Wabamun Watershed Management Council Board Meeting August 17, 2022 (Zoom) Minutes

In Attendance: Sue Styles (Chair), Stan Kobylko, Neil Fleming, Kelly Aldridge, Arin MacFarlane Dyer, Denny Thomas, Don Meredith, Doug Thomas, and Stan Franklin.

Guests: Megan Thompson and Shirley Munro

- 1. Welcome.
- 2. Review and approval of Agenda. Approved.
- Review and approval of minutes from June 29, 2022 Board meeting. Approved.
 Review and approval of minutes from June 29, 2022 Special meeting.

4. **Executive/Committee Reports**.

a) Chair Report.

Submitted as part of Board package.

b) Treasurer's Report.

Submitted as part of Board package. A secure email will be needed to accept e Transfers in the future. Don will investigate.

c) Communication Report.

Combined June/July report submitted as part of the Board package. There were 1467 visitors to the website with "Fisheries" being the top page searched. There are currently 232 general members. Neil reported that a background pamphlet on the history and role of the WWMC is in the works.

d) Fundraising/Governance

The Fundraising Committee met on July 5th. Donations received to date are \$850 Corporate and \$275 Individual.

Sue reported that the 2022 Bylaws have been filed with Alberta Registries. The reduction in size of the Board to nine members will be implemented at the 2022 AGM.

The completed application for charitable status has been sent to CRA.

A draft of the Guiding Principles of WWMC Governance was presented. Motion by Denny Thomas to approve Guiding Principles of WWMC Governance. Seconded by Kelly Aldridge. Carried.

Motion made to accept reports as submitted. Carried.

5. **Implementation of the Watershed Management Plan.**

(a) WMP Steering Committee – the SC met on July 27th and draft minutes have been circulated to Committee members and are available to WWMC Board members.

(b) 2022 LakeWatch Water Sampling – the August Sampling was conducted by Neil and ALMS and included a number of representatives from watershed municipalities. Neil indicated that it might be useful to consider Moonlight Bay as a sampling site next year.

(c) WWMC Education Events – Neil confirmed that the July 23rd AIS inspection at the Wabamun boat launch was very successful and AEP staff are interested in conducting a similar program next year, perhaps at the Provincial Park boat launch.

(d)TransAlta Update – Stan advised that the Water Treatment Plant is still not operational due to ongoing testing of the quality of the water that is coming out of the plant. Stan will also contact TransAlta regarding our request for an Executive Summary of the Reclamation Plan submitted to AER at the end of June. Stan will also request that TransAlta provide further information (to be shared with David Chanasyk) regarding methodology for the Reclaimed Ash Project.

(e) Reed Bed Restoration/Naturalization – Sue advised that Solstice Environmental has a staff member working on reed bed mapping for the Wabamun shoreline.

(f) Septic System Inspection – Neil advised that Seba Council will be expecting to receive a quote from a private inspection firm for the inspection of septic systems in the Summer Village.

(g) **Ridge Water ASP Application** – A draft response to the project consultants will be prepared for Sue's signature.

(h) **Decibel Coalition** – Neil indicated that he has enrolled the WWMC as a member of the Coalition. SV Seba Beach will also become a member.

6.	Next Executive Meeting	Wednesday September 14 (4:00pm-6:00pm) Zoom.
7.	Next Board Meeting	Wednesday September 21 (4:00pm-6:00pm) Zoom.
8.	Adjournment	