

Minutes of:  
**Lesser Slave Watershed Council**  
**December 14, 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
Bob Popick	Oil and Gas
Spencer Zelman	Oil and Gas (alternate)
Kaylyn Jackson	Watershed Coordinator
Scott Mayston	Alberta Trappers Association
Richard Simard	Big Lakes County
Jule Asterisk	NGO's
Shawn Gramlich	Town of Slave Lake
Jamie Bruha	Alberta Environment and Parks
Todd Bailey	Forestry
Wendy Freeman	Member at Large
Brian Gilroy	Town of High Prairie
Brad Pearson	MD of Lesser Slave River

Regrets

Charmain Larsen-Willier	Sucker Creek First Nation
Shane Knutson	Cabin and cottage owners
April Isadore	Driftpile First nation
Claude Smith	Agriculture
Murray de Alexandra	Commercial Fishermen

17 of 21 Board Seats filled.

**1. Call to order and Welcome**

- Meeting called to order at 6:45 by Chair Tammy Kaleta.

**2. Adoption of December 14, 2017 meeting agenda**

- December 14th 2017 meeting agenda was circulated.
- Chair called for amendments to the agenda.

**Motion 17-11: Pearson/Popick** – *Motion to adopt the December 14, 2017 Agenda as presented.*

*CARRIED*

**3. Adoption of the Nov 9, 2017 meeting minutes**

- Copies of the Draft Nov 9, 2017 meeting minutes were circulated.
- Correction –m Brian Gilroy was in attendance, change on minutes.

**Motion 17-12: Asterisk/Bailey** – *Motion to adopt the November 9, 2017 meeting minutes as amended*  
*CARRIED*

**4. Treasurers Report & Financial Updates – Meghan**

- Copies of the October 15<sup>th</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup> treasurers report were circulated for information.
- FRIIA funding request declined, seeking Vanderwell FRIP support for Monitoring.
- Plans to hold a meeting in Calgary with Oil and Gas reps in February to make a support request. Working with Bob and Sean LeCroix, Aspenleaf Energy.
- Still awaiting the remainder of our 2017-18 operational grant from AEP after submitting interim report in October.

**Motion 17-13: Mayston/Bailey** – *Motion to accept the Oct 15- Nov, 2017 treasurers report as presented.*  
*CARRIED*

**5. Review action items**

Action Item:	Who	By When	Progress
Board members are to review the WPAC roles presentation and questions and provide additional feedback to Meghan	ALL	Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	No one provided additional feedback
Staff will prepare a quarterly watershed science based article for the spotlight that will inform people about our watershed.	Kaylyn and Meghan	January	In progress
Send a letter to the CAO's of the Municipalities who have not contributed funding in 2017, CC the board members	Meghan	By Dec 2017	TOSL provided 2017 support, 2018 asks sent.
Prepare updated strategic plan for 2018-21 to present to the BOD	Meghan	Before Feb	Draft available for review
Send the Board more information about the FSC process and next Board meeting we will discuss and decide on our letter of support	Todd & Meghan	Nov2017	
Work on engaging oil and gas companies and getting their sponsorship for WQ.	Meghan & Bob	Fall 2017	In progress, plan for Calgary meeting in February
Outline of LSWC policy document	Tam, Meghan	Time permitting	In progress

**6. IWMP presentation**

- The board was emailed the final draft plan on December 13<sup>th</sup>
- Meghan presented a summary of the final plan via power point and this is the basic presentation all stakeholders will receive plus information specific to their interests.
- The presentation can be sent via email to the BOD upon request.

**Discussion**

- 19 types of wetlands means the different classification system not that we necessarily have 19 different types in our watershed

- BOD was interested in clarification on types of animals and their ranges represented on maps.
- Out of comments on GOA we need to focus on what we can achieve and prioritized along with potential funding. The reason for so many GOA comments was the number of people reviewing, a lot of the comments deal with the same information ect. Moving forward we need to make actions of IFN work done will check off a lot of boxes. Developing detailed work plans going forward.
- Climate Adaptation Centre of Canada is where the data at the Big Lakes County Climate Workshop came from and Meghan will pass it along when she receives more info ect. Very detailed models were presented and would be useful for us.
- Everyone is doing implementation work already, we will have to find and track it by sector ect to report on annually.
- Concern from MDLSR regarding allocations and water licensing. Currently the Upper Athabasca basin isn't over allocated.
- Some members had additional terms to add to the glossary.

#### **a. final plan**

**Action: Board members are asked to carefully review this final plan and send any feedback to Meghan and Sandi before the January 11 meeting.**

- Board will be asked to endorse the plan formally at the January 11, 2018 meeting.
- After the plan has been endorsed by the Board we will be sending it out to municipalities and stakeholders for their review and endorsement.
- Meghan will be giving presentations to the 4 municipalities, asking them to review the document and seek support for it.

#### **b. next steps**

- 2018-19 operational plan will include the following plan implementation work:
  - Design and printing of final deliverables
  - Water quality monitoring year 2
  - Sensitive Habitat Inventory and mapping (pending grant)
  - Communication and engagement activities associated with the plans completion
  - Prioritization and development of detailed work plans to achieve plan recommendations. (with AEP, the Municipalities and other sectors)
  - Implementation tracking and reporting on progress

### **7. Updates from the office**

#### **a. 2018-20 Strategic Plan**

- Copies of the Draft 2018-20 strategic plan were distributed for review.
- The intent of the strategic plan is state our main goals and our objectives under each.
- From this broad plan the detailed operational plan will be developed. The operational plan will be executed by the staff to achieve our strategic goals and objectives.

**Action – Directors are to review the draft strategic plan and provide feedback via email to Meghan before January 11, 2018.**

### **Strategic Plan discussion**

- Watershed management recommendations are prioritized and before any implementation is started it has to be vetted and funded.
- Need a greater number of people trained to understand and complete water quality sampling, back-up help will help engage people and provide back-up/enable delegation as needed
- Need to be able to identify and respond to community concerns.
- We need to be able to show where money was spent and implemented etc. track was done, needs to be done.
- We need more scientific studies etc. Going forward mapping areas could help identify sensitive areas and give more info of developers etc. Municipal planning committee has the ability to request additional studies before development is improved etc.
- Everything we do (IWMP, Studies, Species Data etc.) is available and we intend to turn all of the data from our maps into geo-layers so that the data can be used to inform planning.
- Management actions: sharing data could be part of a new agreement, collaboration between MDs etc.
- Meghan will send out polished draft before January Meeting
- LSWC will look into offering specialized training in Water Quality Monitoring to increase involvement.
- We want to do an educational science based and hands on water quality event, will plan for this after year two of our water quality program

### **b. 2018-19 operational planning**

- Northern WPAC's and Alberta Environment and Parks are meeting for a Northern Region meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> to talk about provincial priorities and how we can align our work plans.
- It is anticipated that our 2018-19 grant application package will be sent out soon after with a due date of early February.
- Funds applied for this year will be to support IWMP implementation and provide tools for others to do so.

### **c. WPAC review response from LSWC**

- WPAC's were given information about the proposed WPAC roles and responsibilities as well as some questions to consider and answer at the end of October 2017.
- Draft response was emailed to the Board and no comments have been received to date.
- The WPACs are sharing our responses with each other and thus far our comments are in alignment with the others sent in so far.

### **d. Education and outreach updates**

#### 1. February ice fishing with the ACA

- Feb 17th Free Fishing Weekend
- On the ice by Jousard
- Looking for volunteers to help with holes, supplies, helping new anglers, transportation, etc.
- Tammy and Spencer have already volunteered to help

**Action Item: Board members will send feedback and ideas for ice fishing event to Kaylyn ASAP.**

## 2. Watershed Calendar sales

- Kaylyn has been to Freson's, Marigolds, Canada 150 Skate and will be at the Slave Lake Winter Market
- BOD are encouraged to also promote and sell calendars

## 3. Lakeside Living Event

- Purpose: educate people about the dos and don'ts about lakeside living and developing.
- Target audience: municipalities, developers, resort owners, lakeshore land owners, realtors.
- presentations may include: cows and fish, local fisheries biologists, municipal development officers, LSWC, Land Stewardship Center of AB
- Location: Faust Hall

**Action Item: Kaylyn will look into Living Lakes Canada CABIN Training**

## 4. Other

- Request for additional info from CFEP for our water bottle fill station grant
- Kaylyn went to Christmas in the Park with BCBC
- Have been continuing to do radio interviews promoting calendar, education programs and Ice fishing behaviors
- Working on getting X-Stream Science (7-12 water quality program) into schools with the help of LSFES
- Working on developing an AIS presentation for 7-12 students to presented with us and LSFES and will be shared with other WPACs

## **8. Adjournment & gift exchange**

Next LSWC meeting will be January 11, 2017

**Motion 17-14: Simard/Gilroy** – *Motion to adjourn the December 14, 2017 LSWC board meeting at 9:15.*

*CARRIED*