

**Wabamun Watershed Management Council
Board Meeting
November 17, 2020 (Zoom)
Minutes**

In Attendance: Don Meredith, Stan Kobylko, Dave Ball, Arin MacFarlane Dyer, Kelly Aldridge, Carman McNary, Neil Fleming, Stan Franklin, Petra Rowell, Michelle Foster, Sharon Blais, Robert Fernandez.

1. Welcome and introduction of new Board Member.
Neil introduced our newest Board member, Robert Fernandez, who is Parkland County's Director of Economic Diversification.

2. Review and approval of Agenda.
Dave/Kelly Approved

3. Review and approval of minutes from May 20, 2020 Board meeting.
Stan K/Michelle Approved

4. Appointment of 2020/2021 Executive.
Nominees: Chair Dave Ball
 Vice Chair Vacant - TBD
 Past Chair Neil Fleming
 Secretary Stan Franklin
 Treasurer Carman McNary

Kelly/Dave Approved

With Kelly's decision to retire from the Executive Committee Neil thanked Kelly on behalf of the Board for his long and dedicated service on the Board (since its inception) acting as Chair, Past Chair and more recently as Treasurer. He will continue to remain as a valued member of the Board of Directors.

5. Website, Newsletter, Facebook.
Don submitted his website and mail chimp report. Of interest was the decline in the number of visits to the Blue Green algae page.

Neil reported that the Facebook page now has 460 members.

6. Treasurer's Report
Kelly presented his final report as Treasurer and indicated that the total of cash on hand is \$10,085.42.

A motion regarding a change in signing authority was made by Neil Fleming and seconded by Dave Ball that the signing officers for the Society's bank account be:

Board Chair	Dave Ball
Board Treasurer	Carman McNary
Board Secretary	Stan Franklin

Motion Approved

7. October AGM.

It was agreed that the meeting and the Zoom format worked well. For future AGM's this format could be considered or a hybrid format consisting of both in person and on-line participation.

8. Watershed Management Plan Update.

While the WMP is essentially finalized there is some concern about taking a "Final" Plan out into the community for consultation. This led to a further discussion about what form consultation should take, who would be consulted and what would be the content of the information to be provided.

Related matters included:

- Printing of the WMP, the costs and the number of copies to be printed and what would they be used for.
- Creation of a short summary document for wide distribution.
- Possible webinar in December for public engagement. Arin will look into this.
- Engagement with Paul Band First Nation.
- Possible presentations to all Municipal Councils.
- Possible meeting with Municipal CAO's.
- Possible WMP Steering Committee meeting in January.
- Timing issues with respect to the above.

It was agreed that Arin, Petra, Dave and Stan would follow up on these matters and report to the Executive Committee.

9. Strategic Planning.

Carman has prepared and circulated a draft planning document. He will try to produce a second draft by next week.

10. Other Matters

- Liability Insurance - this policy has been renewed and the expense is reflected in the Treasurer's Report.
- Seba Beach CAO - Martino Verhaeghe has been appointed but his starting date is not known.
- TransAlta/Highvale Mine Reclamation - an updated reclamation plan for the Highvale Mine is to be submitted by TransAlta by the end of the year. It will have implications for the County's Highvale Area Structure Plan. Robert Fernandez will look into the Municipal Planning considerations including a new ASP.
- Village of Wabamun - Robert indicated that he had received information that the Village had, by a significant majority, approved dissolution and becoming part of Parkland County.
- ALMS winter sampling - Stan will coordinate with ALMS and we should let other Board members know when sampling is going to take place in the event they wish to come out.
- Electronic Records - Carman, Stan and Kelly will work on the conversion and storage of records for historical and regulatory purposes. It is anticipated that a Board member portal will be created on the website to enable access to Society records.
- NALMS conference - both Arin and Carman have been attending sessions on line.
- Dock Regulations - AEP is conducting a survey looking for public feedback on the latest proposed policy. The consensus is that the new policy is a significant improvement over previous versions. Arin will post a link to the survey on Facebook.

Next Meeting:

It was agreed that there would not be a December Board Meeting. Dave will report to the Board on any significant developments that arise before the next Board meeting and may call for an Executive Meeting in December.

The next Board meeting will be held on January 20, 2021.