

**Wabamun Watershed Management Council
Board Meeting
May 19, 2021 (Zoom)
Minutes**

In Attendance: Don Meredith, Stan Kobylko, Dave Ball, Arin MacFarlane Dyer, Carman McNary, Neil Fleming, Stan Franklin, Michelle Foster, Randy Heil, Kelly Aldridge, Denny Thomas, Sue Styles

1. Welcome.
2. Review and approval of Agenda.
Stan K/Neil Approved
3. Review and approval of minutes from February 17, 2021 Board meeting.
Minutes accepted as presented.
4. Website, Mail Chimp and Facebook Reports.
 - Don submitted his report in advance of the meeting. There were 371 distinct visitors to the Website and 753 page views. There are currently 232 members (taken from the list of email subscribers).
 - Neil advised that at last count the Facebook page has 9 new members for a total of 533 members.
5. Treasurer's Report.
 - Dave submitted the Treasurer's report in advance of the meeting and the report was approved as submitted.
6. Appointment of Sue Styles to Board of Directors.
 - Dave moved that, in accordance with the Board's power of appointment under the Bylaws, Sue Styles be appointed to the Board of Directors for the period extending to the 2021 AGM. Motion seconded by Michelle Foster and approved by the Board.
 - Dave indicated that he has reviewed the Bylaws regarding the composition of the Board of Directors and suggested that those provisions as well as others in the Bylaws should be reviewed, updated and presented for approval at the 2021 AGM.
 - Dave will prepare an updated list of current directors.
7. Watershed Management Plan.
 - Carman indicated that the WMP Steering Committee will be meeting in June. At that meeting the Committee will appoint two Co-Chairs. In advance of the meeting Carman will be

exploring funding options that would facilitate an early start up of the work of the Committee. He will also be looking at potential sources of longer term sustainable funding for the work of the WWMC.

- Arin reported that she has seen drafts of the final WMP and Summary document being prepared by NSW's consultant. They should be completed in the near future.

7. Land Stewardship Centre Grant.

- Stan F reported that the revised project description for the WMP "roll out" had been sent the LSC for consideration and approval. There has been some staff turnover at LSC and the submission is now in the hands of Brian Ilnicki. (Subsequent to the Board meeting, approval of the revised project description has been received from LSC).

8. ALMS Water Sampling.

- Randy Heil will be working with ALMs to coordinate the regular summer water sampling program as well as the 3 additional samplings associated with the satellite imaging project. The first regular summer sampling will take place in June.

9. Municipal Elections.

- The following points were discussed at the Board's April meeting and reflected in the minutes. Dave indicated that he will be following up with Board members regarding questions that they feel should be asked of candidates.
- *Municipal elections in the Summer Villages will be held in July and all other Municipal elections (including Parkland County) will be held in October. As discussed at the last Executive Meeting, it would be useful to pose strategic policy questions to candidates, receive those answers and publish the questions and answers in conventional and social media. The candidates would be advised that their answers would be published.*
- *Dave will reach out to Board members for questions that they think should be asked.*

10. Corporate Sponsors.

- Neil and Michelle Foster will work together to develop a strategy for approaching and recruiting potential corporate sponsors and will submit a package to the Board for consideration.

11. Sundance Board Launch.
 - Parkland County has confirmed that it will be putting out a Request for Proposals in the next few days for construction of the boat launch and related facilities.
12. Quarterly Newsletter.
 - A community member recently submitted a question to the website as a result of the Board minutes no longer being available for public access. The suggestion was that in the absence of minutes to review, community members would appreciate some form of regular updating of what is happening in the watershed. It was agreed that the existing Newsletter format would be the best vehicle to accomplish this. A new Communications Committee was established to look into the matter. The Committee members will be Dave Ball, Michelle Foster, Don Meredith and Sue Styles.
13. Next Meeting: June 16, 2021 (4pm - 6pm)