

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Adrian Cornelissen, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Dave Jewitt, Mike Tam, Marissa Vaughan, Alex Westman

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Bax, Geoff Cade, Tina Crown, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Tracey McPherson, Kate Monk, Nathan Schoelier, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Jewitt called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., welcomed everyone in attendance, both in person and virtually.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Chair Jewitt read the Land Acknowledgement Statement, acknowledging the original stewards of this land, the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 56/22

Moved Ray Chartrand

Seconded by Doug Cook

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the June 16, 2022 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 TO RECORD

Chair Jewitt noted that this meeting was being recorded on Zoom for temporary posting online, and is not an official record. The official record of this meeting will be the approved minutes.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 57/22****Moved by Adrian Cornelissen****Seconded by George Irvin**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on May 19, 2022 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PROGRAM REPORTS**1. (a) Development Review**

Daniel King, 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 11 *Minor Works Applications*.

MOTION #BD 58/22**Moved by Bob Harvey****Seconded by Alex Westman**

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

Carried.

(b) Violations/Appeals Update

Daniel King noted that there are still a number of violations that staff are working on in Central Huron, Bluewater and Lambton Shores. One of the larger violations in Central Huron

has been resolved with the contractor, and a fine was paid. The charges are still against the landowner and staff continue to work on this case.

MOTION #BD 59/22**Moved by Doug Cook****Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors receive the Violations and Appeals update as presented.”

Carried.

2. Conservation Authorities Act Update

Kate Monk, Projects Coordinator, presented an update on the ongoing changes to the Conservation Authorities Act. She noted that Tracey McPherson recently presented to Conservation Authority staff on the ABCA properties database. In addition, the governance section of the ABCA website is now online and expected to be completed by June 30. Kate Monk is also on the Conservation Authority subcommittee developing guidance for the Watershed Based Resource Management Strategies. Staff have also prepared the first quarterly progress report to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, which is due July 1, 2022. In addition, a draft of the agreements for planning services has been prepared and will be sent to our Conservation Authorities Act Update primary contact for each of our member municipalities for further discussion. All MOUs with municipalities will need to be in place by January 31, 2024. Geoff Cade, Water and Planning Manager, provided some explanation and clarification regarding the draft planning service agreement.

MOTION #BD 60/22**Moved by Ray Chartrand****Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors receive the update on the Conservation Authorities Act as presented.”

Carried.

3. ABCA Land Acquisition Plan

Kate Monk, Projects Coordinator, reported on the ABCA Land Acquisition Plan (2022-2042), which is a hands on document that will provide guidance and principles for the ABCA and staff in acquiring lands. Land acquisition is an important tool that to help the ABCA achieve its vision of healthy watersheds, and helps to protect, improve, conserve and restore the watershed in partnership with the community. This plan draws criteria and information from other ABCA policies and plans, such as the conservation strategy, watershed management strategy and subwatershed plans. In general, the ABCA seeks to acquire properties that either have environmentally significant features that are in need of

protection, or properties that would benefit from restoration. The donation of a property is the preferred method of acquisition, as purchasing requires levy funds and will require memorandums of understanding with municipalities. When properties are acquired, the intent is to retain them for perpetuity; however, the option to sell would be discussed at the time of acquisition. Property is typically only sold if it does not fit the ABCA's vision and mission, and would require discussion. Staff recommend the approval of the 20 year plan with a review every five years. Board members asked that the review be done every four years to coincide with municipal elections.

MOTION #BD 61/22**Moved by Alex Westman****Seconded by George Irvin**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the ABCA Land Acquisition Plan (2022-2024) as presented, with a review conducted every four years.”

Carried.

4. DSWP Workplan and Budget Update

Mary Lynn MacDonald, SWSP Co-Supervisor, presented an update on the 2022-2024 workplan and budget for the Drinking Water Source Protection program. Approval was received for both the 2022-2024 workplan and budget on May 13, 2022. The approved budget for this program is very similar to the 2021-2022 budget. The total budget over the two years is approved at \$503,098, and Maitland Valley Conservation's two year allocation for Planning and Communications is \$46,441.

MOTION #BD 62/22**Moved by Mike Tam****Seconded by Doug Cook**

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA Board of Directors receives the update on the DWSP Workplan and Budget as presented.”

Carried.

PRESENTATION

Rosalind Chang, Healthy Watersheds Technician, provided the Board of Directors with an update on the work that the Healthy Watersheds department has been doing over the past number of months. Of note, she reported on the efforts in the communities along the Old Ausable Channel, where concerns range from water levels, to invasive aquatic plants and water quality. She also explained some of the ongoing work in Lucan-Biddulph. Through the Healthy Watersheds department, the ABCA was successful in receiving over \$1,000,000 in funding over the next four years from the Canada Nature Fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 63/22

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Doug Cook**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting held on May 10, 2022, and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDANCE

- a) Reference: Letter from Trudy Mauth, Barrister & Solicitor
File: W.6.3.3
Brief: A letter addressed to Geoff Cade, advising him of the resolution in the prosecution against Steve and Tara Regier and Lakeshore Construction in regards to undertaking a development without permission.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Doug Cook wondered if there would be an issue with having a Board meeting close to the Municipal Election this coming fall. Most terms for our current board members last until the end of the year, so this should not be an issue.
2. Adrian Cornelissen told other Board Members that he enjoyed being present for the presentation for Conservationist of the Year for 2022 – the Denys Family from North Middlesex.
3. Doug Cook told other Board Members about Dale Cable’s retirement, and was pleased to be at the celebration for him, representing the ABCA Board of Directors.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 64/22

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Alex Westman**

“RESOVED, THAT the Board of the Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:02 a.m. to a property matter with Brian Horner, Nathan Schoelier, Kate Monk, Abbie Gutteridge and Tracey McPherson remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 65/22

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 11:20 a.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 66/22

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Adrian Cornelissen**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors proceed as directed in both the property matter.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Dave Jewitt
Chair

Abigail Gutteridge
Corporate Services Coordinator

*Copies of program reports are available upon request.
Contact Abigail Gutteridge, Corporate Services Coordinator*