



**Board of Directors
Minutes
Thursday, January 30, 2020
Athabasca Train Station**

Present: Brian Deheer (Chair), Marv Fyten, Tim Polzin, Robert Holmberg, Robert Esau, Colleen Powell (Alternate), Morris Nesdole, Abdi Siad-Omar, Larry Armfelt (4:00-4:45), Janet Pomeroy (Executive Director) Via Teleconference: Greg Piorkowski, Tom Weber, (10:00-12:00) Janice Linehan, Scott Ketcheson (Alternate)

Regrets: Dan Moore, Janice Pitman, John Ritchie, Andrew Hutchison, Sterling Johnson, Cleo Reece, Marcel Ulliac

1. Call to order

Brian Deheer called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. giving the following acknowledgement:

Athabasca Watershed Council acknowledges that our watershed is located on Treaty 6, Treaty 8 and Treaty 10 territory and that respects the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant watershed.

2. Introductions, health and safety, determined if quorum is met.

Quorum was met, round table introductions were exchanged, and health and safety issues were addressed.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda.

Addition: 6. d) Lac La Biche Watershed Management Plan – selection of a director to represent the Athabasca Watershed Council and 9. N) Water Quality Report on the Lakes (on the Lac La Biche County website)

MOTION: Robert Esau moved to approve the agenda as amended with the above items added.

Approved by consensus.

4. Approval of Minutes

a) Board meeting minutes from September 12, 2019

MOTION: Robert Esau moved to approve the September 12, 2019 minutes as amended.

Approved by consensus.

Please note that the agenda was not followed in order.

5. Old Business

a) 2019-20 Budget

MOTION: Morris Nesdole moved that the 2019-20 Budget be tabled and sent to the Board of Directors via email when completed with members responding their approval or comment via email.

Approved by consensus.

b) Board Governance Development

MOTION: Morris Nesdole moved that an ad hoc Committee be struck for the purposes of Board Governance Development and consist of the following members: Morris Nesdole, Robert Esau, Abdi Siad-Omar, Tom Weber and Tim Polzin.

Approved by consensus.

c) Bylaws – With Charitable Status Confirmation, the bylaws required a minor change as per Canada Revenue Agency correspondence.

MOTION: Morris Nesdole moved that the proposed change to the Bylaws be accepted as presented.

Approved by consensus.

MOTION: Morris Nesdole moved that the Members of the Athabasca Watershed Council be sent the Special Resolution outlining the approved-by-board-consensus, proposed changes to the Athabasca Watershed Council's Bylaws via electronic processes along with a half page summary of the rationale for the proposed changes and that the Special General Meeting be scheduled 30 days after the Special Resolution is sent for the sole purpose of this matter.

Carried. Brian Deheer is not in support of this motion but will not block it.

6. New Business

a. Board Nominations

1. Treasurer – Marcel Ulliac had submitted a letter of resignation as a Director and treasurer.

MOTION: Robert Esau moved that the Athabasca Watershed Council Board of Directors not accept Marcel Ulliac's letter of resignation as a Director on the Board and respect his preference to not be Treasurer.

Approved by consensus.

MOTION: Robert Esau moved that correspondence be sent to Marcel Ulliac to advise him that his letter of resignation as director has not been accepted. **Approved by consensus.**

A discussion was held regarding the appointment to the position of treasurer. At this time Brian Deheer called for nominations for treasurer three times.

MOTION: Tim Polzin nominated Morris Nesdole as treasurer of the Athabasca Watershed Council. **Approved by consensus.**

2. Member at Large - With Marcel Ulliac submitting a letter of resignation, if accepted, this position will need to be filled. Rick Zroback is presently the Alternate for this position.

MOTION: Morris Nesdole moved to table 6. a) 2. **Approved by consensus.**

3. Committees – Abdi Siad-Omar has put his name forward for the HR Committee. Brian Deheer has also put Colleen Powell’s name forward.

MOTION: Robert Holmberg moved to accept Colleen Powell as a member of the Human Resources Committee. **Approved by consensus.**

- b. Strategic Plan 2020-2023 rolling three-year plan. A review of the 2019-2022 plan was done for the purposes of priority setting and for direction to the ED for the development of the Draft Budget for 2020-2021.

MOTION: Robert Esau moved that the Athabasca Watershed Council update the Strategic Plan for 2020-2023 continuing with the strategies as stated in the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan assuring that the following priorities are stated all with an Indigenous perspective:

- Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP)
- Pembina Project as partially funded by the Watershed Resiliency & Restoration Program (WRRP)
- 2020 WPAC Summit, Existing Programs, Outreach, and Fundraising
- Board Governance Development

Approved by consensus.

- c. Policy Review

MOTION: Morris Nesdole moved that the Human Resources (HR) Committee review all the policies relating to Human Resources within six months and provide recommendations to the Board.

Approved by consensus.

MOTION: Morris Nesdole moved to refer the discussion regarding Municipalities membership, appointments, alternate positions, the structure and makeup of the council Athabasca Watershed Board of Directors and the Terms of Reference to the Board Governance Committee to provide recommendations to the Board of Directors. **Approved by consensus.**

d. Lac La Biche Watershed Management Plan

MOTION: Abdi Siad-Omar moved that Tim Polzin sit on the Steering Committee for the updating of the Lac La Biche Watershed Management Plan. **Approved by consensus.**

7. Reports

a. Committee Reports/Minutes

1. Executive Committee – there was no report and no minutes provided.

MOTION: Morris Nesdole moved that the board go into camera at 2:31 p.m.

Approved by consensus.

MOTION: Robert Holmberg moved that the board come out of camera at 3:37 p.m.

Approved by consensus.

MOTION: Morris Nesdole moved that the Athabasca Watershed Council Board of Directors engage legal council to deal with HR Council matters. **Approved by consensus.**

MOTION: Morris Nesdole moved that the Athabasca Watershed Council Board of Directors is in full support of Janet Pomeroy as their Executive Director.

Carried. Brian Deheer was not comfortable supporting the motion but chose not to block it therefore the motion is carried without consensus.

2. HR Committee – there was no meeting, report or minutes provided.

3. CECE Meeting – There was no meeting, report or minutes provided.

MOTION: Robert Holmberg moved that Doug Kariel be a member of the Communications, Education and Community Engagement Committee. **Approved by consensus.**

4. Technical Committee – There was no meeting, report or minutes provided.

MOTION: Robert Holmberg moved that Abdi Siad-Omar be a member of the Technical Committee.

Approved by consensus.

- b. Financials, In-Kind and Activity Report

MOTION: Robert Esau moved to table this item.

Approved by consensus.

- c. Membership Report

Robert Holmberg asked if this list could be put into alphabetic order for presentation.

MOTION: Tim Polzin moved to accept the membership Report as information.

Approved by consensus.

- d. Executive Director's Report

MOTION: Robert Esau moved to accept the Executive Directors' Report as information.

Approved by consensus.

- e. Science & Outreach Report (Includes update on the IWMP)

MOTION: Robert Esau moved to accept the Science and Outreach Report as information.

Approved by consensus

8. 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Presentation by AEP: Upper & Lower Athabasca Surface Water Frameworks

Please note that this presentation has been cancelled and will be rescheduled

9. Correspondence Received.

- a. Athabasca Minerals Inc.
- b. Athabasca County Appointee
- c. AWC – Society Annual Report Filed 2019
- d. Community Based Water Monitoring Recommendations
- e. Letter from the Minister
- f. Lac La Biche Appointee
- g. Westlock County Appointee
- h. Nutrient Objectives for Small Streams in Agricultural Watersheds
- i. MEG Energy Project Approval
- j. Trans Mountain Expansion Project \$10,000

- k. Human Population distribution in the Lake Athabasca Basin
- l. Letter for approval
- m. CC . Letter to Wayne Wood (AB Transportation) from Paulette Golonka
- n. Water Quality of lakes – Lac La Biche County (as presented on their website)

MOTION: Morris Nesdole moved to accept the correspondence received as information.

Approved by Consensus.

10. Meeting Dates, Locations and Times

a. Meetings:

- (i) CECE Committee Meeting – February 4, 2020 10:00 am

Note that a Doodle Poll is to be sent for the following meetings (ii) to (viii) and (x):

- (ii) HR Committee Meeting
- (iii) Technical Committee Meeting
- (iv) Finance and Fundraising Committee Budget Meeting
- (v) Executive Committee Meeting
- (vi) Joint Committee Meetings
- (vii) Board Development
- (viii) Board Meeting – Suggestion March 19th, 2020 from April 25th, 2020 – Athabasca (Changed from Whitecourt)

MOTION: Robert Esau moved that the AGM location be changed to Athabasca, Westlock or Lac La Biche.

Approved by Consensus.

- (ix) 2020 AGM – May 30, 2020
- (x) Board Meeting – Suggestion June 18th, 2020 from the 25th – Athabasca

11. Round table Discussion was held.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: Morris Nesdole moved to adjourn at 4:38 pm.

Approved by Consensus.