

## Board Meeting

May 9, 2019; 11:30 am – 4:00 pm

SEAWA Office, 419 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 0G9

Teleconference option:

Phone in: 1-855-392-2520

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Lunch was provided at 11 :30 am

Attending: Diane Harty, Stuart Murray, Garry Lentz (Chair), Karen Saffran, Janelle Villeneuve, Greg Heebner, Alf Belyea, Ryan Davidson (Vice-Chair), John Michalopoulos, Ron Linowski (Secretary), Marilou Montemayor, Audrey Goodwin.

Visitor/observer: Greg Paxman, city of Medicine Hat; nominee for the open board seat, Municipal Government – Urban, AGM 2019 elections

### Decisions, May 9, 2019

1. Conflict of interest statement has been appended to the Board of Directors Terms of Reference.
2. Changed Greg Heebner's seat category from the ENGO to the Outdoor and Eco-tourism and made the ENGO seat open for election.

### Minutes

1. Call to order by the Chairman at 12.08 pm
2. Welcome and introductions around the table
3. Approval of the agenda; any additions/deletions (**Doc1**)

Addition to the agenda: RFCPP final project report submitted on May 7, 2019

Moved to approve the agenda with the added item by Stuart Murray; seconded by John Michalopoulos

CARRIED.

4. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes, February 14, 2019 (**Doc2**)

Moved to approve the February 14, 2019 meeting minutes by John Michalopoulos; seconded by Alf Belyea

CARRIED.

## New Business

### 5. Plan and review documents for the AGM June 13, 2019

- a) Proposed moving Greg Heebner from Environmental NGO to the Outdoor and Eco-tourism category. ENGO category will be advertised as an open seat.

Moved to change Greg Heebner's seat category from the ENGO to the Outdoor and Eco-tourism and make the ENGO seat open for election, by Karen Saffran; seconded by Ron Linowski

CARRIED.

Also seeking industry, federal, aboriginal directors. Up to 13 positions are to be advertised. AGM is June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

- b) Thirteen seats open for elections (**Doc3**)

Nominations have been received from: Greg Paxman, for the Municipal Government – Urban; and Brent Smith, Academic Institutions.

- c) Garry Lentz will conduct the election

- d) Secretary position volunteer – undecided

Ron Linowski has completed three consecutive terms as director and secretary. Ron volunteered to be a member of the Policy Committee and the Technical Committee.

- e) Some edits were provided to the document "SEAWA in Brief" (**Doc4**). The document is a backgrounder for recruiting new directors or new directors, along with the Board of Directors Terms of Reference. It provides the basis of Water for Life policy, and the role of WPACs.

Garry Lentz may try to recruit from Pheasants Forever or AB Fish and Game for a board seat; or as a speaker.

- f) Natalie Kromrey as speaker has long been planned but government restrictions on activities may still be in place.

Some potential future speakers: from SMRID - talk about irrigation in general, Ducks Unlimited, ACA

- g) Venue – Crowfoot Room, Medicine Hat College

- h) Orientation date of new directors of the board, and by whom will be decided at the board meeting following the AGM

- i) AGM notification (with agenda, open seats, and amendment to Board of Directors Terms of Reference) to members will be sent out by May 13.

### 6. Amendment to Board of Directors Terms of Reference – adding a section on conflict of interest (**Doc5**); for ratification at the AGM

Conflict of interest statement has been appended to the terms of reference as a policy change.

Moved by John Michalopoulos, seconded by Alf Belyea to approved this policy change for presentation at the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 AGM.

## Information

### 7. Reports/ Update

Added agenda item: RFCPP Report

Executive Director presented the summary on restoration projects where planting and fencing of riparian areas was provided at Sauder reservoir and the Fisher/Yeast property and others (Connaught pond, College Dr. SE; McKinley and Krauss). A total of 4.982 km was restored. The final project report prepared by the ED and submitted to Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

WRRP riparian restoration project is continuing until March 2020.

### 8. Information from your sector to share – none; some are mentioned above (City of Medicine Hat, RMA, AEP)

Grant application to AEP and budget was good.

### 9. Next meeting: June 13, 2019; right after the AGM, at 4 pm at the Medicine Hat College, Crowfoot Room

### 10. Moved by Stuart Murray to adjourn. Adjourned at 2:51 pm.