

WABAMUN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

BOARD MEETING

AEP Spruce Grove

6:30PM November 15, 2017

In Attendance: Neil Fleming, Kelly Aldridge, Don Meredith,
Arin MacFarlane Dyer, Denise Purdy, Don Waterman,
Jordyce Van Muyden, Stan Kobylko, Tracy Muloin, Jack
Latham and Stan Franklin

1. Welcome and introduction of guests.
Dave Trew, Executive Director NSWA
2. Review and approval of meeting agenda.
Stan Kobylko/Neil Fleming
3. Review and approval of minutes from September 13, 2017 Board Meeting.
Tracy Muloin/Kelly Aldridge
4. Executive Report - meeting notes from October 31, 2017 meeting.
Notes attached.
5. Treasurer's Report.
Neil Fleming/Denise Purdy
6. Election of Executive Committee for 2017/2018.

The following Board members were put forward as the members of the 2017/2018 Executive Committee:

Chair	Neil Fleming
Vice Chair	Don Waterman
Past Chair/Secretary	Stan Franklin
Treasurer	Kelly Aldridge
Communications Chair	Don Meredith
Special Projects Chair	Jack Latham

There being no further nominations from the floor, the proposed members of the Executive Committee were approved by the Board.
Kelly Aldridge/Stan Kobylko

7. Wabamun Lake Watershed Management Plan.
Dave Trew indicated that the Steering Committee will meet on November 28th. NSWA is in the process of bringing on additional resources to fill current vacancies. This will result in some delay to the project.

Terms of Reference for the Municipal Implementation Committee will be developed shortly after the Steering Committee meeting.
8. South shore boat launch update.
As indicated in the Executive Meeting notes, discussions are proceeding between Parkland County and TransAlta regarding the reopening of the Sundance boat launch.
9. 2017/2018 projects.
This topic will be discussed further following the November 28th Steering Committee meeting.
10. Fisheries.
Don Meredith provided a summary of Lorne Fitch's paper (published on Don's blog site) on the current state of fish health and fish habitat health in the Province. In essence Lorne's paper described how development has fractured and disconnected the network of fish habitat that historically facilitated repopulation of fish stocks in areas that experienced declines.
11. Alberta Water Council Recommendations for Improving Lake Management.
The consensus of the Board is that the AWC recommendations to the Province are well founded measures and the WWMC should communicate its support of the recommendations to the Minister of AEP. Neil and Stan will develop a letter to be sent to the Minister.
12. Adjournment

Next Board Meeting: December 20, 2017

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SPRUCE GROVE

OCTOBER 31, 2107

MEETING NOTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Jack Latham, Don Meredith, Kelly Aldridge, Don Waterman, Neil Fleming and Stan Franklin

1. At the November 15th Board Meeting the Board will elect the members of the Executive Committee. The 2016/2017 Executive Committee will propose the following Board members for election to the 2017/2018 Executive Committee:

Chair	Neil Fleming
Vice Chair	Don Waterman
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2. Recognition of retiring Board Members

It was agreed that a letter of thanks from the Board would be sent to each retiring Board member. Retirees this year are Dan Saunders, Art Erickson and Dave Mussell. Neil and Stan will prepare the letters.

3. Alberta Water Council Recommendations for Lake Management

The recommendations in the AWC report submitted to the GOA this July represent an important and long overdue blueprint for the Government to take a leadership role in Lake Management planning. It is not clear whether implementation of any of the 12 recommendations will be a priority for the Government. It was agreed that we should connect with other watershed groups within the region to determine whether a joint submission to the Minister should be made supporting the early implementation of at least some of the recommendations. Stan will start by contacting the Pigeon and Sylvan groups as well as ALMS.

4. Highvale Mine Reclamation

Given the long term importance of the water quality and water quantity from the this site, once reclaimed, it was agreed that we should continue to closely monitor the progress toward reclamation. TAU will be represented on the WMP steering committee as will AEP and it is hoped that the Alberta Energy Regulator will at least be a member of the WMP Technical Committee. That should provide a forum for discussion and collaboration on this issue.

5. Watershed Management Plan

Dave Trew advised that Breda Muldoon, the project leader within NSWA, will be moving on to another job with Golder and Associates doing work that is more aligned with her credentials and interests. In the interim Dave will be our contact point on the project until he is able to recruit to the position. The first Project Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for late November. Neil and Don are our representatives on that Committee.

6. Summer Village Bylaws

Model land use bylaws were to come out of the Parkland Watershed Land Use Plan but that did not happen. Pigeon Lake Watershed Association has already produced model land use bylaws for use by watershed municipalities. Summer villages may be able to lead the way by implementing at least some non-controversial bylaws in respect of land use and land owner practices. The villages would have a more streamlined process than the County and as well it appears that the County has other priorities to address. Neil will take a look at some of the work of the Pigeon Lake group and report back.

7. South Shore Boat Launch

Stan will contact Dave Cross at Parkland to get an update on the discussion with TAU to reopen the Sundance site.