

Minutes of:  
**Lesser Slave Watershed Council**  
**April 11, 2017**  
Kinuso Seniors Center, Kinuso, AB

**Present at meeting:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sector Represented</u>
Tammy Kaleta	Recreation and Tourism (chair)
Meghan Payne	Executive Director
Kaylyn Jackson	Watershed Coordinator
Arin MacFarlayne-Dyer	Alberta Environment and Parks
Bob Popick	Oil and Gas
Todd Bailey	Forest Industry
George Gross	Forest Industry (Alternate)
Shane Knutson	Cottage and Cabin owners
Tony McWhannel	Member at Large
Jule Asterisk	NGO's
Robert Nygaard	Big Lakes County
Spencer Zelman	Oil and Gas (alternate)
Brian Rosche	MD of Lesser Slave River
Murray De Alexandra	Commercial Fishing

Regrets

Joy McGregor/Mark Missal	Town of Slave Lake
Linda Cox/Brian Gilroy	Town of High Prairie
Claude Smith/Brianne Brault	Agriculture
Peter Freeman	Driftpile First Nation
Roderick Willier	Sucker Creek First Nation
Scott Mayston/Lyle Halcrow	Trappers

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

- Chair Tammy Kaleta Called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

**2. Adoption of March 8, 2017 Agenda**

- Copies of the April 11, 2017 agenda were distributed to the group.

**Motion 16-32: Nygarrd/Popick – Motion to adopt the April 11, 2017 meeting agenda as presented.**

*CARRIED*

**3. Adoption of the March 8, 2017 meeting minutes**

- Copies of the draft March meeting minutes were circulated to the BOD.

**Motion 16-33:** Asterisk/Knutson – *Motion to adopt the March 8, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.*

CARRIED

**4. Treasurers report & Financial updates**

- Meghan distributed copies of the February 15 – March 15, 2017 treasurers report.

**Motion 16-34:** Zelman/Bailey– *Motion to adopt the treasurer’s report as presented.*

CARRIED

- We may receive our first 2017-18 operational grant installment in May. This shouldn’t put our workplan off schedule. We also have money set aside in our project account to use for operational costs if we need to.
- Did not received ACA grant funding to support WQ monitoring project. We applied for \$10,000.
- Sent a letter of Intent to Alberta Ecotrust on March 31, 2017 for a major project grant involving integrated hydrologic modeling.
- Donations for Water Quality Program:
  - West Fraser \$10,000
  - Vermillion \$1,000
  - Summerland Energy \$1,000
  - Town of High Prairie \$1,000

**5. Action item Follow up**

Action Item:	Who	By When	Progress (April 4)
LSWC Board members will review Working draft 2 of IWMP and provide feedback to Meghan and Sandi	ALL	March 20	Jule, Tony, and tammy provided comments,
Board of directors will review Operational plan and budget and have comments to Meghan before March13, 2017 if they are to be incorporated into AEP grant submission	ALL	March 13	No comments received, latest draft emailed April 4
Board members are to confirm attendance for April 12, 2017 Invasive Species Workshop in Faust.	ALL	April 1, 2017	No one except tammy and Robert are registered
Outline of LSWC policy document	Tony, Tam, Meghan	Time permitting	In progress
Project proposal and budget for water bottle fill stations for town of Slave Lake and HP, and for grant seeking	Tammy, Kaylyn	Feb 28	AB Ecotrust grant application due May 15th
Kaylyn will create a standard kit that board members can bring with them to events that they are attending that includes LSWC information and	Kaylyn	Time permitting	

other key resources.			
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Round table:

- The LSWC has had a lot of media coverage including an article we wrote and submitted on Aquatic Invasive Species, a front page spread in the Spotlight on Canada Water Week and the announcement of WPAC funding and an article on the donation to our water quality sampling program made by West Frasier
- The LSWC has been continuing with our radio presence on Real Country FM and will continue working with Lynn, Victoria and Logan
- There has been \$9million devoted towards whirling dieses which has been found in the Bow River Basin. Whirling dieses is a type of parasite that targets trout and mountain whitefish, attacking the cartilage in there spine and hindering their ability to feed and swim. The province has come up with different educational and management strategies to help determine where all is contaminated and prevent the spread.
- The GOA has developed signage about keeping shorelines natural, these signs cover multiple subjects and are designed for recreation areas and lakeshore communities. Arin will be sending more information to Meghan. We are interested in having these signs put up in key areas around our watershed.
- Big Fish Bay is going to be sold to another slave lake family, staff and management will stay the same for at least the next year and the new owners are planning to double the size of the establishment.
  - Previously there was discussion of building a marina but viability was not properly determined as there seems to be issues with storm water management and siltation etc. especially in the Moony Creek area.
- We are looking at potential options for online donations; so far PayPal seems to be the most economical.
- High Prairie Sesquicentennial committee will be doing a short film contest with environment as one of the categories.

**6. 2017 Annual General Meeting**

- Based on feedback from the board, Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> will be the date of our AGM. To be held in Faust with the meeting portion (1:00 - 5:00) at the Community hall and afterwards we will go to Bayshore resort (Roberts campground) for a BBQ and fishing for the evening (5:30-8:30).
- Agenda to include:
  - Review of 2016 projects and programs (staff)
  - Keynote speaker suggestions will be Anuja, Project Manager for AB Water Council Lake Management Project Team.
  - Board elections for expired terms
  - Review of financials (Bobby and Meghan )

- Annual report will be finished and printed
- Open to everyone, memberships at the door, only members can vote.
  - Staff will be advertising AGM ASAP.

## **7. Executive Director Updates**

### **a. IWMP project updates**

- Draft IWMP workplan was shared with the BOD for review.
- Palliser Environmental provided a March 31, 2017 project update to the Steering Committee and for our year end grant reporting.
- Once the plan is considered completed the steering committee will have to meet and present the plan to the board to approval.
- Seeing as summer is always busy and many people are away on holidays we will plan to officially launch and present the plan in the fall. Sandi will help us prepare a presentation that we can do for interested parties
- Meeting with Swan River on April 24, 2017 and working with Alan to set up meetings at Sucker Creek, Driftpile and the Metis Settlements and Region 5.
- Meghan and Sandi have been talking to Alberta WaterSmart's Athabasca River Basin Initiative team about using the modeling tool they have developed specifically for the lesser Slave Watershed.
  - Integrated hydrologic Modeling work is a recommendation in the IWMP.
  - Seeking about \$35,000 in funding to contract the WaterSmart group to complete the work. Applying for Alberta Ecotrust funds, if they decline then it would be a possible fit with the Watershed Resiliency and restoration program (supports flood and drought mitigation through work that leads to watershed improvements.

### **b. WQ project updates**

- First Sampling scheduled to take place April 25 & 26.
- 13,000 in funds received through sponsorship so far.
- Science and Monitoring Branch staff and our regional Limnologist are providing technical support. EMSD staff will be coming to provide a training session for us in May.
- Jana our limnologist is working to support us and has made contact with Brian Jackson in the environmental monitoring and science division. They are not in a place to provide support or funds to us but will make an effort to come up here and go over policy etc. to make sure that our data will be up to standard for government use etc.
- LSWC purchased a DO meter, multi sonde (conductivity and pH) as well as some supplies and equipment need for the field and are ready for the program to begin.

### **c. Riparian and wetland projects**

- We have 5 projects underway.
  - Travis Beamish
  - Dallas Turcotte
  - Blackhurst Ranch
  - Dave Marx (new)
  - Town of High Prairie (new)
- 2016 WRRP grant was a 2 year grant so these projects need to be finished this fiscal year.
- Can't take on more projects until we receive more funds for WRPP or others BUT still need more future project sites for grant applications so we are still looking to engage with landowners. Ideally smaller on scale projects where we don't need expensive engineering projects.
- These projects could be an opportunity to engage with first nation ranchers
- Currently there isn't a date for when round 4 of WRRP funding will open but we plan to apply when it does.

### **d. Other**

- WPAC managers meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Red Deer.
- Water North Coalition meeting – May 11, 2017 in cold Lake. Meghan can't attend because of LSWC board meeting.
- ARBI project working group 5 is May 10, 2017 but staff will be sampling that day and can't attend.

## **8. Education and outreach**

### **a. AIS workshop**

- Scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> and 50 people are registered.

### **b. Green Acreage Workshops**

- May 9th Slave Lake(6p to 10pm at northern lakes college), May 17th High Prairie (6pm to 10pm at the high prairie agriplex)
- Free to attend but people need to register ahead of time
- We plan to advertise it in the MD page of the Lakeside leader, on the radio, through paid Facebook adds, on the town digital signs and through posters.
  - We will look into doing a mail out to rural residents

### **c. Other**

- HP Gun and Sportsman Show – April 22-23, 2017
  - Available board members are encouraged to come volunteer
- Slave Lake Chamber of Commerce Trade Show – May 6-7

- Available board members are encouraged to come volunteer. We are looking for 2 volunteers for the morning of May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Rain Barrel Sales
  - Open until may 24<sup>th</sup>. Pick up June 9th in High Prairie and June 11th in Slave Lake
  - We will add option to donate etc. to order forms
- We've done 4 education programs already this month and have finally gotten into Kinuso school and are planning on working with them more in the future.

#### **9. Meeting Adjournment**

- See Action items document for current list

**Motion 16-35: Zelman/De Alexandra** – *Motion to adjourn the April 11, 2017 meeting at 9:00pm*

*CARRIED*