

MIGHTY PEACE WATERSHED ALLIANCE (MPWA)**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

Friday May 25, 2018

Sawridge Inn and Conference Centre, 9510 100 Street, Peace River, AB

	Name	Sector
Attendees	Bob Cameron	Conservation/Environmental
	Abdi Siad – Omar	Federal-Transboundary Relations
	Jim Webb	Lower Watershed First Nation
	Chris Thiessen	Large Urban Municipalities
	Elaine Manzer	Small Urban Municipalities
	Dan Benson	Provincial Government
	Tony Saunders	Watershed Stewardship
	Ian Daisley	Forestry
	Richard Keillor	Public Member at Large, MPWA Chairman
	David Walty	Public Member at Large
	Shelleen Gerbig	Agriculture
	Ray Skrepnek	Alternate – Rural Municipalities
	Sandra Miller	Alternate – Oil and Gas
	Regrets	Elaine Garrow
Catherine Brown		Research/Education
Sarah Belak		Oil and Gas
Dave Hay		Recreation, Tourism & Fisheries
Troy Stuart		Middle Watershed First Nation
Darren Calliou		Metis Settlement General Council
Staff	Rhonda Clarke - Gauthier	Executive Director
	Adam Norris	Project Coordinator
	Megan Graham	Education & Outreach Coordinator

1. ADMINISTRATION**1.1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair Mr. R. Keillor called meeting to order at 3:18 PM

Ms. R. Clarke – Gauthier asked the board members to please think of someone you would like to ask who can be your alternate for the board. This person is expected to attend at least one meeting in the year. Can attend when Director attends but the Director and Alternate must then speak as one voice on decisions.

Ms. S. Belak submitted a notice prior to the meeting, that if she was successful in her nomination to fulfill the Oil & Gas seat, stating that she would like Ms. Sandra Miller to be her alternate for Oil & Gas.

AAMDC submitted a notice prior to the meeting stating that they would like Mr. Ray Skrepnek to be the Alternate for Ms. E. Garrow for Rural Municipalities.

Motion: Mr. T. Saunders moved that Ms. S. Miller to be the Oil & Gas alternate and for Mr. R. Skrepnek to be the alternate for Rural Municipalities. Seconded by Ms. S. Gerbig.
APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

1.2. Election of Executive

There are 5 positions of the Executive: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Past Chair – these are 2 year terms

As an update the current Executive consisted of these people:

Chair - Rick 2017-2018 (fulfilled 2nd yr of Alden), therefore open for 2 yr term 2018-2020.

Vice Chair – Chris 2017-2018 (fulfilled 2nd yr for Rick), therefore open for 2 yr term 2018-2020

Treasurer - Shelleen 2016-2018.....open for 2 year term 2018-2020

Secretary - Ashley 2016-2018.....open for 2 yr term 2018-2020

Chair opened the election:

Nominations for the position of Chair:

Ms. S. Gerbig nominated Mr. Rick Keillor (Accepted nomination)

Mr. C. Thiessen nominated Mr. I. Daisley (Declined nomination)

Chair asked for further nominations. No further nominations were put forward.

Ms. E. Manzer moved nominations cease, seconded by Ms. S. Gerbig.

Mr. R. Keillor is board chairman by acclamation.

Nominations for the position of Vice-Chair:

Mr. C. Thiessen nominated Ms. E. Manzer. (Declined nomination)

Ms. E. Manzer nominated Mr. C. Thiessen. (Accepted nomination)

Chair asked for further nominations. No further nominations were put forward.

Mr. J. Webb moved nomination cease, seconded by Mr. T. Saunders.

Mr. Chris Thiessen is the Vice- Chair of MPWA by acclamation.

Nominations for the position of Treasurer:

Ms. E. Manzer nominated Ms. S. Gerbig (Accepted nomination)

Chair asked for further nominations. No further nominations were put forward.

Mr. C. Thiessen moved nominations cease, seconded by Mr. I. Daisley.

Ms. S. Gerbig is the Treasurer by acclamation.

Nominations for the position of Secretary:

Mr. R. Skrepnek elected Ms. A. Rowney. (Ms. A. Rowney had indicated previously that she would her name to stand for this position).

Chair asked for further nominations. No further nominations were put forward.

Ms. E. Manzer moved nominations cease, seconded by Ms. S. Gerbig.

Ms. A. Rowney is the Secretary by acclamation.

NOTE: The Executive Committee will be: Chair- Mr. Rick Keillor, Past Chair – Mr. Bob Cameron, Vice-Chair – Mr. Chris Thiessen, Secretary – Ms. Ashley Rowney, and Treasurer – Ms. Shelleen Gerbig.

1.3. Designation of Signing Authorities

Ms. E. Manzer moved, seconded by Mr. A. Siad-Omar that any 2 of the following 5 are to have signing authority in behalf of the MPWA: Mr. Rick Keillor (Chair), Ms. Shelleen Gerbig (Treasurer), Mr. Bob Cameron (Past-Chair), Mr. Dan Benson (Director), and Ms. Rhonda Clarke-Gauthier (Executive Director).

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1.4. Selection of Next Meeting Dates

Discussion was held about which week days are best for meetings. Ms. R. Clarke-Gauthier to setup doodle poll to determine upcoming meeting dates, next board meeting will be mid-August or early September.

Reminder: The majority of MPWA communications is through email. It is important that all Directors check their email and respond in a timely manner.

Alberta WPAC Summit which MPWA is hosting is the next Board event.

Ms. R. Clarke – Gauthier gave an update on the WPAC Summit preparation (timeline, draft agenda, ongoing progress and abrupt changes to the speaker line-up)
Ms. M. Graham will resend the registration to the board.

1.5. Director Attendance at Meetings

This item was discussed as there is a concern regarding consistent attendance of directors at board meetings. Ms. R. Clarke-Gauthier is to send out a reminder of roles and responsibilities to all Directors. Directors are asked to ensure that they confirm attendance or send regrets for meetings.

1.6. Funding Update for 2017-2018

AEP granting – they want all WPACs to have a respected workplace policy. Ms. R. Clarke-Gauthier drafted a document, which the executive approved.

Mr. B. Cameron asked how we are doing with funding – Ms. R. Clarke-Gauthier informed the board we have used our available funding and do not yet have funding for the current fiscal year. AEP has no clear answers regarding funding or timeline.

1.7. Other

Mr. B. Cameron mentioned that MPWA should try to get an invite to the Treaty 8 meeting in Peace River in August.

2. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. R. Keillor thanked all for attending and adjourned the meeting at 3:53 pm.

