

Minutes of:
Lesser Slave Watershed Council
May 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
Bob Popick	Oil and Gas
George Gross	Forest Industry
Jule Asterisk	NGO's
Linda Cox	Town of High Prairie
Jamie Bruha	Alberta Environment and Parks
Scott Mayston	Trappers
Claude Smith	Agriculture
Brian Rosche	MD of LSR
Murray De Alexandra	Commercial Fishermen
<u>Regrets</u>	
Joy McGregor/Mark Missal	Town of Slave Lake
Tony McWhannel/Bob Jackle	Member at Large
Shane Knutson	Cottage and Cabin Owners
Peter Freeman	Driftpile First Nation
Rodrick Willier	Sucker Creek First nation
Robert Nygaard	Big Lakes County

Meeting called to order at 6:40 by chair Tammy Kaleta

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Adoption of May 11, 2017 meeting agenda

- Copies of the agenda were distributed.
- Chair asked for additions to the agenda

Motion 16-36: Popick/De Alexandra – *Motion to adopt the May 11, 2017 Agenda as presented.*

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the April 11, 2017 meeting minutes

- Copies of the April 11, 2017 draft minutes were distributed for review.

- Kaylyn will correct the spelling of whirling disease in April the minutes

Motion 16-37: Rosche/Smith – *Motion to adopt the April 11, 2017 meeting minutes as amended.*

CARRIED

4. Treasurers Report & Financial Updates

- Meghan presented a copy of the March 15 – April 15, 2017 treasurers report.
- On May 4, 2017 we transferred \$30,000 from the project account to sustain operations until our grant arrives. It will be transferred back when grant is deposited.
- May 11, 2017 we received notification that our 2017-18 operational grant will be \$255,000. This is \$53,000 less than was requested.
- Meghan distributed copies of the revised annual budget for the BOD’s information.

Motion 16-38: Popick/De Alexandra – *Motion to accept the March 15 – April 15, 2017 treasurers report and 2017-18 operational budget as presented.*

CARRIED

- AB Ecotrust Community grant application will be submitted May 15th for the water bottle fill station project. (\$7,500)
- AB Ecotrust Major Project grant application submitted May 12, 2017 for integrated hydrologic modeling work with the ABR Model. (\$27,000)

5. Action item Follow up

- Board was provided handout with the April action items.

Action Item:	Who	By When	Progress
Outline of LSWC policy document	Tony, Tam, Meghan	Time permitting	In progress
Full Project proposal and budget for water bottle fill stations and Grant application to AB Ecotrust	Tammy, Kaylyn	May 15	In progress
Email Meghan more information about new GOA lake signage	Arin	May 1	Done
talk to Alana at the MD of Lesser Slave River regarding Green Acreage Workshops getting a spot on the MD page	Kaylyn	April 21	Done
Posters and Advertising of GAG workshops	Meg and Kaylyn	May 1	In progress, SL event cancelled
Request presentation for AGM from Anuja with AWC	Meghan	ASAP	Done – confirmed.
Update and send BOD Water Quality program sponsorship letter for distribution in their sectors.	Meghan & BOD	Time permitting	In progress
Create a standard kit that board members can bring with them to events that they are attending that includes LSWC information and other key resources.	Kaylyn	Time permitting	

Other Notes on Action items:

- Bob and Meghan to approach more oil field companies for sponsorship (June)
- Tammy and Tony plan to get together in May to start working Policy and Governance
- Lake Signage is available; we need to determine how many of which signs we want ASAP. Images and dimension will be sent out to Brian Rosche to take back to TOSL
- Kaylyn will write a guide to go with the trade show box.

6. Round Table

- Jules Asterisk: Keepers of the Athabasca outreach coordinator is approaching various groups to get paddlers to Smith to Athabasca for Canada Day (June 29th in Smith with send off BBQ paddling and arriving on July 1st at River Rats festival). LSWC will promote on social media once we receive more information etc.
- Jukes Asterisk: Update on meeting with SUEZ Environmental regarding Swan hills treatment plant. The number of sediment core samples to be taken has been changed from 3 to 1. A letter has been written and will be presented to different groups to gather support for returning to 3 samples.
- Jamie Bruha: GOA is developing a new tool for OHV Trail mapping. It's based off of forestry programs and calculates soil type, drainage and slope etc. to determine the best place to create trails. Currently it is internal only however once the program is finished being tested etc. it could be used to create maps for the public etc.

Action - Jamie will forward more information about the OHV trail desktop app to Meghan.

- Sediment source tracking: There is a new method of isotope source tracking that is a lot more cost effective.

Action - Jamie will email Meghan more information about sediment source tracking pilot projects.

- The MD of Lesser Slave River applied for flood mitigation funding for Eating Creek but was denied. They would like LSWC's support for the next application.

7. LSWC AGM

- June 16th, 2017 at the Faust Community Hall from 1:00pm to 4:30pm, BBQ to follow at Bayshore Resort at 5:30 with optional fishing and camping.
- Anuja from Alberta Water Council is coming as Keynote Speaker
- We will speak briefly on IWMP and speak more in depth on our sampling program
- Following Board positions are up for election:
 - Agriculture Alternate
 - Recreation and tourism alternate
 - Cottage and cabin owners alternate
 - Trappers Alternate
 - Oil and Gas
 - NGO alternate
 - Member at Large and Alternate

- First Nations and Metis Settlements should be sent a letter inviting them to the AGM and welcoming to join the board if they so wish.

Action – Meghan and Tammy will send letter to FN's and Metis settlements by May 18, 2017.

- AGM is being advertised in the spotlight for 3 weeks, emails have been sent to all our members and contacts, and we have a face book event created. Will advertise as a 10th Anniversary AGM
- Full agenda will be sent out shortly by Meghan.

8. Executive Director Updates

a. IWMP updates

- Revised work plan distributed to BOD.
- Final draft plan will be available by the 18th.
- Sandi and Meghan will meet with Jamie and some of the TAC members and regional AEP staff to talk about the plan and some of the feedback provided by various folks.
- Municipal Working Group and the Steering Committee and Board will be meeting June 8th with Sandi Riemersma to review the edits to the last draft.
 - Municipal Working Group will be from 10am-2pm and Board and Steering Committee Meeting will follow afterwards from 3pm- 7pm.
- Because we are meeting with Municipalities, the board, and AEP staff, and aboriginal groups individually we have decided not to have an “all” stakeholder meeting in the watershed. We will instead use an online review and response process that will be open for 6 weeks and all sectors will be encouraged to participate.
- Meghan and Tammy had a positive Meeting with Dustin Twinn and Darryel Sowan from Swan River on April 24, 2017. They are interested in our monitoring project and are supportive of helping implement plan recommendations as they apply on their nation. We will be going to see them to talk about the IWMP on June 13.
- Meetings with the other Nations and Metis groups have been requested.

b. Water Quality project updates

- Sampling was completed April 25 & 26 and May 11, 2017.
- Working to connect with Environmental Monitoring and reporting branch staff to have them come up for an AEP field training session.
- Raw data is stored at the office in excel format if the BOD should like to see it but will not be released in raw format.
- Have enough funding for part way through year two.
- Swan River is interested in what parameters we are sampling and is interested in potentially funding additional parameters for our sites on the Swan, we have asked Jana for recommendations etc. to take back to them.
- Meghan to email Jamie on monitoring program and having GOA staff come up

c. Riparian Project updates

- Town of High Prairie West Prairie River Project

- Need to have the Town agree to a setback and establish it as an environmental reserve or municipal reserve.
- Once set back is determined soil work, weed control and tree planting can take place.
- We have budget to complete the pre project RHI and to purchase some nursery trees. The other costs will be covered by the town.
- Kerri O from cows and Fish will be in HP next week and Meghan will be taking her to the new Dave Marx project and the Town of HP sites.
- Projects initiated last year are in progress weather permitting and need to be finished this season.

d. WPAC Managers meeting highlights

- Mixed messages about WPACs and their roles in monitoring have been going around. Some are doing monitoring with or without support from the province, some never want to, and one has heard that the GOA is considering making CBM part of the WPAC role.
- Funding concerns – As of April 20, 2017 we had heard nothing and there was discussion about the inefficiency of the grant program .
- Lack of communication of regional priorities to WPAC's. In our applications we are asked to have alignment with regional priorities, yet no one tells us what they are. Southern WPAC's have took it upon themselves to set up regional WPAC and AEP meetings before grant packages are due.
- The WPACs have questions about how our grant applications are evaluated. Apparently if WPAC's received WRRP grants this was considered against our operational requests. We would like justification for this.
- No WPAC Forums have been held since January 2016, and there is a lack of follow up on discussion from them in the past. If planned well these sessions with AEP key staff and WPAC's could be very effective and we are missing an opportunity.
- No summit in 2017, but there will be one in the Peace Watershed in 2018.
- WPAC's collectively requested \$4.7 million in core funding from the \$3.2 million dollars allocated to us.

9. Education and outreach

a. Trade Show updates

- High Prairie Gun Show: over 450 people over both days
- Slave Lake Trade Show: 388 over both days

b. Summer outreach plans

- RBC Blue Water day clean up at Devonshire at 5:30 on May 24, 2017. Everyone welcome.
- RBC Blue Water Day BBQ in High Prairie on May 31, 2017
- Blue Water Day community clean up at the River and Jaycee Park on May 28, 2017
- LSFES school field trips scheduled for High Prairie and Slave Lake throughout the end of May and in June.

- Anglers Cup – June 15th – outreach table set up at the registration event.

c. Other E&O

- Rain barrels are for sale until May 24th, sales are low so we likely won't do it in 2018.
- Driftpile Culture camp event planned for May 30th, 2017.
- Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance Annual General Meeting is May 26th in Peace River if any of our Board would like to attend.
- GAG workshop in Slave Lake cancelled due to low registration, High Prairie Workshop scheduled for May 17th pending more registration
- Song Bird Festival May 27th
- Kinuso outdoor Expo June 10th
- If there are events that anyone thinks we should participate in please send them along to staff with contact information to follow up.

10. Review Action items and upcoming dates

- Meghan to send out info on Respect Our Lake signage, board to give suggestions on placement ASAP so that we can work on getting them installed.
- Jamie will send Meghan OHV trail mapping project info as well as info on the GOA's sediment source tracking work.
- Tammy and Meghan will write a letter to First Nations and Metis regarding AGM/Board seats
- Tammy will send Jamie photos of the Shaw's Point construction project for follow up.

11. Adjournment

Motion 16-39: Smith/Bruha – *Motion to adjourn the board meeting at 9:00pm*

CARRIED