

Wabamun Watershed Management Council

Board Meeting

**AEP Spruce Grove
6:30PM March 14, 2018**

Minutes

In attendance: Denise Purdy, Arin MacFarlane Dyer, Petra Rowell, Kelly Aldridge, Don Waterman, Don Meredith, Neil Fleming, Jack Latham, Stan Franklin

1. Welcome and introduction of guests

Sarah Gooding, Ted Gooding, Dixie Cherkowski, Mike Cherkowski, Lynn Berg, Ron Hageman, Mark Hicks, Diane Hicks, Gary Laschuk, Jack Bannerman, Charlie Patching, Bob Schimmel, Margy Legrow.

2. Review and approval of meeting agenda

Kelly requested that Invasive Species be added to the agenda.
Agenda approved - Kelly/Don M

3. Review and approval of minutes from February 21, Board meeting

Approved without changes - Don M/Denise

4. Treasurer's Report (Kelly)

Kelly presented his Treasurer's report indicating disbursements of \$200.54 in the last month and a current cash balance of \$17,091.25.

5. Website, Newsletter, Facebook Update (Don, Neil)

Don M and Neil reported on activity on the Website and Facebook.
Don will be producing a Spring Newsletter in early April.

6. WMP Steering Committee Meeting Update (Stan, Petra, Arin)

Petra, Stan and Arin reported on the Steering Committee meeting held at the Village of Wabamun on March 8, 2018. Committee members are Petra Rowell (NSWA), Peter Vana (Parkland County), Shawn Patience (CAO Village of Wabamun), Sue Evans (CAO

Seba Beach and representing Betula Beach, Lakeview and Kapasiwin), Jim O'Brien (CAO Point Alison), Greg Milne (TransAlta), Neil Fleming (WWMC), Arin MacFarlane Dyer (AEP) and Stan Franklin (WWMC). The committee approved the appointment of Stan Franklin as Chair and Sue Evans as Vice Chair. Arin will Chair the WMP Technical Committee. Petra gave a Power Point presentation to the Steering Committee outlining the various steps and objectives of the WMP. The PP presentation will be circulated to Board members for their information. Arin advised that she is still working on filling out the membership on the Technical Committee. The Steering Committee will meet quarterly at the Village of Wabamun. Petra and Stan, as Chair, will meet as required.

7. Septic Sense Workshop Update (Don Waterman)

Don reported on the Parkland County Septic Sense workshop that he attended in late February. The workshop was attended by over 50 people and took place over a 3 hour period. With respect to Wabamun Lake, it was noted that there are a number of old septic systems around the lake that are probably in need of rehabilitation or replacement. Information about the Septic Sense program and financial assistance can be found at Parklandcounty.com. A similar workshop will be held at Seba Beach on July 14th.

8. Ice Heave Updates

- a. Permitting (Arin) - AEP has received 60 applications to date and there have been 20 applications that have been approved. The Department is attempting to expedite the processing of applications. Arin pointed out that each application will be considered based on current policies and there will be no "grandfathering" to permit restoration of former shoreline conditions that would not meet current standards and policies. She also indicated that applicants should make sure that legal boundaries are identified in their applications.
- b. Alberta Geological Survey presentation to board Laurence Andriashek? - Arin advised that Mr. Andriashek will be presenting at the ARL Forum in May at Pigeon Lake. The matter of a possible presentation by Mr. Andriashek to the WWMC was tabled.

- c. Shoreline Restoration Workshop, David Polster, April 13,14. Date, location, attendees, organizing committee, cost, etc.

The April dates were considered and it was felt that conditions at the lake might not be conducive to field work. As well, it is very early in the season and remedial measures that will be discussed will be longer term. Subsequent to the Board meeting, Neil was able to determine that Mr. Polster was available to do the workshop on May 11-12. Following confirmation of those dates, the Executive Committee will meet to discuss the workshop in more detail.

9. Summer Walkabout

The delivery of the "Clean Runoff Guide" prepared by the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association was discussed. Arin will check with PLWA to determine when the Guide will be available for printing. Previous walkabouts have focused on shoreline properties and Arin expressed the view that we should consider targeting back lots as well on the Clean Runoff issue. A Rain Barrel program could also be looked at.

10. Fundraising

There may be fund raising opportunities associated with the proposed Summer Walkabout.

11. Invasive Species

Kelly advised that the media has reported that Whirling Disease has been found in the North Saskatchewan River watershed. While Wabamun Lake is in the NSR, it appears that the species resident in the lake are not at risk from this disease.

11. Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 18, 2018