

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Les Falconer, Dave Frayne, Paul Hodgins, Burkhard Metzger, Mike Tam, Lorie Scott, Ute Stumpf, Janisse Zimmerman

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Don Shipway

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Geoff Cade, Bev Brown, Brian Horner, Tracey MacPherson, Judith Parker, Ross Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT

Adam Skillen, Gary Bean Securities
Bob Montgomery, CKNX Radio

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Tam called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone attending.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 80/14

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the September 18, 2014 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting be approved.”

Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest at this meeting or from the previous meeting.

DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION direct RECORD PROCEEDINGS

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 81/14**

**Moved by Janisse Zimmerman
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on July 17, 2014 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Brian Horner, General Manager introduced Mr. Adam Skillen, Principal with Gary Bean Securities Inc. As lead portfolio account manager, he outlined the strategies that will be drafted into the investment income policy statement for the Board of Directors review and approval at a future meeting.

MOTION #BD 82/14

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Lorie Scott**

“RESOLVED, THAT the General Manager Brian Horner and Mr. Skillen of Gary Bean Securities Inc. proceed with drafting the investment income policy statement for the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORT1. (a) Development Review

Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator presented the Development Review report pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses. Through the application process, proposed developments within regulated areas are protected from flooding and erosion hazards. Staff granted permission for 11 *Applications for Permission* and 16 *Minor Works Permits*.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

- (a) Staff reported that a notice of violation has been issued to the Windmill Lake Wake & Eco Park in Central Huron and that staff are working with the owners to meet concerns and issue a permit.
- (b) Staff outlined that it has become aware of five structures which have been constructed on a property in the Municipality of Bluewater without Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority approval. The structures are all 10'x10'. Staff advised that a letter has been sent to the owner requesting a site visit and that the owner has responded that he would not meet with staff. It was outlined that staff had a meeting with the ABCA lawyer and that a second letter request will be sent.

MOTION #BD 83/14

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors affirm the approval of applications as presented in Program Report # 1 - Development Review.”

Carried.

2. Remote Access Workers’ Policy

Brian Horner presented a proposed policy related to standards around remote access by employees or outside agents/contractors to the ABCA computer network. This policy will become an additional section in Personnel Regulation #32 *Computer, Internet, Cell Phone & Voicemail Technology Use*.

MOTION #BD 84/14

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Burk Metzger**

“RESOLVED, THAT the revision to Personnel Regulation #32 to add the remote access workers’ policy be approved as presented.”

Carried.

PRESENTATION

Ross Wilson, Water Resources Technologist shared a presentation on soil health that he had delivered at the Soil & Water Conservation Society international conference in Chicago this summer. Historically, water quality methods and monitoring started in the rivers then moved to the smaller tributaries and then to the edge of the creeks and now inland to soil. Water pollutants all come from soil not the air, so knowing the soil health is important. The challenges are variability from field to field, concession to concession, and 3-dimensional issues such as soil depth. A comparison was shown between human health to soil health and how health is measured through tests.

During 2013 and 2014, staff monitored two crops planted on two field sites that were side by side. Parameters measured were organic matter, aggregate stability, porosity, bulk density and corn yield. Soil health results on the two sites, indicated that the answers cannot come from just one test. Also organic matter and porosity are critical measurements. Next steps are to identify which tests will be done; at what scale for field measurement, to do individual soil types and get methodology identified.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Brian Horner provided a written report with a brief update on the progress of various projects, staff training and development, upcoming meetings and activities held over the previous month. This report is distributed to the municipalities for their councillors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**MOTION #BD 85/14**

**Moved by Paul Hodgins
Seconded by Les Falconer**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the DWSP Joint Management Committee meeting held July 29, 2014 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Ontario Regulation 147/06 Appeal
File: W.5.2.5.1
Brief: Daniel Pascoe, Registrar/Mediator for the Office of the Mining and Lands Commissioner advised that the appeal by John Carter for approval to develop within a regulated area pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 has been dismissed .
- b) Reference: Thank you
File: A.5.1
Brief: Note of appreciation from the organizers of the South Huron Big Brothers Big Sisters 8K Trail Run which was held on the South Huron Trail.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Hodgins expressed thanks to the staff for organizing the bus tour for directors of the southern portion of the watershed in July.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MOTION #BD 86/14**

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:35 a.m. for the purpose of receiving advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege; including communications necessary for that purpose, with Alec Scott, Andrew Bicknell, Brian Horner and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 87/14

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 11:43 a.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 88/14

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Lorie Scott**

“RESOLVED, THAT the information presented on the legal matter be received as presented.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Mike Tam
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

*Copies of Program Reports are available upon request.
Contact Judith Parker, Corporate Services Coordinator.*