more signs and will put them up this fall.
- ASI quick fact sheets will be going in the ALMs registration bags.
- other ideas?

8. Upcoming Committee Meetings and Events, Meeting adjournment

Next Regular Board Meeting: October 9th, 2014

IWMP Steering Committee: September 16th, 2014 9:00am in Kinuso

IWMP Steering Committee Session 1 - October 3, 2014 9-4 in High Prairie.

Motion 14-111: Braithwaite/Bailey - Motion to adjourn the board meeting @ 9:05

CARRIED