

SAUGEEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: Board of Directors
DATE: Thursday, July 25, 2013
TIME: 7:00pm
LOCATION: Administration Office, Formosa

CHAIR: Bill Scriven

DIRECTORS PRESENT: John Eccles, Terry Fisk, Wilf Gamble, Doug Gowanlock, Peter Hambly, Diane Huber, Glen Irwin, David Kell

DIRECTORS ABSENT, WITH REGRET: Roland Anstett, Ron Coristine, Brian Gamble, Dan Kerr, Carl Zettel

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Mike Leggett

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Bonnie Sherman, Executive Secretary
Members of the Press

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Due to the absence of a number of Directors at the meeting, the Chair requested that the election of the 1st Vice Chair, under New Business, be deferred to the next meeting, when it is hoped a larger complement of Directors will be present.

MOTION #G13-45

Moved by Peter Hambly
Seconded by Terry Fisk
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No persons declared a conflict of pecuniary interest relative to any item on the agenda.

3. MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MOTION #G13-46

Moved by Doug Gowanlock

Seconded by John Eccles

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held on May 30, 2013, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Sulphur Spring CA – Water Tap Update

At the May 30th Board of Directors meeting it was suggested that more prominent, professional signage be erected at the water tap at the Sulphur Spring Conservation Area in the hopes of encouraging the public to be more conscious of water conservation by turning the tap off properly after use. It is hoped the sign will also encourage more donations for the use of the facility. The new signage was presented to the Board of Directors for their information.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Luke Charbonneau – submitting his resignation as the Town of Saugeen Shores' representative on the Authority's Board of Directors – noted & filed

Town of Saugeen Shores – appointing Diane Huber as Luke Charbonneau's replacement as their representative on the Authority's Board of Directors – noted & filed

WSIB – results of Authority's Workwell Health & Safety Audit – achieved 87% pass rate – noted & filed

Peter Hambly expressed his compliments to Don Smith and all the staff who did such a great job in achieving such a successful audit.

Municipality of Arran-Elderslie – requesting the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to defer their decision to include all of Bruce and Grey Counties in the Emerald Ash Borer infestation zone – noted & filed

Copy of a letter from George Da Pont, President of Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) – response to Municipality of Arran-Elderslie's letter re Emerald Ash Borer (noted above) – CFIA noted the Ash Borer is very hard to detect and by the time it is detected, it has been in that area for a number of years. Therefore, CFIA's current policy is to include the whole area in the infestation zone.

For their information, the Chair advised the Directors that the Authority's inoculation program is now up and running and getting busier every day. A large promotion campaign, with television, radio and press releases, is underway to get the word out that the Authority offers this program. Requests are coming in on a daily basis.

The Directors requested an operations summary report on the inoculation program be provided at the next Board meeting for their information.

6. REPORTS

Chair & Conservation Ontario

The Chair and General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer made a presentation to the Council of the Municipality of West Grey, to update them on the current activities on the Conservation Authority. Mr. Scriven noted he has visited the majority of the Authority's properties in the last number of months. He noted an additional length of the predator fence at the Sulphur Spring Conservation Area has been upgraded. As well, staff has opened up an Information Centre and Wilderness Shop (gift shop) at the old office building, to increase the use of the building as well as to promote the Foundation and their efforts. Foundation volunteers operate the shop, which is open Wednesday to Sunday.

Finance Report

A copy of Report #6a, entitled Financial Reports, is appended to the office copy of these minutes. The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer explained a number of changes that were made to the Finance Report, to provide Directors with more accurate information.

MOTION #G13-47

Moved by Doug Gowanlock

Seconded by David Kell

THAT the Financial Report to May 31, 2013 be accepted as distributed and further;

THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$553,118.89 for May and June 2013 be approved for payment.

Carried

Program Report

A copy of Report #6b, entitled Program Report, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G13-48

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by Glen Irwin

THAT the Program Report be adopted as presented, and further

THAT the Permits as identified in Report #6b and dated July 25, 2013 be approved by the Board of Directors.

Carried

Foundation Report

A copy of the Foundation Report, Report #6c, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

Executive Committee Closed Session Minutes

MOTION #G13-49

Moved by Wilf Gamble

Seconded by Peter Hambly

THAT the draft minutes of the Executive Committee Closed Session, In Camera, Meeting, held on July 17, 2013, be received.

Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

Election to Fill 1st Vice Chair Vacancy

This matter was deferred to the next Board of Directors meeting in September.

Appointment to Property & Building Committee

MOTION #G13-50

Peter Hambly volunteered to fill the vacant position on the Property & Building Committee.

Moved by John Eccles

Seconded by Doug Gowanlock

THAT Peter Hambly be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Property & Building Committee, replacing Luke Charbonneau.

Carried

Insurance Report

A copy of Report #7a, entitled 2013 Insurance Renewal, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G13-60

Moved by Glen Irwin

Seconded by Wilf Gamble

THAT the Authority's 2013/2014 insurance coverage be renewed with Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc. at the quoted premium of \$76,505 plus applicable taxes.

Carried

Durham Upper Dam Spillway

A copy of Report #7b, entitled Upper Durham Dam Emergency Spillway Project, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

Following extensive discussion on this matter, it was recommended that staff meet with the Council of the Municipality of West Grey to review the current status of this project and to determine the municipality's interest in continuing this process.

8. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Terry Fisk noted he and his wife had attended the recent Conservation Evening Tour to the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority. They thoroughly enjoyed the tour and found it extremely interesting and worthwhile. He noted, however, that he was the only Authority Director on this tour and strongly encouraged all Directors who could arrange it to attend these informative evenings.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Closed Session, In Camera

MOTION G13-61

Moved by John Eccles

Seconded by Terry Fisk

THAT the Board of Directors move to Closed Session, In Camera, to discuss personnel matters, and further THAT Wayne Brohman remain in the meeting.

Carried

MOTION #G13-62

Moved by John Eccles

Seconded by Terry Fisk

THAT the Board of Directors adjourn from Closed Session, In Camera, and rise and report.

Carried

Only those items identified on the agenda were discussed in Closed Session. There were no actions to report from the Closed Session, In Camera.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:57pm on motion of Peter Hambly.

Bill Scriven
Chair

Bonnie Sherman
Executive Secretary