# Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance (MPWA)

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

| Grande Prairie Museum - | Wednesday – | December | 12, 2018 |
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|           | Name                      | Sector                                      |
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|           | lan Daisley               | Forestry                                    |
|           | Bob Cameron               | Conservation/Environmental                  |
|           | Catherine Brown           | Research /Education                         |
|           | Jim Webb                  | Lower Watershed First Nation                |
|           | Chris Thiessen            | Large Urban Municipality                    |
|           | Ray Skrepnek              | Rural Municipalities (Alternate)            |
|           | Dave Hay                  | Recreation/Tourism/Fisheries                |
|           | Shelleen Gerbig           | Agriculture                                 |
|           | Ashley Rowney             | Utilities                                   |
|           | Vern Lymburner            | Small Urban Municipalities (Alternate)      |
|           | KayeDon Wilcox            | Federal/Transboundary Relations (Alternate) |
|           | Jaimie Meneen             | Lower Watershed First Nation (Alternate)    |
| Regrets   | David Walty               | Public Member-at-Large                      |
|           | Elaine Manzer             | Small Urban Municipalities                  |
|           | Darren Calliou            | Metis Settlement General Council            |
|           | Elaine Garrow             | Rural Municipalities                        |
|           | Richard Keillor           | Public Member-at-Large, MPWA Chair          |
|           | Sarah Belak               | Oil & Gas                                   |
|           | Dan Benson                | Provincial Government                       |
| Observers | Natalia Rossiter-Thornton | Seven Generation Energy                     |
|           | Brenda St. Arnault        | Forestry, Lands & Development, NPTC         |
|           | Jamie Auger               | Bigstone Cree First Nation                  |
| Staff     | Rhonda Clarke-Gauthier    | Executive Director                          |
|           | Adam Norris               | MPWA Watershed Coordinator                  |
|           | Megan Graham              | MPWA Education & Outreach Coordinator       |
|           |                           |   |

## **ACTION LOG:**

| Chairman                          | Mr. R. Keillor  |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Executive Director                | Ms. R. Clarke-Gauthier  |
| Finance Committee                 | Mr. B. Cameron, Mr. R. Keillor, Ms. S. Gerbig, Ms. A. Rowney,         |
|                                   | Executive Director  |
| Education & Stewardship           | Ms. S. Gerbig, Ms. E. Manzer, Ms. A. Rowney, Exec Director, E/O       |
| <u>Committee</u>                  | Coordinator, Ms. M. Gairdner  |
| Technical Committee               | Ms. A. Rowney, Mr. R. Keillor, Mr. B. Cameron, Ms. E. Garrow, Mr. I.  |
|                                   | Daisley, Mr. D. Walty, Watershed Coordinator, Exec Director           |
| Integrated Watershed Management   | Mr. B. Cameron, Ms. E. Garrow, Mr. I. Daisley, Mr. R. Keillor, Mr. J. |
| Plan Steering Committee (IWMP SC) | Webb, Mr. C. Thiessen, Mr. D. Walty, Watershed Coord., Exec Director  |
| Nomination Committee              | Mr. B. Cameron, Mr. D. Benson, Mr. C. Thiessen, Exec Director         |
| Summit 2018 Committee             | Mr. B. Cameron, Mr. R. Keillor, Mr. D. Walty, Mr. D. Benson, Ms. E.   |
|                                   | Manzer, Watershed Coordinator, E/O Coordinator, Exec Director         |

| Lead                                    | Meeting No.         | Description  | Status       |
|---|---------------------|--|--------------|
| Chair (with<br>nomination<br>committee) | Action 1.7          | As opportunities arise, investigate reps for the remaining vacant Board seats.   | In progress. |
| Chair and<br>Executive Director         | Action 6.1          | Draft a letter to Treaty 8 Chief and Council,<br>who have the authority to designate a person<br>be involved with the MPWA on behalf of<br>Treaty 8, emphasizes Board's advisory role. | In progress  |
| Chair                                   | Action 2/20/2015 -1 | The Chair is to put in a formal request for funds to NADC.   | To do        |

# Executive Director

| Lead   | Meeting No.         | Description   | Status  |
|--|---------------------|---|---|
| Ms. R. Clarke-<br>Gauthier                                     | Action 1.3          | Investigate the requirements and the process for gaining charitable status.   | In progress.  |
| Mr. J. Sobze, Mr. A<br>Siad-Omar and Ms.<br>R. Clarke-Gauthier | Action 4.2          | Partnership with novaNAIT Boreal Research<br>Institute to assemble an online searchable<br>database of information sources on the Peace<br>River Watershed  | Have started to<br>populate<br>database with<br>information |
| Ms. R. Clarke-<br>Gauthier                                     | Action 4.8          | After Board meeting, Rhonda provides info.<br>Releases that can be shared with each sector.<br>Communication inquiries will go to Rhonda.   | Ongoing   |
| Ms. R. Clarke-<br>Gauthier                                     | Action 6.4          | Craft official correspondence requesting<br>funding/support for Board members can<br>distribute and request funding.  | Continuing  |
| Ms. R. Clarke-<br>Gauthier                                     | Action 9.2          | Look into applying for Casinos  |   |
| Ms. R. Clarke-<br>Gauthier                                     | Action 07/30/2015-2 | MPWA to develop protocols and procedures for<br>dealing with challenges that will be present<br>during the planning processes including<br>grievance process, appeals, etc.). Staff to<br>research and prepare.   | In process  |
| Ms. R. Clarke-<br>Gauthier                                     | Action 07/30/2015-5 | Send letter campaign to partners and potential partners regarding funding, and letters of support for MPWA work.  | As required   |
| Ms. R. Clarke-<br>Gauthier                                     | Action 08/23/2018-1 | Ms. R. Clarke-Gauthier to arrange a Board of<br>Directors conference call to conduct a vote of<br>vetted applicants (by nomination committee)<br>prior to next meeting to fill the Watershed<br>Stewardship Seat. | To do   |
| Ms. R. Clarke-<br>Gauthier                                     | Action 08/23/2018-2 | Guide staff review of Strategic Plan in preparation for the next board meeting.   | Complete  |

## Finance Committee

| Lead              | Meeting No. | Description                                 | Status      |
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| Finance Committee | Action 2.4  | The Finance Committee will move forward and | In progress |
| Finance committee |             | solicit dollars.                            |             |

## **Education and Stewardship Committee**

| Lead          | Meeting No.         | Description  | Status |
|---------------|---------------------|--|--------|
| Ms. M. Graham | Action 01/12/2018-2 | To coordinate dates and provide presentation material to Mr. C. Thiessen to present to schools | To Do  |
|               |                     | if E/O Coordinator unable to attend.   |        |

#### **Technical Committee**

| Lead          | Meeting No.        | Description                                   | Status   |
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|               |                    |   |          |
| Mr. A. Norris | Action 8/23/2018-3 | send out doodle and set date for project tour | Complete |

#### Directors

| Lead                            | Meeting No.        | Description   | Status |
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| All Directors and<br>Alternates | Action 7/30/2015-6 | Supply the office with contact names and addresses of potential funders and supporters in their sector. | To Do  |

#### 1. Administration

#### 1.1. Call Meeting to Order

- Meeting called to order at 10:08 AM by Mr. C. Thiessen
- Quorum was not present at start of meeting, once quorum was achieved decisions were then ratified.
- Introductions were made.

#### 1.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda made by Mr. D. Hay and Ms. S. Gerbig

Accepted by Consensus

#### 1.3 Approval of Minutes

• August 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Minutes were reviewed.

Motion to approve August 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Minutes made by Mr. B. Cameron and Mr. I. Daisley Accepted by Consensus

Note: If grammatical/spelling errors are noted, then it is acceptable to provide edits to Ms. R. Clarke-Gauthier

#### 1.4 Acceptance of Federal-Transboundary Director

• Nomination was received for Dave Coish, AEP to fill the vacant Federal-Transboundary Relations Director seat.

Motion to approve the acceptance of Dave Coish, AEP, as the Federal-Transboundary Director made by Mr. J. Webb and Mr. B. Cameron

Accepted by Consensus

#### **1.5** Acceptance of Alternate Directors

• Kayedon Wilcox was put forth to be Mr. D. Coish's Alternate for the Federal-Transboundary Director seat.

Motion to approve the acceptance of Kayedon Wilcox, AEP, as the Alternate for the Federal -Transboundary Relations seat, made by Mr. I. Daisley and Mr. D. Hay

#### Accepted by Consensus

#### 1.6 Director Roundtable – Stakeholders & Concerns

- Mr. C. Thiessen City of GP approved funding towards the MPWA and the work that they do. The funding will be in the realm of \$14,000 and this was based on a four (4) year budget cycle.
- Ms. S. Gerbig SARDA tradeshow to be March 14-16 of 2019 with registration forms to be out the week of December 17<sup>th</sup>. The SARDA tradeshow will also incorporate a session specific to Drone Training. The information specific to the tradeshow and the drone training session will be shared in the SARDA newsletter (www.sarda.ca). Prior to the tradeshow, SARDA will be hosting a Wetland Workshop with Jay White of Aquality on the morning of March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. A. Rowney The 'Water to Wembley' project is currently underway and it is expected that the Town of Wembley should be on Aquatera's Regional Waterworks System in the spring of 2019.
- Mr. J. Webb noted that the Beaver First Nation has historically accessed Ponton River as their potable water source. An upstream land owner had applied for and received a Water Act Licence to divert water from the Ponton River for the purpose of irrigation for his land. His withdrawal depleted the Ponton River, leaving the Beaver River FN without adequate water to meet their drinking water needs. There are concerns this was done without consultation.
  - There was discussion that MPWA should find relevant information regarding water act approvals in the area, and should initiate a conversation with Beaver River FN to discuss drinking water needs, availability, and source water protection

Motion: MPWA to initiate discussion with Beaver River FN and AEP to gather relevant information regarding water act approvals in the area and discuss options for safe secure drinking water for Beaver River FN including water quality, quantity, and source water protection planning. Moved by Mr. J. Webb and seconded by Mr. B. Cameron.

#### Accepted by Consensus

- Mr. I. Daisley the Government is providing opportunity to comment on proposals for protocols fro the prevention of Whirling Disease. every time equipment is moved, that has been in contract with water or mud around the water course, then specific cleaning requirements will be required.
- Ms. Catherine Brown recently developed education plans looking at forest management and the lesson plans include 360 degree view applications.
- Ms. E. Garrow MD of Spirit River recently acquired a drone training was provided to Mackenzie County, Clear hill County, etc. surrounding the basic operation of the drone. The will be opportunity for MPWA to use the drone service as well. MPWA will need to contact the appropriate personnel to make arrangements for certified users to be available. Secondly, Trevor Mercredi (Grand Chief of North Peace Tribal Council) and Ms. E. Garrow attended the same meeting in Edmonton in October for discussions regarding the railway to Alaska. Ms. E. Garrow reported that Trevor has given his approval and that FN's are onboard with the construction of

the railway. Financing has been secured to build the railway. Environmental Studies have been done by Associated Environmental. Not one person from GOA was in attendance. Oil and Gas industry is on board. Once Engineering is approved, the funding will be finalized within 30 days. This will be for not just oil but for pulp, grain, etc.

- Mr. J. Webb Works in the Little Red Cree Nations Lands and Environment Department and knows that they in fact have not been consulted on this project. Mr. J. Webb will take the information that Ms. E. Garrow has provided, back to the Little Red River Cree Nation.
- Mr. D. Hay in traveling around, he has taken notice of the amount of water pipe and hose that is being used to divert water from water bodies.
  - Ms. N. Rossiter-Thornton provided information on general intent of diverting and sequencing around time of years and specifications under approval/licence to divert. Suggested that what Mr. D. Hay could have been observing was transfer lines used to transfer stored water to sites of application.
- Mr. B. Cameron Periodically hold meetings in Spirit River and suggests the board could receive training on the drone or are shown its functionality.
- Jamie Auger(Observer) Had a group from the U of A visit Bigstone Cree Nation that were working on a documentary regarding water and CNRL, which has bought out Cenovus and Husky. There seems to be a lot of secrecy and finds that CNRL is the hardest to deal with in regards to consultation. Glad that he's here today as he is concerned about water issues.
- Mr. J. Meneen
   – Here to speak on behalf of his experience, work, and knowledge as part of the North Peace Tribal Council and not all First Nations.
- Mr. V. Lymburner Town of Valleyview sent out a memo that term licences are now 10.5 ML per year. If municipalities want to pull, in low flow scenarios, then oil and gas will stop diverting so that the municipality can. Feels this working relationship has been functioning well. Would like to see that treated wastewater must be used instead of allowing for Oil and Gas to divert from the raw water source.
- Mr. K. Wilcox had nothing to add to roundtable, but would provide several updates during his presentation.

#### Guest Speaker: Kayedon Wilcox – Several Updates on Behalf of AEP

Kayedon's presentation covered:

- Regional and Sub regional Planning Current focus is on the Lower Saskatchewan but commitment has been made to the Wapiti River Water Management Plan (feels this is like a sub regional plan); currently, the final engagement of the WRWMP has been paused, based on some questions regarding an application that was submitted by Nautical Energy (methanol plant) situated at International Paper by the Wapiti River. The SC from the WRWMP is seeking information/clarification regarding potential impacts to the plan. If anyone would like additional information then send questions to Kayedon. AEP is trying to push forward on Environmental Management Frameworks as well.
- Beaverlodge Weir Process 99.9% completed feels this project has been extremely successful thanks to the efforts of the MPWA and specifically of Mr. A. Norris.
- Wetlands Policy structure wise Ms. Marsha Trites-Russell (wetlands specialist) provides advice to City/Council and works closely with approvals folks recently within the compliance program, Wanda Watts (wetland protection officer ecologist by nature) has been hired. She will look to lead the engagement and outreach aspects as well as contribute to the work that Jay White with Aquality does. Her primary role is to provide referral and advice on projects moving forward. Updates from Ms. M. Trites-Russell getting switch for funds currently allocated to replacement funding (recipient is currently Ducks Unlimited) to have the funds go back into AEP. DUL has been

AEP's surrogate. This will be a dedicated replacement revenue fund. Close to implementing a wetland construction guide that was slated for release this month.

- Trans-boundary In relation to moving forth with a fish monitoring plan for Hay River with the Northwest Territories – A lot is still in the information seeking and analysis phase in regards to water quality. The transboundary secretariat folks are engaging first nations and indigenous groups. More to come on the transboundary piece – updates will be provided as more information is generated. Site C discussions still take place – Currently still do not have a transboundary agreement between AB and BC. Dunvegan Power Project continues to be deferred.
- Coordination with AEP continuing to look to work together with Environmental Science Division

   within operations priorities have been identified and conversations continue regarding a
   strategy for education and outreach information pieces EMSD focus has been and continues to
   be on the oil and gas sector;
- Water innovation project Alberta Innovates every 3 years puts out a call for water innovation projects – right now the initial screening occurred and currently in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of screening – intent is to have process complete by Feb/March so that funding can be applied at the beginning of the new fiscal year.
- IWMP feedback from AEPs perspective Mr. K. Wilcox and team provide feedback where possible.
- Little Smoky– went through a significant robust process to make recommendations through the Alberta Energy Regulator led Area Based Regulatory Pilot AER is done with the play based panel. The Water Conservation Policy had not and would not be brought forth to the cabinet this fall, so still currently waiting on this process. Mr. K. Wilcox will follow up on this.

#### Introduce Strategic Plan and IWMP Materials

- Rhonda sent out an email three weeks ago asking the Board to review the draft Strategic Plan posted to the MPWA Website, which was updated to include the 2018/2019 Funding Requirements;
- Note: the next Strategic Plan is based on a 5 Year Cycle and not a 3 Year cycle as per the 2015 2018 Strategic Plan;

#### 2. Reports and Updates

#### 2.1 Chairman Report

• Chairman Mr. R. Keillor was not present – no update

#### 2.2 Office Update

• Ms. R. Clarke-Gauthier highlighted work conducted from August 23<sup>rd</sup> to December 12<sup>th</sup> - report attached;

Motion to approve Office Report made by Mr. D. Hay and seconded by Ms. C. Brown.

#### Accepted by Consensus

#### 2.3 Financial Report

- a) Expenditure Update
  - Ms. R. Clarke-Gauthier reviewed the Expenditure Report up to December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018;
  - Received last installment of provincial funding (ahead of when it was received last year);
  - Financials show that projects are running on target;

Motion to approve Financial Report made by Ms. C. Brown and seconded by Mr. J. Webb.

#### 2.4 Education & Stewardship Committee – Ms. M. Graham

- A number of projects on the go and several events attended.
- Ms. M. Graham became a facilitator for 'Project WET' and she learned curriculum based water and wetland education. As a facilitator Ms. M. Graham to be a facilitator for teachers in the region so that they can turn around and teach the material to their students.
- Attended the Citizen Science Workshop hosted by Environmental Monitoring & Science Division by Alberta Environment & Parks and Miistakis Institute. The workshop opened many conversations on how to enhance the credibility of citizen science and how different organizations utilize citizen science in their work.
- Attended the Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS) in Buffalo Lake. The Conference was geared towards shoreline development in the area of Buffalo Lake and how the lake quality is decreasing. Speakers covered topics about lake treatment studies that were done in other lakes in Alberta and how they could be applied to Buffalo Lake.
- Wetland Education Committee held Wetland Workshops on October 29<sup>th</sup> (Grimshaw) and 30<sup>th</sup> (Sexsmith) received lots of positive feedback from both the Grimshaw and Sexsmith sessions several councillors from municipalities were in attendance at the workshops; Megan will be meeting with the Wetland Education Committee in the new year to begin the processes on created wetland factsheets that will be released on behalf of the MPWA.
- Water week North November 14<sup>th</sup> (Mr. A. Norris presented the IWMP) and Ms. M. Graham manned a booth;
- Working well Workshop December 5<sup>th</sup> in Grimshaw (15 in attendance); Looking to hold another Working Well Workshop within the watershed (more North) in 2019.

Motion to approve E&S Committee Report made by Ms. S. Gerbig and seconded by Mr. D. Hay. Accep<mark>ted</mark> by Consensus

#### **2.5 Technical Committee Update – Mr. A. Norris**

Project Update:

- **Field Projects** On the ground (demo sites; implantation of plans; education; Water quality and availability; and wetlands and wetland loss)
- **Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer SWPP** Moving along quite well have finished the technical components (hazard identification, risk assessment and then mitigative strategies); next steps are to have the draft report the week of December 9<sup>th</sup>, following which, it will be handed off to the GGAMAA for approval and then ask that respective councils to review it; engagement will being in October with the finalization of the plan set for December of 2018 (new: moving along well meeting this upcoming Friday where they will hopefully approve the draft report so that they can move forth with the engagement piece of the project aiming to have the SWPP completed by the spring/summer of 2019. the working well workshop that was put on by Ms. M. Graham was done as a recommendation of this SWPP).
- Wapiti Watershed Source Water Protection Plan just in the beginning processes; water quality and non-point source pollution concerns for the Wapiti Watershed. This project is being led by the MPWA and is a project that currently carries no funds with it.
- Lake Keepers this project is about developing stewardship sampling events have been conducted so far, at 3 locations; next step is for project evaluation and potential continuation; (new: monitored 3 lakes (Figure 8 Lake, Haig Lake and Snipe Lakes), 3 times to generate background data this will be continued in the coming year (depending on funding).
- RWRP MPWA is project lead. On August 12<sup>th</sup>, the plan was to mobilize to site, however on August 9<sup>th</sup>, the schedule was pushed back a few weeks to allow for flows to reside to a desirable low flow that would allow for work to commence (high rain events throughout the region have led to high flows): In the meantime, material stockpiling began. Construction happened mid-

September. The construction of the fish passage is only one part of the implementation. AHS investigated workplace safety at the Beaverlodge weir (due to a complaint lodged by Mr. Third). MPWA has good processes in place as demonstrated by the outcomes of myriad reviews, investigations, and appeals that this project has dealt with. Expenditures to date has been in the amount of \$712,846 with \$512,000 in monitoring yet to come over next 5 years;

- WRRP The Improved Livestock Crossing Project This project is funded through the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program; overall the project is doing well and cows are now using the crossing! The project was projected to wrap up on December 31, 2018 but has secured an extension; the team has completed 2 crossings and finalized a factsheet for the building of Livestock Crossings; there are two more sites that will be completed in 2018 (Fisher crossing and Powell crossing). There will likely be funds remaining after the four crossings are completed, therefore the project team may consider adding a fifth site;
- The Streambank Stabilization and Extension Project Project Team has engaged a company out
  of Grande Prairie to put together a video of the project. The soil erosion series workshop took
  place the week of September 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. The 29<sup>th</sup> of September consisted of a field day where
  anyone could review the project. 70% of \$172,843 has been spent to this point with 1 more year
  to go on the project. The last year will see the completion of the field work and evaluation of
  work already done.
- Wabasca Wetlands North Peace Tribal Council has been pushing this forward; the intent is to map all of the wetlands in the target area and then go back to see where they were historically. Finally, FN Elders will be engaged to corroborate historical wetlands. Progress consists of remote sensing work conducted by AEP and First Nations mapping initiated with Dr. David Natcher; Next steps waiting on an update meeting verify wetland extent model flooding of wetlands;
- **Peace River Hydraulic Modelling** at this point working on securing project funding with WaterSMART regarding modelling. If funds are secured then a project team will be developed and engagement with community within lower peace would follow.
- Wapiti Watershed Source Water Protection Plan Initial meeting with project team partners
  planned occurred in June; AEP has been working on nutrient loading modelling which will be
  used to help assess risk; There is a small project team that reports back to the decision makers.
  Next steps initial meeting finalize TOR and Project Team Then could take a year and half to
  work through the process of a Source Water Protection Plan;
- WRWMP The WRWMP Steering Committee, submitted their report to AEP back in January; Engagement was planned to being in Winter 2018-2019 but a new Water Act application by Nautical Energy could trigger a review of the Water Conservation Objective. Requests for information regarding water licensing have been made;
- **Upcoming**: find projects that align with the IWMP (flow regime work through UNESCO); looking for ideas of alignment with AEP and looking for geographical distribution;

Motion to approve Technical Committee Update made by Mr. V. Lymburner and seconded by Mr. I. Daisley.

#### Accepted by Consensus

#### 2.6 IWMP SC Update

 Mr. A. Norris – March 2018 saw the completion of the IWMP – the SC met today to go over the implementation of the IWMP and to discuss how the SC would access the success of the IWMP (which may be done through an evaluation).

Motion to approve the IWMP Update made by Mr. R. Skrepnek and seconded by Ms. S. Gerbig. Accepted by Consensus

#### 3. Other

#### 3.1 Strategic Plan Draft Review (2019 – 2024)

- The Executive Director walked the Board through the draft 2019-2024 Strategic Plan.
- Goals and Strategies from the existing Strategic Plan and this Draft Plan have not changed.
- Some comments/questions or concerns were addressed during the review at today's meeting. Any additional comments will be submitted to Ms. R. Clarke-Gauthier by December 19<sup>th</sup>. A meeting date will be scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup> (McLennan) to finalize the Draft Plan.
  - Goal #1 Strategy 1.2 Activity 1.2.1 Outcome: Each staff will have minimum of 20 hours of professional development per year. This outcome is to ensure that the staff has the ability to meet the requirements they have to maintain their professional designation. It's also a quantifiable measure.
    - To be updated to '...their professional development in line with the goals of this organization'.
  - Mr. I. Daisley some of the outcomes are specific to a two-year timeframe, but it's a 5 year plan, so outcomes should be modified in regards to timeframe to be yearly or within the 5 year target.
  - Mr. C. Thiessen suggests that the outcomes for Goal #1, specific to the Chair seeking funding, shouldn't be specific to the Chair, but should apply to the Board in its entirety.
     Rhonda made mention that this outcome corresponds to the activity 1.1.2.
  - Mr. J. Webb is in acceptance of the draft plan, conditionally, in that he wants to see a First Nations Committee stuck up to manage how Goal #2, #3, #4,#5 and #6 will be addressed with First Nations interaction.

#### **3.2 Letter Regarding Monitoring**

- Ms. R. Clarke-Gauthier provided a hard-copy of a letter specific to Water Monitoring that was penned by Mr. B. Cameron for the intent to be submitted to Honourable Shannon Phillips. Air Quality monitoring has had 3 separate opportunities for response on draft reports yet nothing to date has been sent out in draft form regarding Water Monitoring. The intent of the letter is to seek a response/update on where the effort is in order to bring water monitoring into the same realm as air monitoring.
- Board members will review the draft letter and submit the comments to Ms. R. Clarke-Gauthier by December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- When submitting the letter to the Minister of Environment and Parks, all other WPACs will be cc'd on the submission.

#### 3.3 AB Managers Meeting Update

 Ms. R. Clarke-Gauthier provided an updated on the managers meeting that occurred on October 30<sup>th</sup> – All 11 WPAC Managers were in attendance. Discussions took place around funding and policy. All WPACs find themselves in the dark regarding EMSD and find that all around clarification is required. Concern continues to exist around funding and this is more pertinent in the midst of an upcoming election.

#### 4. Next Meetings

- January 8<sup>,</sup> 2019 To Finalize Draft Strategic Plan (2019-2024)
- February 5, 2019
- March 21, 2019
- Possible Events: AEP Forum in January

## 5. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Mr. C. Thiessen to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 PM.

CARRIED



## Office Report August 23 to December 12, 2018

- August 24 Meeting and tour with Adam, Rhonda and Nora (NPARA) repotential projects
- August 28 Snipe Lake sampling
- September 4 Weyerhaeuser PAG
- September 5 WRWMP call
- September 12 5 Star site visit to assess erosion
- September 10 County of GP by-law hearing presentation
- September 12 & 13 Project WET Workshop, Spruce Grove Megan
- September 20 WRWMP call
- September 26 & 27 Citizen Science Workshop, Edmonton Megan
- September 28 & 29 ALMS Conference, Buffalo Lake Megan
- October 10 DMI Public Advisory Group Meeting- Adam
- October 10 Wetland Education Committee Meeting Megan
- October 12 Board Project Site Tour West County projects
- October 29 Municipal Wetland Workshop, Grimshaw
- October 30 Municipal Wetland Workshop, Sexsmith
- October 30 AB Managers Meeting Red Deer
- November 6 Weyerhaeuser PAG
- November 7 DMI PAC
- November 7 Water Week North Presentation & Booth Adam & Megan
- November 15 Water north Coalition Mtg, St isidore
- November 30 Beavers in our Watershed, Valleyview Megan
- December 5 TC meeting
- December 5 DMI PAC
- December 5 Working Well Workshop, Grimshaw Megan
- December 11 Initial meeting for Wapiti Source Water Protection Plan
- Planning and preparation with the Wetland Education Committee to set up Municipal Events for end of Oct.
- RWRP:
  - Calls and project start work consultant/contractor/weather coordination
  - September 10, 11, 13, 17, 19, October 3 Construction monitoring and landowner negotiations
  - October 1 High School workshop planning call
  - October 10 site visit with David Polster
  - October 11 DFO site visit as Beaverlodge weir
  - October 12 Beaverlodge High School live-staking and workshop at weir
  - o October 19 Beaverlodge weir laydown area reclamation
  - October 25 Beaverlodge weir laydown area reclamation
  - Addressing concerns of Mr. Third
  - o Alberta Health Services workplace safety review
  - Final reporting for Environmental Damages Fund

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- WRRP Projects
  - August 27, September 12, October 10 Project Team meetings
  - August 30 Call with Craig Sponholtz
  - September 4 Call of the Land interview
  - September 21 delivery of material to streambank stabilization site
  - September 23 29 streambank stabilization workshop
  - October 11 David Polster site visits
  - October 19 Crossing Structure Tour
  - Outreach and extension strategy efforts
  - Potential new sites visits and assessments
- Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Source Water Protection Plan
  - September 4 Grimshaw water budget call
  - September 14 Grimshaw Gravels meeting and draft editting
  - Report finalization and Water quantity work
- Ongoing project and program management technical and Education/Outreach project scoping, partner confirmation, funding searches, etc.
- Still working on financial follow-up of Summit
- Prep and plan for December board meeting. Strategic Plan review and updates.
- Member of the professional Agrologist's Water Resources Practice Standards. Conference call every 2
   weeks from June 12 into October awaiting review by senior Agrologists
- Reviewed Strategic Plan and IWMP Outcomes, Reviewed actions of current Strategic Plan, Established Actions for new Strategic Plan (Staff)
- Submitted Interim report to AEP

#### A few upcoming events

- Office closed from Dec 24, 2018 to Jan 1, 2019 inclusive
- Congratulations to Megan and Matthew on their marriage Dec 28, 2018

Submitted By: Rhonda Clarke-Gauthier, P.Ag, - Executive Director Adam Norris, M.Sc, P.Biol, - Watershed Coordinator Megan Graham – Education/Outreach Coordinator