



Minutes

MRWCC Board Meeting

May 30, 2023 – 1:00 PM

County of Warner ASB Meeting Room

Present:

Ed Sloboda, Peggy Losey, Will Lindeman, William King, Scott MacCumber, Ross Ford, Roger Houghton, Ben Ellert, John Ross, Ken Brown, Joan Hughson, Richard Oster, Kristen Dykstra, Jon Boyle, Ken Miller, Darcy Wills, Janna Casson, Jessica Olsen, Tim Romanow, Allison Choquette, Mary Lupwayi

Absent:

Ron McNeil, Jollin Charest, Cheryl Dash, Warren Cunningham

1. Welcome and introductions

- Tim Romanow welcomed everyone to the meeting
- He brought the meeting to order at 1:00 pm
- Introductions were conducted
 - Janna Casson the newly appointed Board member representing academia introduced herself
 - Jessica Olsen - summer student

2. Approve Agenda

Motion 1: Ken Brown moved to approve the agenda as presented. William King seconded.
Carried

3. Minutes from March 23, 2023 meeting

- Past minutes were reviewed

Motion 2: Peggy Losey moved to accept the minutes as presented. Will Lindeman seconded.
Carried

4. Organizational election

- Executive Board election
 - Chairman
 - Nomination brought forward: **John Ross** as Chairman
 - Vice Chairman
 - Nomination brought forward: **Ron McNeil** as Vice Chairman
 - Treasurer
 - Nomination brought forward: **Will Lindeman** as Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Nomination brought forward: **Warren Cunningham** as Secretary

- Nominations were called out 3 times as they were read. No further nominations were received

Motion 3: Peggy Losey moved to accept the Executive Board nominations as presented and elections to cease. Scott MacCumber seconded. Carried.

- Team Leader election
 - Community Awareness and Involvement Team
 - **Ed Sloboda**
 - Research and Monitoring Team
 - **Janna Casson**
 - Water Supply and Management Team
 - **Ken Brown**
 - Transboundary Watershed Team
 - **Ron McNeil**
- Nominations were called out 3 times as they were read. No further nominations were received

Motion 4: William King moved to accept Team Chair appointments. Ross Ford seconded. Carried.

5. Grants

- AEP core grant update
 - Have signed agreement for \$320,000 each year for 4 fiscal years, ending March 2027
- Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk
 - Application pending approval
 - The grant will be for 2 fiscal years
 - i. \$75,000 – 2023/24
 - ii. \$85,000 -2024/25
- Insight Chartered Professional Accountants
 - Working well with the company
 - Would be good to retain their services but would need to know their new rates before deciding

Action 1: Mary to request new rates for the next 3 years from Insight and bring to the next Board meeting for approval of whether to retain Insight services

Action 2: Tim to follow-up on the status of the grant application

- Canada Summer Jobs
 - Approved for 8 weeks only
 - Budget will be offset by core funding
 - Jessica has started work and doing a great job

6. MRWCC Website revamp update

- The contractor has started revamping the website to a WordPress system, a more user-friendly system
- The design mock-up was displayed

- The new site will be live in summer

7. Elected officials/MRWCC board headwaters tour planning update

- Scheduled for June 28, 2023, dependent on the political election's outcome
- There are challenges with chartering a bus to cross the border
- Plan B is to have participants meet at Babb in Montana and get a bus from there. Looking at liability issues
- Proposed tour:
 - Headwaters, Sherburn to Diversion Dam to Hooks Hide Away for lunch and presentations to viewing syphon tubes to Spider Lake, and drop structures

Action 3: Tim to provide tour itinerary

Action 4: Tim to send letters of invitation to delegates when confirmed

8. Round table discussions

- Darcy: Inquired on the Beach closures at WOSPP
 - Kristen – use of new indicators has decreased beach closure frequency
- Jon: Mike Bruisedhead is a great addition to the Council as the FN rep Board.
- Peggy: Need to consult with Mike on a presentation on First Nations Cultural awareness presentation at a future Board meeting
- Jon: County of Warner is a great venue for meetings as it is more centralized for people driving from further North, thank you to the County for allowing us to use their space
- Ed: proposed having a winter meeting at Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump with a tour of the facility, Aaron Domes is the new managers there and had offered

9. Other items

10. Meeting Adjournment

Motion 5: Ed Sloboda moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:08pm.

11. Next Meeting Date

- September 21, 2023

Signatures:

Chairman: _____

Secretary: _____