

Wabamun Watershed Management Council
Board Meeting
September 21, 2022 (Zoom)
Minutes

In Attendance: Sue Styles (Chair), Stan Kobytko, Neil Fleming, Kelly Aldridge, Arin MacFarlane Dyer, Denny Thomas, Michelle Foster, Dave Ball and Stan Franklin.

Guest: Megan Thompson

1. Welcome.
2. Review and approval of Agenda.
Denny/Stan K Approved.
3. Approval of minutes from August 17, 2022 Board meeting.
Denny/Neil Approved.
Approval of minutes of August 10, 2022 Executive Committee meeting.
Approved by the members of the Executive Committee in attendance.
4. **Executive/Committee Reports.**
 - a) **Chair Report.**

Submitted as part of Board package.

 - Carbon Hub Project - Sue advised that she had been in touch with Shane Nightingale of Enbridge regarding a possible presentation by a staff member at the November Board meeting.
 - Purple Loosestrife has been identified near SV Seba Beach. AEP will be removing the plants on October 3rd.
 - The Confined Feeding Operation that was proposed for the Pigeon watershed was not approved by the NRCB and the appeal period is about to expire. Arin indicated that the proponents are now looking at another site. Denny suggested that it would be useful to get a copy of the submission from the residents as reference material should similar development applications be made in the Wabamun watershed. Arin advised that the submissions can be found on the NRCB website. Apparently the PLWA did not have status to make a separate submission.
 - Indigenous Engagement and Acknowledgement Statement. Sue spoke to the matter and it was agreed that this is an important matter to address. A committee was formed (Sue, Michelle, and

Arin) to look at the development of an Acknowledgement Statement recognizing the history and ongoing role of Indigenous peoples in the watershed – particularly the Paul, Enoch and Alexis First Nations and Metis Nation.

b) Treasurer's Report.

Submitted as part of Board package.

c) Communication Report.

- Don submitted his Mail Chimp Statistics. Neil indicated that there are now 713 members on the Facebook site. A brief discussion followed regarding criterion for admitting or rejecting applications from individuals wishing to be a member on the site.
- Don would like to put out a Fall Newsletter and is looking for topics and volunteers to draft content for particular items.

d) Fundraising/Governance

Sue indicated that the Fundraising Committee will be meeting shortly.

Motion made to accept reports as submitted. Neil/Dave Carried.

5. Implementation of the Watershed Management Plan.

(a) WMP Steering Committee – Sue indicated that the SC has not met since July 27th. Sue and Doug Thomas will be meeting with Scott Millar and Kelsie Norton of NSWA on September 26th.

(b) 2022 LakeWatch Water Sampling – the Summer Sampling has been completed. The last sampling took place in early September. The Winter Sampling Program will be going ahead in December. Stan reported a discussion he had with Caleb Sinn of ALMS regarding last year's Satellite samplings. The data from the samplings is still being worked on and may be available for the 2023 season.

(c) WWMC education/outreach

Neil indicated he will follow up with Les Worthington (Principal of Wabamun School) to discuss WWMC participation in school watershed education.

(d) Seba Update

- Neil reported that the SV Seba Beach has retained The Inspections Group to undertake a visual septic audit on 100 of the approximately 200 lake front properties at Seba Beach. The Inspectors will be able to demand access to enter the premises

if required. This project is the first phase of the planned audit of approximately 350 properties in the SV.

- The SV's of Seba Beach, Betula Beach, Kapasiwin and Lakeview are exploring the opportunity to do a collaborative re-write of the Land Use Bylaw of each SV. It is anticipated that funding for this undertaking will come from a Collaborative Municipal Funding Grant.
- Seba Council met with MLA Shane Getson and Councillors from Lac Ste Anne County to discuss possible future methods to manage sewage adjacent to waterbodies. Getson indicated that no funding will be available for private sewage systems except for low-income seniors.

(d) TransAlta Update

- Stan indicated that he had been advised by Stacey Lauder that the Water Treatment Plant is operating and has been doing so for a couple of weeks.
- Highvale Reclamation Plan – Stan indicated that he, Sue, and Denny had recently had a Zoom call with Dr. Chanasyk who will be returning to Alberta at the end of September. A meeting with TransAlta staff will likely be held in the second week of October to finalize process for Dr. Chanasyk's review of the Reclamation Plan. A request was also made to TransAlta to fund a review of the plan for the Fly Ash reclamation project by Dr. Chanasyk.
- South Shore Boat Launch – Stan reported on a discussion with Dave Cross of Parkland. He will be visiting the site on the 23rd and will provide a status report to Stan. He understands that the work is close to completion but the site will not be opened until next Spring. Depending on water levels in the Spring some dredging may be required to provide adequate depth.

(e) Reed Bed Restoration/Naturalization – Michelle indicated that the mapping of existing reed beds using Google satellite images will not be possible because of the resolution of the images is not good enough. She understands that Parkland has high resolution historical images and will contact them to see if they can be provided for this project.

(f) Parkland County Update – Sue reported on the Ridge Water Resort Open House held at the Fallis Community Hall. It was agreed that we would continue to monitor the process for the time being. Many of the technical reports referenced at the Open House are the same reports that were submitted in support of the previous

application for approval of a trailer park. The full text of those reports was provided to the public at the time of the SDAB hearing.

6. **Next Meeting** **AGM** Wednesday October 19, 2022 likely at AEP Spruce Grove.
7. **Next Board Meeting** Wednesday November 16, 2022
(4:00pm-6:00pm) Zoom.
8. **Adjournment**