

SAUGEEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: Board of Directors
DATE: Thursday, March 28, 2013
TIME: 1:00pm
LOCATION: Administration Office, Formosa

CHAIR: Bill Scriven

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Roland Anstett, Luke Charbonneau, Ron Cristine, John Eccles, Terry Fisk, Brian Gamble, Wilf Gamble, Glen Irwin, David Kell, Mike Leggett, Carl Zettel

DIRECTORS ABSENT, WITH REGRET: Peter Hambly

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Doug Gowanlock, Dan Kerr

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Dave Pybus, Sr. Manager, Flood Forecasting & Lands
Gary Senior, Sr., Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations
Don Smith, Sr. Manager, Water Resources
Jim Penner, Manager, Forestry
Jo-Anne Harbinson, Manager, Water Resources & Stewardship Services
Laura Molson, Manager, Accounting
David Ellingwood, Acting Project Manager, Source Water Protection
Catherine Bould, Communications Assistant/Graphics
Bonnie Sherman, Executive Secretary
John Bujold, Gaviller & Co., Walkerton
Members of the Press

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A new agenda item, entitled Emerald Ash Borer Update, was added to the agenda under New Business.

MOTION #G13-25

Moved by Luke Charbonneau
Seconded by Roland Anstett
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No persons declared a conflict of pecuniary interest relative to any item on the agenda.

3. MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

MOTION #G13-26

Moved by Ron Coristine

Seconded by Carl Zettel

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held on February 14, 2013, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Watershed Report Cards

In association with World Water Week, the new province-wide standardized Report Cards were released. Out of 36 Conservation Authorities, 32 followed the new standardized format for presenting this information. Individual watershed reports were sent out previously to all Directors by courier and the Report Card was distributed at the meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Email from MNR, Peterborough – re update on individual Conservation Authority Regulations – noted and filed

News Release from Environment Canada – re Government of Canada announcing their investment in a Community Environmental Project in Bruce County, from the EcoAction Communication Funding Program. The Pine River Watershed Initiative Network will receive federal funding over three years to improve water quality by restoring and protecting riparian areas – noted & filed

Township of Huron-Kinloss – appointing Wilf Gamble as their representative on the Authority's Board of Directors for the remainder of the Council term of 2014 – noted & filed

Municipality of South Bruce – appointing Carl Zettel as their representative on the Authority's Board of Directors for 2013 – noted & filed

Western Waste Management Facility newsletter – highlighting the day-long WaterWorks Program for local high school students. Also highlighting OPG's community support of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation's 2012 Christmas in the Country event. – noted & filed

6. REPORTS

Chair & Conservation Ontario

The Chair noted he had attended several Council meetings since the last Board meeting, as well as the Maple Syrup Festival hosted by the SVC Foundation. He also noted that the next Conservation Ontario Council meeting is scheduled for April 8 and that Wayne Brohman would be attending.

Finance Report

A copy of Report #6a, entitled Financial Reports, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G13-27

Moved by John Eccles

Seconded by Brian Gamble

THAT the Financial Report to February 28, 2013 be accepted as distributed and further;
THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$253,797.76 for January and February 2013 be approved for payment.

Carried

Program Report

A copy of Report #6b, entitled Program Report, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G13-28

Moved by Roland Anstett

Seconded by Mike Leggett

THAT the Program Report be adopted as presented, and further
THAT the Permits as identified in Report #6b and dated March 28, 2013 be approved by the Board of Directors.

Carried

Foundation Report

Catherine Bould reported that the Foundation's Olde-Tyme Maple Syrup Festival was another huge success, with an estimated 7,000 people in attendance for the two-day event. The fine weather played a large part in the large crowds in attendance.

The Foundation will be holding their Annual General Meeting on April 11, 2013.

Executive Committee Closed Session Conference Call Minutes

These draft minutes were provided to the Board of Directors for their information.

MOTION #G13-29

Moved by Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Ron Coristine

THAT the draft minutes of the Executive Committee Closed Session Conference Call Meeting, held on February 25, 2013, be received.

Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

Reserves Report

A copy of Report #7a, entitled Reserve Report, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G13-30

Moved by Mike Leggett

Seconded by Terry Fisk

THAT appropriations to and from reserves, as at December 31, 2012 be approved as distributed.

Carried

2012 Financial Statements

John Bujold, from Gaviller & Co. of Walkerton, reviewed the Authority's audited 2012 Financial Statements for the Directors' information and approval.

MOTION #G13-31

Moved by Glen Irwin

Seconded by Roland Anstett

THAT the 2012 audited Financial Statements, as prepared by Gaviller & Co. of Walkerton, be adopted.

Carried

2012 Annual Report

The 2012 Annual Report was presented to the Board of Directors for their adoption. The report will be posted on the Authority's website and hard copies will be mailed to the watershed municipalities.

MOTION #G13-32

Moved by Ron Coristine

Seconded by Mike Leggett

THAT the 2012 Annual Report be accepted as presented and authorized for distribution.

Carried

Emerald Ash Borer – Update

The current situation on the monitoring and control of the invasive pest, the Emerald Ash Borer, is about to change. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), which is the lead organization responsible for invasive pests, has indicated that it is unable to adequately control the spread of this major forest pest. The CFIA has drafted three different action plans to move forward in dealing with this pest, with their preferred plan being one that, in the opinion of the forest industry, will hasten the spread of this destructive pest. A more appropriate plan would see the CFIA partnering with municipalities, government agencies, forest-based industries and other groups such as Conservation Authorities to assist in monitoring and reporting on the spread of this pest. Major lobbying of the CFIA is required to ensure they choose the appropriate action plan for the best interest of our environment.

Presentation – Water Management Department

Don Smith, Sr. Manager, Water Resources, and Jo-Anne Harbinson, Manager, Water Resources & Stewardship Services, provided an extensive slide show presentation of the Authority's Water Management Program, highlighting the three basic areas of the program, being Protection, Prevention and Enhancement. The information included the background of the program in the Saugeen watershed, current water issues and initiatives, descriptions of the Authority's numerous projects over the years including ongoing and current day-to-day maintenance. Capital works, including the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure program (WECI), were also outlined. Financial information relating to the Water Management Program was summarized, in comparison to the overall budget, General Levy and Special Benefiting Levy.

Directors were also provided with information on the various stewardship and outreach activities conducted by Saugeen Conservation staff.

A number of questions were asked for clarification purposes, but Directors agreed the presentation was very informative and well done.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Closed Session, In Camera

MOTION #G13-33

Moved by Ron Coristine

Seconded by Mike Leggett

THAT the Board of Directors move to Closed Session, In Camera, to discuss personnel matters, and further

THAT Wayne Brohman remain in the meeting.

Carried

MOTION #G13-34

Moved by Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Brian Gamble

THAT the Board of Directors adjourn from Closed Session, In Camera, and rise and report.

Carried

Only those items identified on the agenda were discussed in Closed Session.

There were no actions to report from the Closed Session, In Camera.

9. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE REPORTS

No one brought forth any items under For the Good of the Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:27pm on motion of Luke Charbonneau.

Bill Scriven
Chair

Bonnie Sherman
Executive Secretary