

Minutes of:
Lesser Slave Watershed Council

June 12, 2014
Slave Lake Inn & Conference Center, Slave Lake, AB

Present at meeting:

Name:

Meghan Payne
Lindsie Fairfield
Tammy Kaleta
George Gross
Brian Rosche
Stefan Plouffe
Todd Bailey
Gary Couch
Gary Braithwaite
Brian Panasiuk
Kristy Wakeling
Murray De Alexandra
Claude Smith
Shane Knutson
Jamie Bruha

Stakeholder Group Represented:

Executive Director
Watershed Coordinator
Recreation & Tourism - Chairperson
Forestry (Alternate)
MD of 124
Town of Slave Lake
Forestry
Member at Large
ENGO - SARDA
Town of High Prairie
ESRD Fish and Wildlife (Alternate)
Commercial Fishing
Agriculture
Cottage & Cabin Owners
ESRD

Regrets:

Ed Podollan
Edna Willier
Owen Gourley

MD of Big Lakes
LSLIRC - First Nations Member at Large
Oil & Gas

Board Vacancies:

Métis Member at Large
Trappers
Federal Government

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Murray De Alexandra 8:45 pm

1. Adoption of June 12, 2014 Agenda

Motion 14-1: Bailey/Bruha - Motion to adopt June 12, 2014 agenda as presented.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of May 29, 2014 minutes.

Motion 14-2: Rosche/Couch - Motion to adopt May 29, 2014 meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

3. Welcome to new board members

- Board member acknowledgment and recognition.

ACTION ITEM: Payne will distribute LSWC board member information binders to new members.

4. Nomination and election of Chairperson

- De Alexandra is stepping down as Chairperson
- Nomination process as follows:

- Executive position: Chairperson

Nomination: Bailey

Nominated by: Rosche

Nomination declined by Bailey.

Nomination: Kaleta

Nominated by: Bailey

Kaleta accepts nomination as Chairperson.

Motion 14-3: Rosche/Bruha - Motion to cease nominations for Chairperson Position.

CARRIED

Kaleta elected for two-year term 2014-2016 as LSWC Chairperson.

- Executive position: Secretary

Nomination: Couch

Nominated by: Kaleta

Seconded: Rosche

Couch elected for two-year term 2014-2016 as LSWC Secretary.

5. Action item follow up

• Steering Committee (SC) Meeting

- As per May 29, 2014 meeting minutes reference
- Bruha preference to not be member of SC, but rather provide training and support to active members of committee
- SC commitment requirements - approximately 4-5 meetings between June 2014 to March 2015

- First objective to select contractor via evaluation scoring sheet

ACTION ITEM: Payne will send out Doodle poll for SC regarding meeting date and time.

6. Project Updates

- Water Quality update, paleo work, and Fisheries update RFP distributed
- Proposals and contracts to be reviewed by Technical Team
- BATHTUB model update will be completed through an ESRD and NWSA partnership
- \$50K budget for projects

ACTION ITEM: Payne will email Board members a summary document of LSWC projects.

7. Treasurers Report

- With growing needs of LSWC and due to number of expense cheques to staff and board members, a credit card would be beneficial to operations.

Motion 14-4: Kaleta/Bailey - Motion to apply for ATB MasterCard with a limit of \$5,000.

CARRIED

- Grant update and reporting
 - Operational grant from government will be received as a direct deposit, which is an improvement to the previous process by reducing the delay in obtaining funds by cheque.
 - Currently completing grant reporting with close of grant agreement from 2010.
 - Potential change in government operational grant to 3 years grant request with year to year funding.
 - The GoA grant process will be reviewed at the ESRD/WPAC forum on June 24, 2014 in Leduc, AB along with review of the Water for Life partnership and Framework for Lake Management.

Motion 14-5: Bruha/Panasiuk - Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as presented.

CARRIED

8. Meeting Adjournment

Motion 14-6: Couch/Bailey - Motion to adjourn Board Meeting 9:10 pm

CARRIED