# Wabamun Watershed Management Council Board Meeting February 16, 2022 (Zoom) Minutes

In Attendance: Don Meredith, Stan Kobylko, Dave Ball, Neil Fleming, Kelly

Aldridge, Sue Styles, Arin MacFarlane Dyer,

Denny Thomas, Krista Ouesnel (for Robert Fernandez).

Michelle Foster

1. Welcome

Sue Styles, Chair of the WWMC called the meeting to order at

4:05pm.

2. Introduction

Krista Quesnel, Manager, Community Sustainability for Parkland County, who was sitting in for Robert Fernandez,

introduced herself.

3. Review and approval of Agenda.

Stan Kobylko/Kelly Aldridge

Approved.

4. Review and approval of minutes from January 19, 2022 Board meeting.

Dave Ball/Michelle Foster Approved.

- 5. Executive/Committee Reports.
  - a) Chair Report

Sue Styles highlighted the report that was distributed beforehand.

b) Treasurer's Report

Dave Ball highlighted the report that was distributed

beforehand.

c) Communication Report

Don Meredith highlighted the Website/Mailchimp report that was distributed beforehand. Neil Fleming provided an update on the WWMC Facebook page

on the WWMC Facebook page.

**Communication Strategy** 

The Communication Strategy was distributed in advance. Michelle Foster suggested adding local school students as part of the audience. Don Meredith was to make changes to the document based on the feedback provided and distribute as a

final version.

Logo – The WWMC logo will be used more prominently going forward, such as by adding the logo to the Facebook header. Instagram – The WWMC will look into configuring Facebook and Instagram so that posts will show on both social media platforms.

## d) Fundraising Report

Sue Styles provided a verbal report. Neil Fleming, Michelle Foster, Sue Styles and Denny Thomas comprise the Fundraising committee.

#### e) Governance Report

Sue Styles provided a verbal report. Sue Styles, Doug Thomas and Stan Franklin comprise the Governance committee. Sue is the lead on the Registered Charity application, Stan on the by law revision, and Doug on the strategic planning.

Motion to Accept Executive/Committee Reports as presented.

Michelle Foster/Dave Ball Approved

#### 6. Old Business.

## a) Completion of LSC Grant

The grant's term ends on March 31, 2022. WWMC currently has approximately \$900 in unspent funds. (\$1,772 unspent funds from Treasurer's report less the estimated \$800 for the  $2^{\rm nd}$  Michael Short video – invoice not as yet received). Discussion followed on the purchase of a display tent. WWMC will follow up with LSC to confirm whether that expenditure qualifies under the grant.

#### b) TransAlta

Neil Fleming reported that TransAlta has hired a contractor to complete repairs on the water treatment plant. There is no update on the status of the public engagement on the Highvale mine reclamation plan.

#### c) Sundance Boat Launch

Krista Quesnel reported that an update on the Sundance boat launch was presented at the recent Parkland County council meeting. The land and water acts approvals have been received and tender drawings and specifications have been completed. Expected completion remains 2022.

### d) Implementation Wabamun Watershed Management Plan (WMP)

## i) WMP Steering Committee

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be on March 10, 2022 at 2PM.

The two suggested agenda items: 1. Requesting an update on the analysis comparing the 2013 with the 2018 riparian assessments, and 2.Requesting an update on the status of TranAlta's reclamation plan will instead be handled as requests between meetings.

# ii) WWWMC Programs/projects/initiatives

- 1. Advancing Reed Bed Naturalization
  Discussion centered on methods for a review of the literature.
- 2. Advancing Land Use Bylaw revision
  Krista Quesnel reported that Parkland County is
  currently conducting a land use bylaw review and
  update.
- 3. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) education
  Neil Fleming reported that he is in contact with the AIS
  group at AEP regarding a potential date this summer for
  a boat inspection demonstration site at a Wabamun boat
  launch. Neil Fleming, Randy Heil and Dave Ball will
  follow up.
- 4. Collaborative Partnerships
  Krista Quesnel reported on Communities in Bloom at
  Wabamun, tree planting projects and the WRRP project
  at Whitewood Sands. Neil Fleming reported on a
  potential water run off project at the new Seba Beach
  pavilion.

# iii) Funding Grants

Sue Styles reported that the WWMC needs to develop project plans in advance of grant submission deadlines.

- iv) Building human resource capacity

  To be discussed in a future meeting.
- 8. Next Meeting:

Wednesday March 16th from 4:00PM to 6:00PM

9. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.