

Minutes of:
Lesser Slave Watershed Council
May 29th, 2014
Kinuso Seniors Center, Kinuso, AB

Present at meeting:

Name:

Meghan Payne
Lindsie Fairfield
Tammy Kaleta
George Gross
Edna Willier
Brian Rosche
Stefan Plouffe
Todd Bailey
Gary Couch
Gary Braithwaite

Stakeholder Group Represented:

Executive Director
Watershed Coordinator
Recreation
Forestry
LSLIRC
MD of 124
Town of SL
Forestry
Member at Large
ENGO - SARDA

Regrets:

Kristy Wakeling
Murray De Alexandra
Brian Panasiuk
Brian & Nona Elliott
Ed Podollan
Lynn Sandquist
Jamie Bruha

ESRD Fish and Wildlife
Commercial Fishing
Town of High Prairie
Cabin owners
MD of Big Lakes
Agriculture
ESRD

Board Vacancies:

Oil & Gas
Tourism
Métis Settlements

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Tammy Kaleta 7:11 pm

1. Adoption of May 29, 2014 Agenda

Motion 13-40: Rosche/Couch - Motion to adopt the May 29, 2014 agenda as presented.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of April 10th, 2014 minutes.

Motion 13-41: Braithwaite/Bailey - Motion to adopt the April 10th, 2014 meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

4. Action item follow up:

- First Nation Engagement
 - We have not sent a formal response to Kapaweno yet.
 - Swan River FN has requested that we meet with Chief and Council. They have requested we let them know what Wednesdays we would be available.
 - ESRD has sent a letter to the five FN's in the watershed explaining that WPAC's are leading the IWMP project and encouraging participation.
 - Meghan spoke with ESRD consultation staff and based on policy WPAC's do not consult. We are not government and we are not a proponent. It is our role to be inclusive, informative, and provide opportunity for feedback throughout the IWMP project. If in the future it is deemed that one of the recommendations in the IWMP is going to impact treaty rights in some manner then ESRD will initiate consultation with the FN and handle the process.
 - Arrange to present at LSLIRC to give background of LSWC and WPACs
 - Some type of response to Kapaweno FN to letter. Meghan will send out response for group to review.

- Steering Committee Membership
 - We do not need a large group, but one that is focused and committed to leading the project work. The Board of Directors has the final approval on all project deliverables.

 1. Meghan Payne (Project Manager)
 2. Gary Braithwaite - ENGO - SARDA
 3. Brian Rosche - MD of LSR
 4. Ed Pollodan - MD of BL
 5. Stefan Plouffe - T of SL
 6. Brian Panasiuk - T of HP
 7. Todd Bailey- Forestry
 8. Jamie Bruha - ESRD (or another ESRD planner)
 9. Leave open to individual to be determined at LSWC AGM

Motion 13-42: Braithwaite/Plouffe - Motion to accept members of Steering Committee and leave vacancy for addition of individual following the AGM.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEM: To set date of first SC meeting, Meghan will send out a Doodle poll after the AGM June 12, 2014 to the group to set up a meeting in July.

- AUMA MGA summit - June 18-19 in Calgary

- Meghan will be attending, and will send a reminder to board to see if someone is available to attend on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Motion 13-43: Braithwaite/Bailey - Motion to approve expenditures associated with the AUMA MGA Summit June 18-19 including travel and other associated costs.

CARRIED

5. Bylaw Review and discussion

- Meghan presented a PowerPoint with many of the proposed bylaw changes for the board to discuss and come to agreement upon.

Motion 13-44: Braithwaite/Bailey - Motion to accept amendments to Bylaws to present document at the AGM for final review.

CARRIED

6. 2014 Annual General Meeting

- Will be held on June 12th at 5:00 pm at the Slave Lake Inn and Conference Center.
- Dinner included.
- Bring \$5 to renew your membership.
- All Board members whose term is up are required to fill out the nomination form and go through the election process at the AGM.
- Key Note Speaker: Beverly Anderson, Executive Director for the Alberta Association of Summer Villages. Bev will share her experiences in lake management on the very busy and stressed Sylvan Lake.
- Please advertise our AGM through your networks. It would be excellent to have more public interest so we can promote some of our stewardship projects like Living by Water and Green Acreages.

Motion 13-45: Rosche/Braithwaite - Motion to purchase \$50 thank you gift for Bev Anderson for presenting at the LSWC AGM June 12, 2014.

CARRIED

7. Project Updates

Living by Water

- seeking interested people for home site consultations in August or September.
- Board members are asked to help promote the program among their networks. Brochures available from the office.
- TDFEF has granted us funding to host two campground sessions to talk about healthy shorelines and best management practices. Possible locations: Shaw's Point (Ryan Herben), Red Sky (Shane K), Spruce Point Park (Gilles Loussier). Looking for Board members to assist with delivery of program.

Green Acreages Guide workshops

- TDFEF funding available to host a Green Acreages workshop in both HP and SL. Staff are working with the MD Ag departments to organize and promote events this summer. Materials available from Land Stewardship Center.

Aquatic Invasive Species awareness campaign

- TDFEF funding available for info materials to distribute around the watershed.
- Board ideas:
 - License sleeve for distribution with message
 - Mail out
 - Target fishing tournaments
 - Government brochure?
 - Resources at available at access points to water bodies

Water Quality and Nutrient modeling

- Project will be done in collaboration with ESRD staff, the NSWA and a contractor. Final product will be a report that presents current water quality information, a phosphorus budget for the lake and sub basins, a discussion of the paleolimnology of the lake (history and change over time), eutrophication modeling using the BATHTUB model to predict future trends based on land use changes, and updated fisheries information.
- RFP was released on May 23, 2014. Proposals due by June 16th 2014.
- Project Team members will be reading and evaluating the proposals we receive and determining who we will hire in mid-June.

IWMP Project

- Project includes: development of a communication and engagement plan that we will follow for the duration of the IWMP project, development of an information package for stakeholders that includes a feedback form or booklet for stakeholders to complete to provide feedback on the Draft Terms of Reference. The contractor will also be facilitating 2 sessions with the steering committee. One earlier on to discuss our roles and responsibilities, process and draft an action list for the year. The second session will be after we have received all of the feedback on our Draft TOR. The facilitator will help us organize and analyze feedback and determine final changes to make to our TOR prior to submitting to ESRD for approval.
- The project RFP was released on May 26th, 2014.
- Steering committee members will be reading and evaluating the proposals we receive and determining whom we will hire in mid-June.

8. Treasurers report

Meghan presented the treasurers report from March 15th - April 15th to the Board.

Motion 13-46: Braithwaite/Bailey- Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report as presented.

CARRIED

a. Funding update

- ESRD has approved the 2014-15 grants in the amount of \$258,270.
- Our total request was \$458,150.
- \$150,000 Bathymetry request was denied.
- Break down of Grant:
 - IWMP Project: \$42,000
 - WQ update: \$15,000
 - 2013-14 operations: \$201,270
- Awaiting the grant agreement for signing.
- 2010 - 14 ESRD operational grant reporting is due to ESRD by June 30th, 2014. Meghan will ensure it is completed and submitted.

9. In Camera meeting of the Board

Motion 13-47: Braithwaite/Couch - Motion to enter into in-camera Board meeting.

CARRIED

Motion 13-48: Rosche/Couch - Motion to exit in camera Board meeting.

CARRIED

10. Meeting adjournment

Motion13-49: Rosche/Couch - Motion to adjourn Board meeting 10:20 pm.

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date:

Annual General Meeting - June 12th at the Slave Lake Inn and Conference Center starting at 5 pm.

Next General Board Meeting - June 12th following the AGM at the Slave Lake Inn and Conference Center.