

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, September 16, 2021

**Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area**

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Adrian Cornelissen

STAFF PRESENT

Geoff Cade, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Tracey McPherson, Kate Monk, Nathan Schoelier, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Ross Wilson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doug Cook called the virtual meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 91/21

**Moved Ray Chartrand
Seconded by George Irvin**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the September 16, 2021 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 Cook 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 92/21**

**Moved by Bob Harvey
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on July 15, 2021 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PROGRAM REPORTS1. (a) Development Review

Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Planning & Regulations Officer, 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 42 *Applications for Permission* and 32 *Minor Works Applications*.

MOTION #BD 93/21

**Moved by George Irvin
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

Geoff Cade, Manager of Water and Planning, advised that there is no significant updates on violations at present, but that several will be brought to the Board of Directors as legal matters in Committee of the Whole.

2. Stewardship Funding Project Review

Nathan Schoelier, Manager of Stewardship and Conservation Lands, presented a report on stewardship funding to the Board of Directors. He noted that two wetland projects, one sediment reduction project, and 14 cover crop projects were approved for funding through the Canada Nature Fund. In addition, one wetland project was approved for funding through the EcoAction program.

MOTION #BD 94/21

**Moved by Marissa Vaughan
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the reports on Stewardship project funding be received as presented.”

Carried.

3. Triebner Tract Restoration Project

Nathan Schoelier, Manager of Stewardship and Conservation Lands, reported on the proposed restoration efforts at the Triebner Tract in the Hay Swamp complex. This 100 acre property was purchased from the Triebner family in 2009. There have been some restoration efforts made here in the past, such as retiring some of the unproductive land. At present 30 acres are still farmed, but the lease with the tenant farmer expires at the end of 2021. The remaining crop land is of poor quality, and it would be very costly to install proper drainage. As such, it is more suitable for restoring into natural habitat and wetlands, and may prove to be a good demonstration site.

Some of the benefits of the restoration work will include increased habitat, carbon sequestration, recreational opportunities (hiking and hunting opportunities), outdoor education programming and establishing a Butternut Seed Orchard, which is a species at risk in Ontario. Staff recommend that the 30 acres be retired and returned to natural conditions, and that staff collaborate with other environmental organizations and apply for external funding to assist with costs.

MOTION #BD 95/21

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA retire the 30 acres of farmland at the Triebner Tract from farming and restore them to natural conditions, and

“FURTHER, THAT ABCA staff collaborate with other environmental organizations and apply for external funding to assist with the costs.

Carried.

4. Walker Drain Investigation

Ross Wilson, Water and Soils Resource Coordinator, presented the results from a recent tender request. The ABCA was successful in receiving a provincial WECI grant for an investigation into the wire structures protecting the Walker Drain from erosion. Some accelerated deterioration of these structures was noticed in annual inspections. Staff sent a tender request to six qualified service providers and received three quotations for review. The quote from Envirosystem Recovery Inc. met all requirements and was the lowest tender price. Staff recommend that the project be awarded to Envirosystem Recovery Inc. at their contract price.

MOTION #BD 96/21

**Moved by Bob Harvey
Seconded by Dave Jewitt**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors award the project to Envirosystem Recovery Inc. at a contract price of \$11, 440.00, excluding HST.”

Carried.

5. Morrison Dam Safety Railing

Ross Wilson, Water and Soils Resource Coordinator, presented the results from a recent tender request. The ABCA was successful in receiving a provincial WECI grant to supplement the replacement of the Morrison Dam safety railings. The old wood railings do not meet health and

safety requirements. Staff sent a tender request to six qualified service providers and received two quotations for review. The quote received from Holman's Welding Limited met all requirements and was the lowest tender price. Staff recommend that the project be awarded to Holman's Welding Limited at their contract price.

MOTION #BD 97/21

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors award the project to Holman's Welding Limited at a contract price of \$30, 555 including HST.”

Carried.

6. Conservation Authorities Act – Update

Brian Horner, General Manager and Secretary/Treasurer, and Kate Monk, Projects Coordinator, presented the proposed timeline for the transition to the new regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act. In general, the Transition Plan and Program Inventory are to be developed at the end of summer 2021 and into fall. The timeline and inventory will then be circulated to member municipalities in mid-fall for information purposes and would offer them an opportunity to provide comments. These documents will be submitted to the Province by the end of December 2021.

In 2022, Conservation Authorities will begin to develop Memorandums of Understanding and Agreements for Categories 2 and 3 of the program inventory, in consultation with municipalities with the 2023 budget preparation in mind. This transition period will continue until the end of 2022, and all agreements will be in place by January 2023.

These timelines are based on receiving the finalized changes to the Conservation Authorities Act Regulations in late summer. However, as they have not yet been finalized and received, it is likely that the timelines will be pushed back.

MOTION #BD 98/21

**Moved by Dave Jewitt
Seconded by Alex Westman**

“RESOLVED, THAT the report on the CA Act timelines be received as presented.”

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 99/21

**Moved by Bob Harvey
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Arkona Lions Museum Management Committee meeting held on August 19, 2021 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDANCE

There has been no formal correspondence received, but Brian Horner has been in contact with municipalities respect to the budget. At present, the proposed wages and benefits will be in line with the five-year budget.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Brian Horner reported that there is a new Federal statutory holiday. September 30 is now the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. As this is a Federal holiday, the ABCA will not be taking the day off, but instead encouraging staff members to recognize the day and learn more about residential schools and the Truth and Reconciliation Report.
2. It has been made known to the ABCA that the Clinton Lion's club, which is disbanding, is joining with the Londesborough Lion's Club. They will be discussing if it will be possible to continue to partner for maintenance at the Clinton Conservation Area. At present, staff are budgeting for the maintenance to be conducted internally.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 100/21

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 10:47 a.m. to discuss legal matters with Brian Horner, Geoff Cade, Abbie Gutteridge, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Daniel King and Tracey MacPherson remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 101/21

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 11:39 a.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 103/21

**Moved by Dave Jewitt
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT staff move forward as directed on the legal matters.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Doug Cook
Chair

Abigail Gutteridge
Corporate Services Coordinator

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