

OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD HELD ON January 24, 2006 AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN, 9848 ABERDEEN ROAD, VERNON, BC, AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Director Len Novakowski	C.O.R.D.
Director Robert Hobson	C.O.R.D.
Chair John Slater	O.S.R.D.
Director Graham Reid	C.O.R.D.
Director Lorraine Bennest	O.S.R.D.
Director Rick Fairbairn	N.O.R.D.
Director Pat Cochrane	City of Vernon
Director Bill Firman	N.O.R.D. (absent)
Alternate Director Jerry Oglow	N.O.R.D.
Director Ron Perrie	O.S.R.D.

STAFF:

Greg Armour	Project Manager(OBWB)
Mike Stamhuis	N.O.R.D.
Deb Taylor	Recording Secretary

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Slater called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. APPOINTMENTS TO THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD FOR 2006

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

Director Rick Fairbairn (Area Director RDNO)
Director Pat Cochrane (City of Vernon)
Director Bill Firman (District of Coldstream)

Alternates: Wayne Lippert, Jerry Oglow, Stan Field

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL OKANAGAN

Director Robert Hobson (City of Kelowna, Chair RDCO)
Director Len Novakowski (Westbank Director)
Director Graham Reid (Mayor of Peachland)

Alternates: Patty Hanson, Colin Day

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

Director John Slater (Mayor of Osoyoos)
Director Lorraine Bennest (O.S.R.D.)
Director Ron Perrie (O.S.R.D.)

Alternates: no alternates determined at meeting date

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR PERSON

Mr. Armour called for nominations for the office of Chair of the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

Alternate Director Oglow nominated Director Slater for the office of Chair.

There being no further nominations, Director Slater was declared elected, by acclamation, as Chair of the Okanagan Basin Water Board for 2006.

Chair Slater assumed the Chair.

Mr. Armour thanked Chair Slater for his work and dedication over the past three years in getting the new Water Management function of the Board implemented.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR PERSON

Chair Slater called for nominations for the office of Vice Chair of the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

Director Oglow nominated Director Cochrane for the office of Vice Chair. There being no further nominations, Director Cochrane was declared elected, by acclamation, as Vice Chair of the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Director Novakowski

Seconded by Alternate Director Oglow

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board held on November 08, 2005 at the Regional District of North Okanagan Boardroom be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED.

Mr. Armour provided a copy of the Regional District Budget Requisition to the Directors and offered to provide a complete budget summary at their request.

Chair Slater noted that meetings will be kept informal unless media or the public is in attendance.

6. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That Item 7.9 being Recommendation to Revise Supplementary Letter Patents be added to the Agenda."

CARRIED.

7. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 TD-1 Information from Directors

Mr. Armour requested that Directors provide updated TD-1 information as required along with a completed Direct Deposit form if direct deposit payment is desired.

7.2 Introduction to the Okanagan Basin Water Board

Mr. Armour provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board to familiarize newly appointed Directors with the history and current role taken by the Board.

Page 2 of the presentation should read 'Directors receive \$100 per meeting and 46¢ per kilometer' (rather than per mile).

It was agreed that the Board should lever senior government to enter into partnerships to gain more funding. Funding would be used for subsidizing regional projects along with other programs.

An overview of the Water Stewardship Council was presented.

7.3 Provisional Schedule of Meetings

The Board agreed to change the regular monthly meetings of the Okanagan Basin Water Board to the first Tuesday of each month commencing March 07, 2006. The meeting scheduled for February 14, 2006 was cancelled. The Board will review scheduling at their meeting on July 12, 2006. Mr. Armour will forward the amended Schedule of Meetings for 2006 to all members of the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Armour to forward the amended Schedule of Meetings for 2006 to all members of the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

7.4 Appointments to Stewardship Council

The list of members of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council was received by the Board and the following confirmed members were ratified by the Board:

Bob Hrasko, Water Supply Association
Tom Siddon, Okanagan Partnership
Valerie Cameron, Ministry of Environment
Paul Kluckner, Ministry of Environment
Rob Smailes, Regional District of North Okanagan
Ken Arcuri, Regional District of Central Okanagan
Marty Willfong, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
Brian Symonds, Ministry of Environment
Bernie Bauer, UBC Okanagan
Brian Guy, Canadian Water Resource Association
Mike Adams, North Okanagan Interior Health
Gord Shandler, BC Fruit Growers Association
Hans Buchler, BC Agriculture Council
Ted van der Gulik, Ministry of Environment
Scott Schillereff, BC Groundwater Association

Mr. Armour is awaiting reply from other proposed members.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Oglov

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses the list of Okanagan Water Stewardship Council members as presented."

CARRIED.

Chair Slater suggested that members of the OBWB have observer status with the Stewardship Council rather than be official members of the Council. Director Reid suggested that the Chair position be ex-officio. (Council Member but does not vote)

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Oglow

"That the position of Chair of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council be designated as ex-officio."

CARRIED.

Director Hobson suggested scheduling a yearly joint workshop of the OBWB and the Stewardship Council.

Discussed possible ineffectiveness of having a Council consisting of thirty members. Solutions may include producing a core group or forming task committees.

Mr. Armour noted that the Council will evolve adding members or deleting members as required. The Council will make a decision regarding the length of term of appointment to the Council at their initial meeting.

Discussion regarding length of term of Council members. Director Reid noted that it is difficult for a new group to get established in one year and that 18 months might be more reasonable.

The Board agreed that the Council members would hold a term until June 20, 2007 being renewable for 18 months.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Oglow

"That the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council members hold a term until June 20, 2007 being renewable for 18 months."

CARRIED.

7.5 Non-Government Appointments to Stewardship Council

The Board reviewed and discussed the memo from Mr. Armour dated January 24, 2006 introducing Non-Government Organization Applicants for 3 Stewardship Council Appointments.

Director Hobson stressed that it is important to maintain three positions on the Stewardship Council that are held by citizens associated with the Non-Government sector. Director Bennest added that it would be beneficial to have a balance of members having an instinctive approach as well as those members having a technical background. Chair Slater noted every attempt was being made to have the NGO group as diversified as possible.

Board agreed that Rick McKelvey would be a valuable addition to the Council however because Mr. McKelvey is associated with the Ministry of Environment that he not be categorized as a NGO member.

Moved by Director Bennest

Seconded by Director Hobson

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses Rick McKelvey as appointee to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council designated by The South Okanagan"

Environmental Coalition."***CARRIED.***

Community Futures is not considered a Non-Government Organization but may be able to participate as an economic member. Stu Wells, Chair of Okanagan-Similkameen would represent all three Community Future groups in the Okanagan.

Moved by Director Hobson**Seconded by** Director Reid***"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses Community Futures as an economic participant rather than a Non-Government Organization on the Stewardship Council."******CARRIED.***

Bob Whitehead, Drew Kaiser, and Neal Klassen were selected in as Non-Government Organization appointees for the three Stewardship Council positions.

Moved by Director Hobson**Seconded by** Director Oglow***"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses the appointment of Bob Whitehead, Drew Kaiser, and Neal Klassen as Non-Government Organization members to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council."******CARRIED.*****7.6 Water Quantity and Quality Initiatives Grants – Package for Regional Districts**

Mr. Armour requested the Board's approval of the attached Water Quantity and Quality Initiative Grants package for forwarding to the Regional Districts and Municipalities. The covering letter to the Regional Districts and Municipalities will describe the methods and plan of the Grants.

Director Hobson was concerned that applicants would ask for an increase on the \$30,000 limit. Mr. Armour replied that there would be a possibility of 'stacking' the grants however a multi-year application would not be approved. If a region did not receive applications for the allotted funding the surplus funding would then be transferred towards other regions' applications.

Director Novakowski expressed concern that yearly applications would result in an abundance of paperwork as most programs are scheduled for longer than a year. Mr. Armour pointed out that the amount of funding received by the Board varies each year with annual assessments.

Director Bennest suggested that ground water conservation and drought management plans be added to the grant application form as eligible projects. She added that users must have an understanding of conserving ground water first rather than dealing with a drought.

Mr. Stamhuis noted that a drought management plan and a ground water plan are all consistent with the intention of providing a plan for more efficient use of water in the valley. If a community wishes to conduct a study it will benefit a larger region than that community alone and should be looked at for funding. It is difficult to look at a multi-year project as we are unable to project income for following years. Projects will be reviewed for funding each year. There will be projects that are not completed precisely at the end of the year and will be rolled over into the following year.

Director Hobson inquired what role the new Project Coordinator would have in the selection of project grants. Mr. Stamhuis answered that the new Project Coordinator would review the

applications then forward to the Board for prioritizing. The values of the Board will be reflected rather than those of the separate Regional Districts.

Chair Slater noted that each region would receive a level of available funds in accordance with assessments however not be limited to the number of projects forwarded to the Board. He added that a valley-wide drought management plan may be considered a regional project.

Chair Slater suggested that applications be accepted for 2006 grants until funds run out however a cut-off date will be determined for next year in order that applications can be evaluated before the summer.

Discussion regarding surplus funds generated from sewage facility. Director Hobson suggested that new directors would benefit by meeting with Jim Mattison, Assistant Deputy, Minister of Environment before allocating surplus funds. Matter will be brought forward to next meeting.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Novakowski

"That the Water Quantity and Quality Initiative Grants package be forwarded to the Regional Districts and Municipalities as amended."

CARRIED.

7.7 Hiring of Technical Staff Member

Discussion regarding job description and salary/benefit package requiring more definition before advertising for the Project Coordinator position. It was agreed that the successful applicant should have both talent and energy with good presentation/communication skills, good organizational skills, and an excellent understanding of budgets. Responsibilities would include working with water issues and grants for the Board and acting as a resource person including administration backup for the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council. The position would offer a salary of \$50,000 to \$60,000 per annum and have a three year term.

The Board agreed the position should be filled as soon as possible as grant applications will soon be coming in. Director Hobson noted that it would be beneficial to have a representative of the Stewardship Council take part in the hiring.

Director Hobson suggested advertising the position with Professional Groups. Director Reid added that advertising in the Okanagan on Sundays may be worthwhile as they deliver valley-wide that day.

Moved by Director Novakowski

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses advertising for the position of Water Management Project Coordinator upon defining the responsibilities and salary/benefit package associated with the position."

CARRIED.

7.8 New Okanagan Water Projects – Memo From G. Armour

The Board reviewed and discussed the memo dated January 24, 2006 received from Mr. Armour regarding Water Stewardship Projects. Mr. Armour noted that there are approximately sixty-eight water and land projects in place. The Board will confirm link between projects.

Mr. Armour reviewed the following with the Board and noted that because of the volume of projects there must be care taken not to have overlapping projects:

- Water Sustainability Committee Information
- Environment Canada Land and Water use Project
- Agriculture Environment Standards (Environment Canada) – Agricultural Water Use and Conversation.

Mr. Armour noted that the current website of the Okanagan Basin Water Board is part of the NORD site and is difficult to find. It is not linked to the other participating Regional Districts.

Chair Slater added that communication is vital and should include a website and press releases.

7.9 Recommendation to Revise Supplementary Letter Patents

Mr. Stamhuis requested a letter be forwarded to the Ministry of Community Services requesting expedition of revising the Supplementary Letters Patent and that the letter be copied to local MLA's.

Moved by Director Oglow

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses a letter being forwarded to the Ministry of Community Services confirming the need to revise the Supplementary Letter Patents."

CARRIED.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Environment Canada, Shannon Denny - Integration of Land and Water Information for Decision Makers

8.2 Okanagan Indian Band, Chief Fabian Alexis – Designate to Stewardship Council

8.3 Ocoela Fish and Game Club – Assistance with Water Resource Management in Middle Vernon Creek

8.4 BC Ministry of Environment – Water Stewardship Division – Spallumcheen Groundwater Assessment

8.5 Assistant Deputy Minister, Water Stewardship Division, Ministry of Environment, Jim Mattison – Water Stewardship Council

8.6 Alliance Professional Services – Joanne DeVries – Purchase of Space in Newsletter

Moved by Director Novakowski

Seconded by Director Hobson

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses spending \$5,000.00 on a full page advertisement in the Alliance Professional Services newsletter."

CARRIED.

8.7 T. van der Gulik – Funding Request – Water for Growth in the Okanagan – Video Production

8.8 Tom Siddon – United Nations Convention on Climate Change

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Bennest

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board receive Agenda Items 8.1 through 8.8."

CARRIED.

9. SEWAGE GRANT APPLICATIONS

Director Reid requested confirmation in the budget that the application was received. Mr. Armour confirmed the application was received and in the budget.

10. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 07, 2006 at 10:00 to be held at the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Reid


Seconded by Director Novakowski

"There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m."

CARRIED.



CHAIR



SECRETARY

CAN YOU find
CAN YOU find
the application
referred to in our
files?
Greg.

OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD HELD ON FEBRUARY 06, 2007 AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN, PENTICTON, BC.

PRESENT: Chair John Slater Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
~~Director Len Novakowski Regional District Central Okanagan (absent)~~
Alternate Director James Baker Regional District Central Okanagan
~~Director Robert Hobson Regional District Central Okanagan (absent)~~
Alternate Director Patty Hanson Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Graham Reid Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Lorraine Bennest Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Rick Fairbairn Regional District North Okanagan
Director Ron Perrie Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
~~Director Tom Siddon Okanagan Water Stewardship Council (absent)~~
Alternate Director Ted van der Gulik Okanagan Water Stewardship Council
Director Toby Pike Water Supply Association of B.C.
~~Director Tim Manuel Okanagan Nation Alliance (absent)~~
Director Glen Taylor Regional District North Okanagan
Director Buffy Baumbrough Regional District North Okanagan

STAFF: Greg Armour Program Manager, OBWB
Dr. Anna Warwick Sears Water Stewardship Director, OBWB
Mike Stamhuis Regional District North Okanagan
Genevieve Doyle Water Stewardship Coordinator, OBWB
Debbie Taylor Recording Secretary, OBWB

OTHERS

PRESENT: Brian Guy Summit Environmental Consultants Ltd.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Slater called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2. APPOINTMENTS TO THE OBWB

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN
Director Rick Fairbairn

Director Buffy Baumbrough
Director Glen Taylor
Alternate Director Lorna Bissell
Alternate Director Pat Cochrane

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL OKANAGAN

Director Robert Hobson
Director Len Novakowski
Director Graham Reid
Alternate Director Patty Hanson
Alternate Director Colin Day
Alternate Director James Baker

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

Director John Slater
Director Lorraine Bennest
Director Ron Perrie
Alternate Director Tom Chapman
Alternate Director Bill Schwarz
Alternate Director John Vassilaki

OKANAGAN NATION ALLIANCE

Director Tim Manuel
Alternate Director Fabian Alexis

WATER SUPPLY ASSOCIATION OF B.C.

Director Toby Pike
Alternate Director Bob Hrasko

OKANAGAN WATER STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Director Tom Siddon
Alternate Director Ted van der Gulik

Newly appointed Directors and Alternate Directors for 2007 were welcomed to the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Mr. Armour called for nominations for the office of Chair of the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

Director Perrie nominated Director Slater for the office of Chair.

There being no further nominations, Director Slater was declared elected, by acclamation, as Chair of the Okanagan Basin Water Board for 2007.

Chair Slater assumed the Chair.

Chair Slater called for nominations for the office of Vice Chair of the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

Director Bennest nominated Director Reid for the office of Vice Chair.

There being no further nominations, Director Reid was declared elected, by acclamation, as Vice Chair of the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Bennest

"That the Agenda for a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board for February 06, 2007 be approved as circulated."

CARRIED.

5. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Bennest

"Item 7.3 being Water Supply Association of B.C. Proposal for Turbidity Notification Program Revision be added to the Agenda as a Late Item."

"Item 8.6 being Hydrometric Monitoring Update and Communications with Tony Cheong, from the Ministry of Environment be added to the Agenda as a Late Item."

"Item 9.1.2 being Ministry of Community Services Letter to the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Regarding Sewage Infrastructure Funding be added to the Agenda as a Late Item."

CARRIED.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board held January 09, 2007

Moved by Director Fairbairn

Seconded by Director Reid

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board held on January 09, 2007 at the Okanagan Indian Band Meeting Hall be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED.

7. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Okanagan Water Supply & Demand Study Update

7.1.1 Report from OBWB Staff and Hiring of Project Manager

Mr. Armour introduced Dr. Brian Guy of Summit Environmental Consultants as the Project Manager hired for Phase 2 of the Water Supply and Demand Study. Dr. Guy informed the Board of the objectives of the study and the immediate tasks to be conducted in Phase 2.

7.1.2 Water Supply and Demand Study Funding

Mr. Armour presented a staff recommendation regarding new funding for the Water Supply and Demand Study. The Ministry of Environment is offering to contribute additional surplus funds from their current fiscal year (maximum amount of \$250,000) to the Okanagan Basin Water Board for the Water Supply and Demand Study. Ministry Staff indicated that there was an excellent chance of obtaining the grant providing a commitment for a matching contribution from the OBWB was made by the end of February, 2007. Ministry Staff had suggested a contribution of 40%, however, any contribution would be at the discretion of the OBWB. All funding would be held by the OBWB.

Moved by Director Bennest

Seconded by Director Reid

“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board seek approval from the Regional Districts of Okanagan-Similkameen, Central Okanagan, and North Okanagan to commit 40% (to a maximum of \$100,000), of the amount of any new Ministry of Environment grant funding for the Water Supply and Demand Study.”

CARRIED.

Dr. Brian Guy exited the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

7.2 OBWB Goals and Objectives for 2007

Staff presented proposed goals and objectives for the Water Board programs in 2007.

Mr. Stamhuis suggested that a component for longer term strategic planning be added to the 2007 goals.

The Board discussed a retreat, possibly conducted as a facilitated session, as a means to establish strategic objectives.

7.3 Water Supply Association of B.C. Proposal for Turbidity Notification Program Revision

Director Pike reviewed a proposal from the Water Supply Association presented to the Interior Health Authority regarding the Turbidity Notification Program.

Director Pike advised that the WSA had proposed revisions to the IHA program that they felt would protect public health and enable the new turbidity standard to be applied more effectively by suppliers.

The Board agreed to send a letter to the Ministry of Health, Regional Districts, Municipalities and the media supporting the Water Supply Association of B.C.'s Proposal to the Interior Health Authority Regarding Revisions to the Turbidity Notification Program.

Moved by Director Bennest

Seconded by Alternate Director Baker

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board send a letter to the Interior Health Authority endorsing the Water Supply Association proposal for revisions to the Interior Health Turbidity Notification Program and encouraging the IHA to work with Water Suppliers toward a more balanced and workable water quality advisory program."

CARRIED.

The Board directed staff to copy Okanagan Valley local governments.

The regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board broke for lunch at 12:09 p.m. and reconvened at 12:44 p.m.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Minutes of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council Meeting held on December 14, 2006

Moved by Director Bennest

Seconded by Director Pike

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council held on December 14, 2007 at the Manteo Resort be received."

CARRIED.

8.2 Minutes of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council Meeting held on January 11, 2007

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council meeting held on January 11, 2007. (These minutes have not been adopted by the OWSC yet).

8.3 Okanagan Water Stewardship Council – February Meeting Outline

The OWSC meeting scheduled for February 8 will focus on the process of how best to communicate and deliver proposed policies, recommendations and strategies of the Council and on ways to communicate and coordinate local government policies.

The meeting on March 08 will be an all day session and will include a morning presentation from Hans Schreier entitled Virtual Water in the Okanagan and a panel from the Okanagan Nation Alliance regarding water management issues / concerns and First Nation cultural history in the afternoon.

At the April 12 meeting the WS&D Study will conduct a facilitated session with the OWSC members, as a representative water stakeholder group, to determine user needs for the information which will be generated from the Study.

8.4 Okanagan Water Stewardship Council Meeting Summary, December 14, 2006 – Drought Management

Moved by Director Bennest

Seconded by Director Pike

"That the summary of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council– Drought Management Planning Session be received."

CARRIED.

8.5 Symposium on Groundwater in the Okanagan Basin

8.5.1 Staff Report on January 23, 2007 Groundwater Symposium

Staff reported that the Symposium in Penticton was very well received and was attended by more than 100 scientists, planners and local government officials and members of the public.

8.5.2 Judie Steeves January 26, 2007 News Article on the Groundwater Symposium

The Board received the news article written by Judie Steeves for information.

8.6 Hydrometric Monitoring Update and Communications with Tony Cheong, from the Ministry of Environment

Staff reported on a recent phone meeting with Tony Cheong, Ministry of Environment, about MoE plans to develop a hydrometric management governance board. Staff proposed that we work with Tony Cheong to ensure that our proposal was compatible with aspects of their current efforts, while encouraging further funding commitments from senior governments.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Correspondence from Dale Wall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community Services Regarding Provincial Sewage Infrastructure Grant Eligibility

9.1.1 Copy of OBWB Letter to Assistant Deputy Minister Wall Requesting Clarification of Provincial Sewage Infrastructure Grant Eligibility

9.1.2 Ministry of Community Services Letter to the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Regarding Sewage Infrastructure Funding

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Perrie

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board table Item 9.1 to the next scheduled meeting."
CARRIED.

Agenda Item 9.1 was lifted from the table.

9.2 Correspondence from Environment Canada Requesting OBWB Support for Installation of Meteorological Equipment at Silver Star Ski Resort

Moved by Director Fairbairn

Seconded by Director Bennest

"That the OBWB send a letter to Silver Star Ski Resort supporting the Environment Canada request to install meteorological equipment which will provide data useful to the Water Supply and Demand Study."

CARRIED.

10. SEWAGE GRANT APPLICATIONS

10.1 Okanagan Basin Water Board Sewage Grant Draft Revised Terms of Reference

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Perrie

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board table Item 10.1 to the next scheduled meeting and this be the first agenda item."

CARRIED.

Agenda Item 10.1 was lifted from the table.

10.2 District of Coldstream Grant Application

10.2.1 Correspondence from District of Coldstream Confirming 1 Hectare Bylaw

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Perrie

*"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board table Item 10.2 to the next scheduled meeting."
CARRIED.*

Agenda Item 10.2 was lifted from the table.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board was scheduled for Tuesday, March 06, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Pike

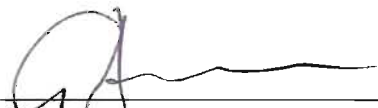
"There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m."

CARRIED.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Program Manager

OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD HELD ON March 07, 2006
AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL OKANAGAN, 1450 KLO ROAD, KELOWNA, BC, AT
10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT:

Director Len Novakowski	C.O.R.D.
Director Robert Hobson	C.O.R.D.
Chair John Slater	O.S.R.D.
Director Graham Reid	C.O.R.D.
Director Lorraine Bennest	O.S.R.D.
Director Rick Fairbairn	N.O.R.D.
Director Pat Cochrane	City of Vernon
Director Bill Firman	N.O.R.D. (in part)
Director Ron Perrie	O.S.R.D.

STAFF:

Greg Armour	Program Manager
(OBWB)	
Mike Stamhuis	N.O.R.D.
Deb Taylor	Recording Secretary

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Slater called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Board agreed that Item 7.4 of the minutes of the meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board held on January 24, 2006 be amended to reflect the names of appointees confirmed and ratified by the Board to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Hobson

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board held on January 24, 2006 at the Regional District of Central Okanagan Boardroom be adopted as amended."

CARRIED.

Director Bill Firman was introduced and welcomed to the Board.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Moved by Director Bennest

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That Item 4.11 being Signing Authority on behalf of the Okanagan Basin Water Board be

added to the Agenda."

"That Item 4.12 being Ministry of Environment Water Supply and Demand Study be added to the Agenda."

"That Item 4.13 being Sale of Lease Lots be added to the Agenda."

CARRIED.

4. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Approved Okanagan Basin Water Board Meeting Schedule

The Approved Meeting Schedule for 2006 was received by the Board. The Board agreed that the meeting that was to be held July 12, 2006 be moved to July 11, 2006 to accommodate Directors schedules. The Board will schedule meetings for the remaining months of 2006 at the May 02, 2006 meeting.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That the Approved Meeting Schedule for 2006 of the Okanagan Basin Water Board be adopted as amended."

CARRIED.

4.2 Okanagan Basin Water Board of Directors List

Moved by Director Novakowski

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board of Directors List adding Alternate Directors of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen be adopted as amended."

CARRIED.

4.3 Minutes of February 23, 2006 meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

Minutes of the February 23, 2006 meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council were received for information.

Item 2. Appointments to the Stewardship Council

First Nations appointed Deana Machin to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council as representative for the Okanagan Nation Alliance. Mr. Armour advised that Deana Machin has confirmed that the Okanagan Nation Alliance had appointed Chief Fabian Alexis as First Nation Director on the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

Item 3. Background

Tom Siddon and Bob Hrasko will facilitate the Council meeting scheduled for March 23, 2006 focusing on Vision and Goals of the Council.

Item 4.6 Alternate Council Members

Director Hobson suggested that the agencies represented by the Council Members submit a list of proposed alternate members to the Board to be ratified. Mr. Stamhuis stated that Alternate Council Members must be appointed and designated by the Okanagan Basin Water Board in order to vote. Director Novakowski noted that having non-voting Alternate Directors would make it more challenging to achieve a quorum. Director Reid and Director Bennest added that having

non-voting Alternate Directors stresses the importance of the agencies appointing Members who would attend on a regular basis.

Item 4.7 Quorum for Meetings

The Board agreed that fifty percent plus one rather than two-thirds of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Member List would constitute a quorum.

Item 4.8 Agenda Preparation and Distribution

The Board agreed that the Council is a local government committee and meetings must be open to the public. Director Hobson suggested scheduling occasional strategizing meetings before the scheduled monthly meetings.

Discussion ensued regarding posting of Council meeting minutes or agendas on the website versus producing a newsletter. A newsletter would allow the highlights of the meeting to be accessible to the public more promptly as the Minutes must be approved by the Members at the following meeting. Chair Slater was concerned that the Council may communicate matters to the public that had not yet been put to the Okanagan Basin Water Board for approval.

Item 4.10 OBWB Website

Mr. Armour said that the website was going to become a self-standing site with links to the three Regional Districts. Mr. Armour added that the Okanagan Basin Water Board had been invited to post information on the Waterbucket website.

Item 4.11 Expenses

The Board agreed that mileage would be compensated for Council Members who were not reimbursed by their employers.

Item 5.2 Election of Co-Chairs

Mr. Armour said that the election of Co-Chairs would provide a broader range of knowledge and opinion than the election of a Chair and a Vice-Chair to the Council. Director Hobson noted that the election of a Chair and a Vice-Chair to the Council would offer consistent attendance to the Board meetings.

Moved by Director Novakowski

Seconded by Director Bennest

"That the Minutes of the February 23, 2006 meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council be adopted as amended."

CARRIED.

4.4 Background Notes Circulated to Stewardship Council Members for February 23, 2006 Meeting

Background notes circulated to Stewardship Council Members for February 23, 2006 meeting were received by the Board.

4.5 Appointments to Stewardship Council – Revised List

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Bennest

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses the removal of Chief Clarence Louie designated by the Osoyoos Indian Band, Chief Robert Louie designated by the Westbank First Nation, Chief Stuart Phillip designated by the Penticton Indian Band and Chief Fabian

Alexis designated by the Okanagan Indian Band from the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council and endorses Deana Machin as appointee to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council designated by the Okanagan Nation Alliance."

CARRIED.

Correspondence received from the Greater Vernon Water Stewardship Committee dated March 01, 2006 requesting membership to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council was received and discussed by the Board.

The Board endorsed the appointment of representation of the Greater Vernon Water Stewardship Committee on the Stewardship Council.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Bennest

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses Michelle Borshard as appointee to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council designated by Osoyoos Lake Water Quality Society."

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses Reg Crane as appointee to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council designated by Greater Vernon Water Stewardship Committee."

CARRIED.

Discussions ensued regarding the initial three seats reserved on the Council for Non-Government Organizations and the concern of accepting new applicants after the initial selection of members was made. The Board agreed to review the number of seats available for Non-Government Organizations in eighteen months.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Hobson

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board review the number of seats available for Non-Government Organizations on the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council in August, 2007."

CARRIED.

Director Hobson stated that the Kelowna Water Task Force had disbanded and that Bob Whitehead would be referred to as an interested citizen on the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council List of Members.

4.6 Hiring of Water Management Coordinator – Memo from G. Armour

Memo from Mr. Armour dated March 07, 2006 regarding Water Management Coordinator Position was received for information.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Novakowski

"That the meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board convene In Camera to deal with personnel matters deemed closed to the public in accordance with Section 92 of the Community Charter."

CARRIED.

The meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board adjourned to meet "In Camera" at approximately 11:50 a.m.

The meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board reconvened at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Director Firman left the meeting at approximately 12:40.

4.7 Alliance Professional Services – Water Supply Newsletter

Memo from Mr. Armour dated March 07, 2006 regarding Water Purveyor's Newsletter was received for information.

4.8 Water Supply Newsletter – Groundwater Assessment Project Article

Groundwater Assessment in the Okanagan Basin article was received for information.

4.9 Changes to Supplementary Letters Patent – Information to be Presented at Meeting

Mr. Armour noted that he had not received a response from Ministry of Community Services regarding the amendment of Supplementary Letters Patent therefore the three new directors would attend the next Okanagan Basin Water Board meeting as observers.

4.10 Aquatic Weed Program Equipment Storage Facility – Memo from G. Armour

Memo from Mr. Armour dated March 07, 2006 regarding move of storage yard and shop was received for information.

The lease agreement with Windsor Plywood ends December 31, 2006.

Mr. Armour informed the Board that negotiations are taking place with Windsor Plywood, which if agreeable terms are reached, may make it possible to obtain the metal frame shop building the Okanagan Basin Water Board now uses. The building would be moved to the NOWA property and would require a concrete slab. Mr. Armour has arranged for the NORD Building Inspection Department to assess the building and the new site for any complications. Mr. Armour will present the Board with the full costs of setting up the shop building once costs are determined.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses obtaining the metal frame shop building from Windsor Plywood contingent on negotiations being acceptable."

CARRIED.

4.11 Signing Authority

The Board agreed that Director Fairbairn be appointed as Signing Officer of the Board along with Regional Board Chair Stan Field, who remains an Alternate Director to the Okanagan Basin Water Board and that the dollar amount requiring Officer signature be increased from Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Cochrane

"WHEREAS it is desirable for the Okanagan Basin Water Board (hereinafter called the 'Corporation') to authorize certain of its officers to, inter alia, sign cheques, deposit promissory notes and cheques, receive paid cheques, obtain and deliver from the Corporation's bankers, copies of all or any stocks and bonds;

NOW THEREFORE, the Corporation hereby enacts as follows:

That all cheques of the Corporation drawn on its current account be signed on its behalf by Stan Field, Alternate Director; Rick Fairbairn, Director; Alan Harris, Chief Financial Officer; and/or Terry Mori, Corporate Controller; (any two to sign);

That Alan Harris, Chief Financial Officer; and/or Terry Mori, Corporate Controller of the Corporation, be and are hereby authorized for and on behalf of the said Corporation to negotiate with, deposit with or transfer to the Bank of Montreal (but for the credit of the said Corporation only) all or any Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, Cheques and Orders for the payment of money and other negotiable paper, and for the said purpose to endorse the same or any of them on behalf of the said Corporation, either in writing or by rubber stamp, and further that all cheques under the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) may be mechanically signed by a cheque-signing machine or other electronic or mechanical means, including Laser Technology, by any of the above officers;

That Alan Harris, Chief Financial Officer; and/or Terry Mori, Corporate Controller of the Corporation, be and are hereby authorized for and on behalf of the said Corporation from time to time to arrange, settle, balance, and certify all books and accounts between vouchers, unpaid and unaccepted bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments;

That Alan Harris, Chief Financial Officer; and/or Terry Mori, Corporate Controller of the Corporation, be and are hereby authorized for and on behalf of the said Corporation to obtain delivery from the said Bank of all or any stocks, bonds and other securities held by the said Bank in safe-keeping or otherwise for the account of the said Corporation and to give valid and binding receipts therefore; and

That this resolution be communicated to the said Bank and remain in force until written notice to the contrary shall have been given to the Manager for the time being the Branch of the Bank at which the Account of the said Corporation is kept and receipt of such notice duly acknowledged in writing."

CARRIED.

4.12 Ministry of Environment Water Supply and Demand Study

Jim Mattison of the Ministry of Environment had approached the Board requesting that the Board become financial partners in a water supply and demand study.

Director Hobson suggested making a contribution of up to Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) and having the Stewardship Council research the matter before committing further. Mr. Armour added that the Board's Two Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$200,000) contribution would be contingent on the Ministry implementing the full program and the Board being on a steering committee.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Bennest

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses contributing up to Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) of surplus Sewage Facilities Grant funds to Ministry of Environment study."

CARRIED.

4.13 Sale of Lease Lots

The Okanagan Basin Water Board has concerns regarding lease lot sales on water reservoir lakes and the impacts on water quality and future storage capabilities. The need to preserve flexibility in our water supplies has been brought to the forefront by drought conditions in the Okanagan during recent summers.

Mr. Stamhuis said that the Province is committed to proceeding with the sale of lease lots. Mr. Stamhuis was scheduled to attend an upcoming meeting at the Regional District of Central Okanagan and suggested that the Board delay any motion until information from the upcoming meeting was received. The Board agreed to receive information from the Regional District of Central Okanagan meeting before proceeding with any further discussions.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Regional District of North Okanagan – Development Variance Permit

Correspondence to the Board from the Development Services Department of the Township of Spallumcheen, dated February 14, 2006, regarding a Development Variance Permit Application was received by the Board. The Development Services Department requested confirmation that they were interpreting the policy correctly regarding creation of a lot of less than 1.0 ha that was proposed to be serviced by a holding tank.

The Board confirmed its policy that "creation of lots less than 1.0 ha not serviced by a community sewer system may jeopardize future funding for infrastructure improvements".

ACTION ITEM: Staff was to draft and forward a letter to Township of Spallumcheen, Development Services Department confirming that their interpretation of the policy was correct.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Novakowski

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board confirms the policy that "creation of lots less than 1.0 ha not serviced by a community sewer system may jeopardize future funding for infrastructure improvements".

CARRIED.

Director Perrie asked the Board for clarification of the minimum lot size policy. He explained that as Area Director for the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, he was asked about subdivision of property resulting in lots less than one hectare. The lots would be in rural areas which likely would never receive sewer but were surrounded by a large vacant amount of land and would be able to handle on-site treatment. He felt permitting these small subdivisions should not affect the grants to enable provision of sewer to denser development where problems were likely to occur.

It was the opinion of the Board that exceptions would not be made to the interpretation of the minimum lot size policy.

The Board asked that Mr. Armour consult with the Ministry of Community Services to verify that Federal – Provincial Infrastructure Grant policy had not changed and report back at the next meeting.

6. SEWAGE GRANT APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

7. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 04, 2006 at 10:00 to be held at the Regional District of North Okanagan.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Bennest

"There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m."

CARRIED.



CHAIR



Program Manager

OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD HELD ON April 04, 2006
AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN, 9848 ABERDEEN ROAD, VERNON, BC,
AT 10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT:

Director Len Novakowski	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Robert Hobson	Regional District Central Okanagan
Chair John Slater	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Graham Reid	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Lorraine Bennest	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Rick Fairbairn	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Pat Cochrane	City of Vernon
Director Bill Firman	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Ron Perrie	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Tom Siddon	Okanagan Water Stewardship Council
Toby Pike	Water Supply Association
Fabian Alexis	Okanagan Nation Alliance (absent)

STAFF:

Greg Armour	Program Manager, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Mike Stamhuis	Regional District North Okanagan
Deb Taylor	Recording Secretary

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Slater called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Board welcomed new members Tom Siddon, Chair of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council and Toby Pike representing the Water Supply Association. Fabian Alexis of the Okanagan Nation Alliance had also been appointed to the Board however was not available to attend the meeting.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Director Cochrane

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board held on March 07, 2006 at the Regional District of Central Okanagan Boardroom be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

That Item 5.8 being the Revised Version of Projects from the Stewardship Council be added to the Agenda.

That Item 5.9 being the Drinking Water Protection Act Leadership Council be added to the Agenda.

That Item 5.10 being Comment on Stewardship Council be added to the Agenda.

Director Perrie entered the meeting at 10:15.

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Minutes of a Meeting of the Okanagan Stewardship Council from March 23, 2006

The Board reviewed and discussed the minutes of the March 23, 2006 meeting of the Okanagan Stewardship Council.

Mr. Armour reported that the recommendations made by the Okanagan Basin Water Board regarding having a Chair and Vice Chair, voting alternates, public meetings, and an eighteen month term for the Chair were adopted by the Council

At the March 23rd meeting, Tom Siddon was elected as Chair and Ted van der Gulik was elected as Vice Chair of the Council.

Director Bennest entered the meeting at 10:17.

Mr. Stamhuis stated that the 'complete' Council minutes should be forwarded to the Board. Action items would be separate from those minutes. The Board agreed that WSC minutes would not need to be adopted for recommendations to be dealt with.

The Board agreed that Ted van der Gulik would act as Alternate Director to Tom Siddon on the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

Mr. Armour noted that WSC meetings would be preceded by a half hour presentation from Council members on topics where they had expertise.

5.2 Policies and Tactical Projects from Water Stewardship Council

Director Siddon gave an overview of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council March 23, 2006 discussions and brainstorming session regarding potential policies and tactical projects.

There was a discussion about long term versus short term goals.

Director Hobson said that there was a difference between developing a water budget and doing a supply and demand study.

Mr. Pike agreed that we cannot take a short term view. He felt that the financial participation of the Water Board in the Supply and Demand study entered into an area that was clearly a provincial responsibility. He said that the goal should be to manage the available resource to its best use and that the Okanagan Basin Water Board has a tremendous potential to deal with inequities and be highly creative in finding ways to reduce water use.

Director Bennest said that we need to know what constitutes a water shortage. Mistakes and oversights have led to problems in water short areas like Summerland.

Mr. Siddon commented that we cannot increase water usage until we exceed the total water available.

Mr. Pike noted that it is difficult to determine exactly how much water is used compared to water licensed. There is no licensing of groundwater use and we continue to mine aquifers.

He also commented that suppliers report to the Ministry of Finance rather than the Ministry of Environment.

Director Novakowski asked how accurate knowledge is of baseline supply and demand.

Director Pike advised that the Ministry of Environment had conducted a study of water demand and supply in the 1970's and at that time hydrologists estimated the watershed to have a dependable supply. Their final recommendation was that studies would be completed every 5 – 7 years. However, sufficient funding was not available for continued studies.

Discussion regarding the use of ground water.

Director Hobson stated that increased reliance on groundwater by purveyors lessened the ability to deal with drought. The mission of water purveyors is to meet demand but good planning to make best use of water is up to local government.

Director Bennest said that our lack of knowledge of groundwater is leading to a variety of unknowns for the future supplies and quality. We need to worry about drought years and not average years when the supply is adequate.

Mr. Armour stated that the recharge area in many cases was unknown and that it would be difficult to remediate an aquifer.

Mr. Stamhuis added that the Stewardship Council would have to deal with what is going to happen, what needs to be done, and ways to cope.

Director Reid said that he hoped coordination of existing research and information would be part of the task.

Moved by Director Novakowski

Seconded by Director Perrie

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council held on March 23, 2006 at the Regional District of Central Okanagan Woodhaven Boardroom be received for information."

CARRIED.

5.3 Appointments to Stewardship Council – Revised List

Moved by Director Bennest

Seconded by Director Hobson

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses Denise Neilsen as appointee to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council designated by Agriculture Canada."

CARRIED.

5.4 Hiring of Water Management Coordinator – Interviews of Four Leading Candidates

One of the applicants is unable to attend interviews scheduled for April 06, 2006. The interview committee would discuss rescheduling the interview.

5.5 Changes to Supplementary Letters Patent – Information to be presented at meeting.

Mr. Armour informed the Board that he had not received a response from Ministry of Community Services regarding the amendment of Supplementary Letters Patent therefore the three new directors would be attending this meeting as observers.

5.6 Appointment of Dr. Peter Dill to Water Stewardship Council Replacing Mr. Bob Whitehead.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Reid

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses the removal of Bob Whitehead designated by the Kelowna Water Task Force from the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council and endorses Peter Dill as appointee to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council designated by the Friends of Mission Creek."

CARRIED.

5.7 Information from Delaware River Basin Water Resources Plan

The Board received and discussed information from Delaware River Basin Water Resources Plan which included Guiding Principles. Mr. Armour noted that the website was useful and self-explanatory.

5.8 Revised Version of Projects from the Stewardship Council

Discussed in Item 5.2.

5.9 Leadership Council

Mr. Pike informed the Board that there is a Water Act leadership Council formed under the Drinking Water Protection Act. It is composed of eight Health representatives and representation from the Province. The goal is to promote uniform application of the policies of the Act. Without guidance the Drinking Water Officers are unable to be consistent. He said that this may be a good group to approach and noted that there is provision for formation of an advisory commission.

5.10 Comment on Stewardship Council

Discussed in Item 5.3.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Mr. Glen Brown, Ministry of Community Services – Clarification of One Hectare Policy for Infrastructure Grants

The Board received information forwarded by Glen Brown, Acting Director of Engineering

Division, Ministry of Community Services on the policy regarding lots less than 1.0 ha serviced by a holding tank. Mr. Armour had contacted the Ministry of Community Services and was advised that the policy was still in place and grants for infrastructure may be affected by the creation of lots less than 1.0 ha not serviced by a community sewer system.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Hobson

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board amend its Sewage Grant Policy to read "That the Okanagan Basin Water Board not participate in funding of sewage infrastructure in communities that create development, as of January 1, 2000, on lots of less than 1.0 hectare not serviced by a community sewage treatment system."

CARRIED.

Director Cochrane exited the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

7. SEWAGE GRANT APPLICATIONS

Community sewer requirement dealt with under 6.1.

8. NEXT MEETING


The date of the next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 02, 2006 at 10:00 to be held at the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen.

9. ADJOURNMENT

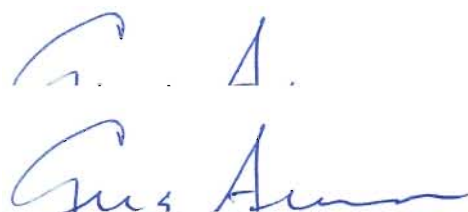
Moved by Director Perrie

"There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m."

CARRIED.



CHAIR



Program Manager

OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD HELD ON May 02, 2006
AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN, 101 MARTIN STREET,
PENTICTON, BC, AT 10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT:

Director Len Novakowski	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Robert Hobson	Regional District Central Okanagan
Chair John Slater	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Graham Reid	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Lorraine Bennest	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Rick Fairbairn	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Pat Cochrane	City of Vernon (regrets)
Director Bill Firman	Regional District North Okanagan (absent)
Director Ron Perrie	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Tom Siddon	Okanagan Water Stewardship Council
Toby Pike	Water Supply Association
Fabian Alexis	Okanagan Nation Alliance (absent)

STAFF:

Greg Armour	Program Manager, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Mike Stamhuis	Regional District North Okanagan
Deb Taylor	Recording Secretary

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Slater called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Director Fairbairn

Seconded by Director Reid

"That the agenda for a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board for May 02, 2006 be approved."

CARRIED.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Moved by Director Fairbairn

Seconded by Director Reid

"That Item 5.7 being Water Quantity and Quality Initiatives Grant Applications be added to the Agenda."

"That Item 5.8 being Okanagan Water Supply and Demand Study be added to the Agenda."

CARRIED.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Location of the meeting to be changed to Regional District of North Okanagan rather than the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board held on April 04, 2006 at the Regional District of Central Okanagan Boardroom be adopted as amended."

CARRIED.

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Minutes of a Meeting of the Okanagan Stewardship Council from April 13, 2006

The Board received the minutes of the April 13, 2006 meeting of the Okanagan Stewardship Council.

The Board agreed that they would receive the draft minutes from the Stewardship Council and then the action items once the minutes were adopted by the Stewardship Council.

Mr. Armour reported that at the April 13, 2006 Stewardship Council meeting Mr. Ted van der Gulik, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands and a member of the Council gave a presentation on water use in agriculture.

Kim Stephens, Director of the Water Sustainability Committee BCWWA was invited to make a presentation to Council at the May 11, 2006 meeting.

Joanne DeVries of Alliance Professional Services was invited to speak at the May 11, 2006 meeting and outline her work on the waterbucket.ca website. Mr. van der Gulik suggested that \$20,000 be set aside to develop a plan for the Okanagan and set up a link with the waterbucket.ca website. Information would be constantly updated.

Mr. Siddon noted the abundance of knowledge and expertise of the members of the Council. Members of the Council represented a vast cross-section of interests and concerns of water issues and it would be a challenge for members to step away from their background. He added that the Stewardship Council was large and would likely need to break into sub-committees to deal with projects.

Mr. Pike added that ideally the Council would buy into projects that were truly the identity of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council. He stated that he had recently attended a BC Water Resources congress which brought studies together collectively. He suggested that the Board organize a similar type of congress yearly for the three regional districts to communicate on completed projects and current and future studies.

At the Water Stewardship Council meeting of April 13, 2006 Minister of Environment, Barry Penner presented Okanagan Basin Water Board Chair Slater with a grant in the amount of \$350,000 toward the Okanagan Water Supply and Demand Study to be administered in collaboration between the Water Board and the Ministry. Chair Slater stated that the Board would be administering the program and be a part of the Steering Committee. The Water Board

would have input into Ministry Terms of Reference for the study. Mr. Pike added that the program was a great opportunity and the Board should participate with enthusiasm.

5.2 Schedule Meetings August 2006 Through To and Including December 2006

The Board agreed to the following schedule and locations of meetings for August 2006 through to and including December 2006:

August 02, 2006	Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
August 29, 2006	Regional District of Central Okanagan
October 03, 2006	Regional District of North Okanagan
November 07, 2006	Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
December 05, 2006	Regional District of Central Okanagan

5.3 Policies and Tactical Projects from Water Stewardship Council

Mr. Armour reported on the compilation of policies and projects identified by Council members as their priorities. The policy items (with associated projects in parentheses) named by the greatest number of Council members were:

1. Core Philosophical Approach (develop guiding principles for adoption by OBWB)
2. Water Management Plan (understanding of basin wide water usage, water basin plan, supply and demand supply)
3. Water Conservation (variety of measures)
4. Water Education (communication and education through pilot projects with a measurable output)

Many of the projects identified could also be considered policy issues. Core policies should be broad based and aimed at the whole basin.

The Stewardship Council formed a sub-committee to expand on a basin water management plan for presentation at the May 11, 2006 meeting.

5.4 First Nation Applications for Water Quality and Quantity Initiative Grants

Director Hobson noted that Item 5.3 stated that "since First Nations did not pay into the OBWB, they were not eligible" for grants. He pointed out that Westbank First Nations paid a sum of money to a contractual service agreement with the Regional District of Central Okanagan for all Regional District services including OBWB grants. Director Bennest suggested the Board forward the Stewardship Council a letter requesting the statement be clarified and that a policy be established for funding projects that were valuable to water issues regardless of payment into the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Reid

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses the Westbank First Nation being eligible under the grant program."

CARRIED.

5.5 Summary of Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006 Expenditures

The Board reviewed and discussed the Budget Variance Report for the 2005 – 2006 Fiscal Year.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Perrie

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board receives for information the unaudited version of the Budget Variance Report for the 2005 – 2006 Fiscal Year."

CARRIED.

5.6 Changes to Supplementary Letters Patent – Information to be presented at meeting.

Mr. Armour advised that Rob Brown of the Ministry of Community Services had advised him that changes to Supplementary Letters Patent to allow new Board members to have full voting privileges were being processed. Mr. Brown had not provided a timeline for the changes.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Armour to forward original Supplementary Letters Patent to Director Reid.

5.7 Water Quantity and Quality Initiatives Grant Applications

Some members of the Water Stewardship Council had proposed that a small sub-committee review grant applications to direct funds toward projects that fit the watershed management goals that would be recommended to the Water Board. The Water Board anticipated that the Council would not become involved in the consideration of small grant applications.

Mr. Stamhuis agreed that evaluating grant applications was not the role of the Council. The Council should be focusing on valley-wide projects along with possibly coming up with their own projects. The Board should look at the initiatives they want to pursue and assess how the projects work into that. Initiative grants (\$300,000) that have valley-wide value could be given high priority.

Chair Slater stated that the Board had previously agreed that the Council would focus on regional projects and the Regional Districts would focus on local projects.

Regional Districts would assess projects then forward to the Water Board for approval. Municipalities could apply directly to the Board rather than through a Regional District. Some grant applications have a timeline urgency. Discussion ensued regarding establishing a date that unspent funds from one Regional District could be allocated to other areas.

The Board agreed that in the future a deadline for receipt of all applications would be set.

Moved by Director Perrie

Seconded by Director Hobson

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses the August 01 deadline for receipt of grant applications."

CARRIED.

The Board broke for lunch at 12:15 and reconvened at 12:38.

5.8 Supply and Demand Study

Mr. Armour pointed out that a large part of the program would be the updating of data which is twenty years out of date. Director Hobson added that one of the Board's recommendations would be ongoing monitoring. Mr. Pike added that reconciling the water balance should be ongoing rather than a snapshot.

Chair Slater would be relaying the Board's terms at the first meeting of the Steering Committee. Mr. Armour noted that the Steering Committee was targeting the next two weeks for completion of the draft Terms of Reference and Terms would be forwarded to the Okanagan Basin Water Board for recommendations.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Hobson

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses Chair Slater attending the meetings of the Steering Committee of the Ministry of Environment Water Supply and Demand Study."
CARRIED.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Water Quality and Quantity Initiative Grant Applications

The Board received Water Quality and Grant Applications for review and consideration.

- a. Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen – Osoyoos sewer extension – feasibility and pre-design study. Amount Requested - \$25,000.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Novakowski

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board not approve the grant for the Okanagan-Similkameen – Osoyoos sewer extension – feasibility and pre-design study."
CARRIED.

- b. Greater Vernon Services – Project #1 – Assessment of potential for increased storage capacity on Duteau Creek reservoir system and evaluation of associated environmental impacts. Study to determine hydraulic restrictions in Vernon Creek Channel and improvements which could be made to allow increased storage in Kalamalka Lake. Amount Requested - \$30,000.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses funding in the amount of \$30,000 for Greater Vernon Services – Project #1 – Assessment of potential for increased storage capacity on Duteau Creek reservoir system and evaluation of associated environmental impacts. Study to determine hydraulic restrictions in Vernon Creek Channel and improvements which could be made to allow increased storage in Kalamalka Lake subject to approval by the Regional District of North Okanagan."

CARRIED.

- c. Greater Vernon Services – Project #2 – Drought management plan. Amount Requested - \$20,000.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Reid

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board agreed that a decision on funding for Greater Vernon Services – Project #2 – Drought management plan be deferred pending receipt of additional project information."

CARRIED.

- d. City of Armstrong – Part salary for student (OUC Water Quality Tech) to assist City Water Technician to undertake a xeriscape demonstration garden and educational workshops in conjunction with a local nursery. Subsidized rain barrel program. Amount Requested - \$10,000.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses funding for the City of Armstrong in the amount of \$10,000. Part for salary for student (OUC Water Quality Tech) to assist City Water Technician to undertake a xeriscape demonstration garden and educational workshops in conjunction with a local nursery. Subsidized rain barrel program."

CARRIED.

- e. City of Penticton – Flow measurement engineering study an installation of measuring devices to determine stream flow in Penticton and Ellis Creeks. Evaluate storage, need for water conservation measures and maintain fish flows. Amount Requested - \$10,000.

Moved by Director Perrie

Seconded by Director Novakowski

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the City of Penticton Flow measurement engineering study and installation of measuring devices to determine stream flow in Penticton and Ellis Creek pending City of Penticton resolution to support."

CARRIED.

- f. Ocoala Fish and Game Club – Mr. Armour has informed the applicant that the grant application must go to the Board of the Regional District of Central Okanagan for endorsement.

6.2 Okanagan Nation Alliance – Sockeye Fry Release Ceremony

The Board received information regarding the Okanagan Nation Alliance – Sockeye Fry Release Ceremony taking place on Friday, May 19, 2006 in Penticton.

7. SEWAGE GRANT APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

8. IN CAMERA

- a. Motion to convene In-Camera Meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

Moved by Director Novakowski

Seconded by Director Reid

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board convene an In-Camera Meeting to deal with matters deemed closed to the public in accordance with Section 92 of the Community Charter."

CARRIED.

The regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board adjourned to meet "In-Camera" at 1:10 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

9. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 06, 2006 at 10:00 to be held at the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Perrie

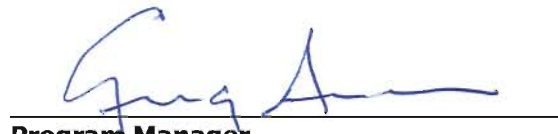
"There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m."

CARRIED.

Certified Correct:



CHAIR



Program Manager

OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD HELD ON JUNE 06, 2006 AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL OKANAGAN, 1450 KLO ROAD, KELOWNA, BC, AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Director Len Novakowski	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Robert Hobson	Regional District Central Okanagan (absent)
Chair John Slater	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Graham Reid	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Lorraine Bennest	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Rick Fairbairn	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Pat Cochrane	City of Vernon
Director Bill Firman	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Ron Perrie	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Tom Siddon	Okanagan Water Stewardship Council (absent)
Toby Pike	Water Supply Association
Fabian Alexis	Okanagan Nation Alliance (absent)

STAFF:

Greg Armour	Program Manager, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Mike Stamhuis	Regional District North Okanagan (absent)
Debbie Taylor	Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Judie Steeves	Kelowna Capital News
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Slater called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Director Novakowski

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That the agenda for a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board for June 06, 2006 be approved."

CARRIED.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Moved by Director Novakowski

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That Item 4.7 being Okanagan Community-of-Interest on the WaterBucket Website be added to the Agenda."

"That Item 4.8 being Ministry of Environment correspondence and Project Prospectus for the Okanagan Water Supply and Demand Study be added to the Agenda."

CARRIED.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Item 5.3 Policies and Tactical Projects from Water Stewardship Council would be amended to read "2. Water Management Plan (understanding of basin wide water usage, water basin plan, supply and demand study)".

Moved by Director Novakowski

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board held on May 02, 2006 at the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Boardroom be adopted as amended."

CARRIED.

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Minutes of a Meeting of the Okanagan Stewardship Council from May 11, 2006

The Board received the minutes of the May 11, 2006 meeting of the Okanagan Stewardship Council.

Mr. Armour reviewed Kim Stephens, Director of the Water Sustainability Committee BCWWA proposal for developing a plan to be included on the waterbucket.ca website. Some members were concerned that OBWB information would be difficult to find on a large website. A direct link to the waterbucket.ca site from a separate OBWB site would be a possibility. Cost of the proposal was also a concern.

Mr. Armour reported that the Water Stewardship Council had formed sub committees to deal with issues such as Council vision, mission, and decision making principles. These meetings were scheduled before each Council meeting. An Agenda committee made up of Chair Siddon, Vice Chair van der Gulik, Mr. Hrasko and Mr. Armour had been struck to prepare meeting agendas. Agendas would be restricted to three or four main items.

Some members of the Board disagreed with smaller sub-committees being formed by the Water Stewardship Council. Sub-committees had been formed for defining a Vision, a Mission, and Principles for the Council. Meetings were scheduled outside of Council meetings. Some members of the Board agreed that such a large group was more easily managed with smaller sub-committees being formed. Mr. Armour advised the Board that a sub-committee consisting of himself, Chair Tom Siddon, Vice Chair Ted van der Gulik, and Bob Hrasko had been formed to prepare the agenda for each meeting. He further advised that because of the vast range of discussions each agenda would be restricted to three to four main items. Items arising would be rolled to the next agenda.

Director Novakowski noted that the Water Stewardship Council is a work in progress and must have time to develop. He agreed with the forming of subcommittees. He added that the forming of the Council was a major step forward for the Board.

Chair Slater said that the Water Stewardship Council felt overwhelmed with their scope of responsibilities. The Council is divided in their view of direction. Some members want to commence approving projects as soon as possible while other members believe that the Council must have a mandate before spending any dollars.

Moved by Director Novakowski

Seconded by Director Bennest

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council held on May 11, 2006 at the Regional District of Central Okanagan Boardroom be received for information."

CARRIED.

5.2 Recommendation From Stewardship Council for Assessment of Grant Applications

The Water Stewardship Council recommended to the Water Board that Water Initiative Grant Applications be referred to the Water Stewardship Council. The Board said applications should not be formally referred to the Water Stewardship Council but that Staff could contact a member with appropriate expertise for advice. Director Bennest added that advice should be sought from all sources and not be limited to advice only from the Council. Director Novakowski said that the Board relies on Staff to make recommendations regarding individual projects.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Novakowski

"That Water Initiative Grant Applications would not be formally referred to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council however members with appropriate expertise would be contacted by Staff for technical advice."

CARRIED.

Mr. Armour advised the Board that the Water Stewardship Council had suggested that if employers of Council Members submitted a project proposal to the Stewardship Council the proposal would not be brought forward by the Council Member nor would lobbying of other Council Members be acceptable. Any project recommended would be subject to Board approval and the normal bidding process would apply.

5.3 Terms of Reference for Water Stewardship Council

Director Bennest stated that she felt that water shortage should be the main focus of the OBWB and the Water Stewardship. She suggested that the Council present a definition of what a water shortage would look like and what impact a shortage would have.

Directors Reid and Novakowski agreed that the purpose of the OBWB and the Water Stewardship Council was to quantify the Okanagan's water supply in order to avoid a water shortage.

Director Cochrane noted that the Council's purpose was to provide expertise to the Board. He suggested that the Council be given a couple of tasks at a time to report to the Board on and then move to the next task.

5.4 Meeting Dates – August to December

The Approved Meeting Schedule for the months of August through to and including December 2006 was received by the Board. It was noted that the meeting scheduled for August 02 conflicted with the North Okanagan Regional Board Meeting scheduled for the same day. The August 02 Okanagan Basin Water Board meeting would be cancelled unless called by Chair Slater.

Moved by Director Novakowski

Seconded by Director Bennest

"That the Approved Schedule for the months of August through to and including December 2006 was received by the Okanagan Basin Water Board as amended."

CARRIED.

5.5 Ratify Mary Bowcock, Greater Vernon Water Conservation, to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

Mr. Armour advised that Reg Crane had resigned from the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council and the Greater Vernon Water Conservation Committee had designated Mary Bowcock as his replacement.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Cochrane

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses Mary Bowcock as appointee to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council designated by Greater Vernon Water Conservation Committee."

CARRIED.

5.6 Rick McKelvey, member of Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

Mr. Armour advised the Board that Okanagan Stewardship Council member Rick McKelvey was no longer affiliated with the South Okanagan-Similkameen Conservation Program. He added that Mr. McKelvey was a valuable asset to the Water Stewardship Council bringing with him extensive knowledge and expertise. The Board agreed by consensus that Agenda Item 5.6 was to be tabled to a future meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board. Agenda Item 5.6 was lifted from the table.

Action Item: Mr. Armour to follow up with Mr. McKelvey regarding possible affiliation with a group interested in being involved with the Water Stewardship.

5.7 Okanagan Community-of-Interest on the WaterBucket Website

WaterBucket Website information was received by the Board for discussion. Mr. Armour said that the Water Stewardship did not come to a consensus on becoming a Community-of-Interest on waterbucket.ca. The Board acknowledged that the initial cost was significant and that there would be an annual fee for updating the website. The Board agreed that the OBWB website may get lost on waterbucket.ca and would consider providing a link from the existing OBWB website to waterbucket.ca. They also agreed that the OBWB would need achievables to post before presenting to the public.

Moved by Director Cochrane

Seconded by Director Reid

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board agrees to not participate in the WaterBucket website at the present time."

CARRIED.

Mr. Pike entered the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

5.8 Ministry of Environment Okanagan Water Supply and Demand Study

Ministry of Environment correspondence and Phase 2 Project Prospectus for the Okanagan Water Supply and Demand Study was received by the Board for review and approval.

Mr. Armour advised that the Board had become financial partners with the Ministry of Environment in the water supply and demand study. The Ministry would submit expenditures for payment by the OBWB.

Director Perrie motioned the Board recommend a political representative of the Board along with a staff representative be appointed to the Steering Committee of the study. Discussions ensued regarding the number of political representatives and staff representatives to be appointed. Director Bennest pointed out that appointing Mr. Armour to the Committee would eliminate any conflict of interest issues as he would not be bidding on any contracts. Mr. Armour added that companies with representatives on the Water Stewardship Council may be bidding contracts and also that getting volunteers would likely be difficult as members were busy. Director Novakowski suggested the Board address the Ministry of Environment correspondence by making resolutions to each of the four decisions requested. Director Perrie withdrew his motion.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Novakowski

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses the Phase 2 Prospectus of the Okanagan Basin Water Supply and Demand Analysis received and reviewed at a regular meeting of the Board on June 06, 2006."

CARRIED.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Novakowski

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses the assignment of two political representatives of the Board along with a staff representative to the Steering Committee of the Okanagan Basin Water Supply and Demand Analysis."

CARRIED.

Moved by Director Bennest

Seconded by Director Reid

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses the assignment of a staff representative of the Board to the Working Group of the Okanagan Basin Water Supply and Demand Analysis."

CARRIED.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Perrie

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses the hiring of a Project Manager to assist the Working Group of the Okanagan Basin Water Supply and Demand Analysis subject to details of the hiring being approved by the Chair of the Board."

CARRIED.

Action Item: Mr. Armour to draft letter to Jim Mattison, Ministry of Environment in reply to correspondence received June 06, 2006.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

6. SEWAGE GRANT APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

7. WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

7.1 Grant Applications Approved May 02, 2006

- a. Greater Vernon Services
Reservoir storage – increased capacity and impacts
- b. City of Armstrong
Xeriscape Education Program
- c. City of Penticton
Flow Determination on Penticton and Ellis Creeks

7.2 Grant Applications Received

- a. Township of Spallumcheen – applications from 3 Water Improvement Districts; 2 for metering and 1 for wellhead protection. Approved by Council.
 - o Grandview Flats - \$20,000 Metering
 - o Laird Improvement District - \$20,000 (wellhead protection)
 - o Silver Star Waterworks District \$30,000 Metering

Mr. Armour advised that wellhead protection was the protection of groundwater aquifers from contamination by improperly designed wells or improperly decommissioned wells.

- b. UBC Okanagan – (Dr. Adam Wei) LIDAR data acquisition (Light Detection and Ranging) - \$30,000. To be submitted for CORD approval.
- c. Okanagan Trail Riders – (\$20,000) Watershed management and protection – Inventory of trails. Applicant advised that proposal needs to be approved by CORD.
- d. Ocoola Fish and Game Club – Maintenance of fish flows in Middle Vernon Creek. \$20,000. Applicant advised that proposal needs to be approved by CORD.
- e. Osoyoos Oxbows Restoration Society – (\$5,000) Study of intake and outlet information for specific oxbows as part of longer term goal of lake water quality restoration.
- f. RDOS- \$35,000 Water Conservation Program with goal of 5% reduction in water use in Faulder and Naramata. Various advertising and education measures and rebates for demand reduction devices. Advised that Board Resolution is needed and that Maximum grant amount is \$30,000.
- g. Okanagan Region Wildlife Heritage Fund Society Grant Application to Okanagan Water Stewardship Council.

The Board discussed the allocation of funds. Director Reid requested clarification from directors of the Regional District of North Okanagan as to how they would prefer to allocate their

remaining funds. Mr. Armour stated that he would like to review other applications which may be received. Director Perrie advised that the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen would be reviewing all applications received at their next Regional Board Meeting and would bring them to the next OBWB meeting. The Board agreed that Agenda Items 7.2.a. through to and including Item 7.2.f were to be tabled to the next scheduled meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board. Agenda Items 7.2.a through to 7.2.f were lifted from the table.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Cochrane

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board agrees to table Agenda Items 7.2.a. through to Item 7.2.f. the Review of Grant Applications to the next scheduled meeting."

CARRIED.

Mr. Armour advised the Board that the Okanagan Region Wildlife Heritage Fund Society had not submitted their grant application through the Regional District of Central Okanagan and was above the limit of \$30,000.

Action Item: Mr. Armour to refer grant application from Okanagan Region Wildlife Heritage Fund Society to Water Stewardship on Thursday then schedule for approval at the next Board meeting.

Action Item: Mr. Armour to advise Okanagan Region Wildlife Heritage Fund Society that their grant application was forwarded to the Water Stewardship for review.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Novakowski

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board agrees that Agenda Item 7.2.f. Okanagan Region Wildlife Heritage Fund Society Grant Application be presented to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council Meeting on June 08, 2006 for review then returned to the Board for consideration of Water Stewardship Council recommendation."

CARRIED.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Ministry of Environment – Water Supply and Demand Study

Discussed as Item 4.8.

9. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at 10:00 at the Regional District of North Okanagan at the call of the Chair.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Chair Slater

"There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned."


CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.”

Certified Correct:



CHAIR



Program Manager

OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD HELD ON JULY 11, 2006 AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN, 9848 ABERDEEN ROAD, COLDSTREAM, BC, AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Director Len Novakowski	Regional District Central Okanagan (absent)
Alternate Director Patty Hanson	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Robert Hobson	Regional District Central Okanagan
Chair John Slater	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Graham Reid	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Lorraine Bennest	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Rick Fairbairn	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Pat Cochrane	City of Vernon
Director Bill Firman	Regional District North Okanagan (absent)
Alternate Director Jerry Oglow	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Ron Perrie	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Tom Siddon	Okanagan Water Stewardship Council
Director Toby Pike	Water Supply Association
Director Fabian Alexis	Okanagan Nation Alliance (absent)

STAFF:

Greg Armour	Program Manager, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Dr. Anna Sears	Water Stewardship Project Director
Mike Stamhuis	Regional District North Okanagan
Debbie Taylor	Recording Secretary

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Slater called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Chair Slater introduced Dr. Anna Warwick Sears, Water Stewardship Project Director to members of the OBWB. Dr. Sears described her experience in watershed management in California. She said she looked forward to furthering a regional approach to water management in the Okanagan Valley.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The OBWB discussed the distribution of Agenda packages. The Directors agreed that Agenda packages would be emailed to the Directors and hard copies made available at the meeting.

Agenda packages would be mailed to Director Cochrane and Director Firman. Director Fairbairn would continue to pick his Agenda package up at the NORD office.

Moved by Director Cochrane

Seconded by Director Perrie

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board held on June 06, 2006 at the Regional District of Central Okanagan Boardroom be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Director Perrie

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That the Agenda for a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board for July 11, 2006 be approved as circulated."

"That Item 4.7 being Ministry of Environment Okanagan Water Supply and Demand Study be added to the Agenda."

"That Item 4.8 being City of Vernon Environmental Advisory Committee be added to the Agenda."

CARRIED.

4. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Review of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council Actions

Mr. Siddon reported that the Water Stewardship Council had formed sub committees to deal with issues such as Council vision, mission, and decision making principles. The next meeting of the Water Stewardship Council was scheduled for Thursday, September 07, 2006. Mr. Siddon added that Directors were welcome to attend a facilitated workshop scheduled for Friday, September 22, 2006.

Mr. Siddon noted that Paul Kluckner, designated by the Ministry of Environment to the Water Stewardship Council had accepted a new position in the Ministry and though he had expressed interest in the Council he had been unable to consistently attend the Water Stewardship Council meetings. Mr. Siddon offered to discuss with Mr. Kluckner the possibility of having an alternate member attend the meetings on his behalf.

The OBWB agreed that the Water Stewardship Council would develop letterhead which was distinct to the Council. Dr. Sears suggested that staff and the Stewardship Council would develop several sample logo ideas for review by the Board, and this idea was accepted by the OBWB.

4.2 Minutes of a Meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council from June 08, 2006

Moved by Director Cochrane

Seconded by Director Hobson

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council held on June 08, 2006 at the Regional District of Central Okanagan Boardroom be received for information."

CARRIED.

Mr. Armour advised the OBWB that Water Stewardship Council member Rick McKelvey was no longer affiliated with the South Okanagan-Similkameen Conservation Program. Directors of the OBWB agreed that Mr. McKelvey was a valuable asset to the Water Stewardship Council bringing with him extensive knowledge and expertise. Mr. McKelvey would be looking for possible affiliation with a group interested in being involved with the Water Stewardship Council. Discussion ensued regarding increasing the membership of the Water Stewardship Council by one member or possibly inviting others with technical expertise to join as members at large.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Reid

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses Rick McKelvey as appointee to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council as a member at large to be reviewed upon the South Okanagan-Similkameen Conservation Program appointing a representative to the Council."

CARRIED.

4.3 Minutes of a Meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council from June 22, 2006

Moved by Director Cochrane

Seconded by Director Hobson

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council held on June 22, 2006 at the Gray Monk Winery be received for information."

CARRIED.

Ben Kangasniemi, representing the Pacific Climate Impact Consortium (PCIC) gave a presentation at the June 22, 2006 meeting. The PCIC is a university based collaborative applied research group working to provide policy-relevant tools and information about impacts of climate change. The Water Stewardship Council will designate a representative to attend future meetings of the PCIC.

The Water Stewardship Council had discussed the lake water level constraints of the new Kelowna Bridge at their June 22, 2006 meeting. Mr. Armour reported that Ministry of Environment Acting Director of Regional Operations, Brian Symonds had discussed the matter with the Ministry of Transportation and felt that the lake level range permitted by

the new bridge was adequate. The Directors agreed that the OBWB would request a recommendation from the Water Stewardship Council.

4.4 Okanagan Water Stewardship Council Position Statements on Significant Issues – Sale of Reservoir Lots

Memo dated July 11, 2006 from Mr. Armour regarding position statements of the Water Stewardship Council was received by the OBWB for approval. The Water Stewardship Council requested authorization to comment on issues without seeking formal approval from the OBWB.

Some Directors believed that the Water Stewardship Council should be permitted to provide position statements. Chair Slater expressed concern that the three regional districts and the OBWB would be included in position statements of the Council that were not necessarily their opinion. Director Cochrane expressed concern with the Council becoming its own entity and noted that the Council was created to be an advisory group to the OBWB. He understood that the Council required some autonomy however ultimately they would be responsible to the OBWB.

Draft letter dated July 11, 2006 to the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands regarding the proposed sale of leased lots on drinking water reservoirs in the Okanagan Basin was received by the OBWB for approval.

Chair Slater commented that if lots were held by the leaseholders they would invest more in to the lots. Director Hobson added that if the Regional Districts needed to purchase the lots at some time in the future, they would then come at a higher price.

Director Cochrane believed that the draft letter regarding sale of reservoir lots should be directed to the OBWB as a recommendation of the Council, and then included with any Water Board action as an expert technical opinion. Director Reid shared Director Cochrane's opinion noting that the Council letter was political in nature and political comment should come from the Board. Vice Chair Cochrane suggested forwarding the draft letter along with a letter from the OBWB introducing the Water Stewardship Council. Chair Slater stated that a revised letter from the Stewardship Council should be forwarded to the Directors along with previous letters to the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands would be distributed to the Directors.

Action Item: Staff to distribute copy of revised Water Stewardship Council letter along with previous letters to Ministry of Agriculture and Lands to the Directors of the OBWB.

Discussion ensued regarding amending the wording of the draft letter to read “allow the leases to lapse” rather than “not renew the leases”.

Mr. Stamhuis commented that having the Water Stewardship Council communicate with the media may be beneficial as the Council had a certain credibility that a political group may not have; however, the OBWB would maintain the right to direct the Council if the

Board felt their interests differed. A statement to the Council reminding them to regard and serve the best interests of the OBWB could remove any potential conflict. Mr. Stamhuis believed that there were many issues that would be scientific or advisory and would support the decisions of the OBWB. He did not believe that the Council should require approval for each position statement and that they had credibility that the OBWB should take advantage of.

Both Director Perrie and Director Fairbairn added that they were uncomfortable being affiliated with an opinion that they had no fore-knowledge or notification about.

Director Hobson suggested that the OBWB receive advice from the Water Stewardship Council and forward with the OBWB name attached. Discussion ensued regarding the boundary between a technical position and a political position.

Mr. Pike believed that the Water Stewardship Council should have their own autonomy however report to the media as one voice with the OBWB. Director Reid agreed adding that the Council was a policy advisory council to the OBWB.

Mr. Siddon said that members of the Water Stewardship Council employed by agencies such as the Provincial Government said they would support Council statements that differed from employer policy or initiatives.

Director Hobson noted that the OBWB needed to turn over the issues in a quick manner through an effective communications policy. The challenge was to be responsive and to use the Council's knowledge and expertise.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Perrie

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board directs Staff to provide a protocol outlining the method for the Stewardship Council to provide advice and comments to the OBWB."

CARRIED.

Action Item: Staff to provide a protocol outlining the method for the Stewardship Council to provide advice and comments to the OBWB.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Hanson

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board receive the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council draft letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Lands opposing the sale of leased lots and forward the amended letter as an attachment to Water Board correspondence."

CARRIED.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Hanson

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board directs Staff to draft a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Lands introducing the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council and enclosing the Council letter opposing the sale of leased lots ."

CARRIED.

Action Item: Staff to draft letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Lands introducing the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council and enclosing the letter opposing the sale of leased lots from the Council and circulate to Directors of the OBWB for approval.

The OBWB broke for lunch at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12:22 p.m.

4.5 Website Recommendation

Mr. Armour and Dr. Sears recommended to the OBWB that the Water Board set up a stand alone website maintained by Staff and distinct from the NORD site. The website would be set up for a cost of \$2500 and be maintained by Staff.

The Waterbucket website would contain water related information to the Okanagan Region whereas the OBWB website would have an OBWB branding. Director Siddon reported that the Stewardship Council recommends that the Water Board authorize the expenditure of \$16,000 to participate in the Waterbucket website.

Staff will meet with representatives of the Waterbucket site to determine what services are provided and make a recommendation to the Board.

Moved by Director Cochrane

Seconded by Director Hobson

"That Staff prepare an analysis and recommendation of the usefulness of the stand alone site and the Waterbucket site."

CARRIED.

Action Item: Staff to prepare an analysis and recommendation of the usefulness of the stand alone site and the Waterbucket website.

Moved by Director Cochrane

Seconded by Director Hobson

"That Staff set up a website independent of the NORD site."

CARRIED.

4.6 Water in the City Conference

Water in the City Conference Agenda Information was received by the OBWB for information and discussion. Mr. Armour and Dr. Sears plan to attend the September 2006 conference. The OBWB agreed that Mr. Siddon would attend as representative of

the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council.

Moved by Director Perrie

Seconded by Director Hobson

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses Tom Siddon representing the Water Stewardship Council at the Water in the City Conference scheduled for September 17 – 20, 2006 in Victoria, BC."

CARRIED.

4.7 Ministry of Environment Okanagan Water Supply and Demand Study

Mr. Armour and Dr. Sears reported on a teleconference on the Water Supply and Demand Study. Dr. Sears reported that the Ministry is developing a model providing future projections and scenarios for the Okanagan. Director Pike expressed concern that resources were being directed to yet another model. Dr. Sears replied that the previous models were believed to be inadequate for current needs.

Mr. Armour advised a steering committee had not yet been appointed and that a project manager was not hired at this time. Staff will keep the Board informed of the status of the Study. He also advised that the Ministry had confirmed that a staff representative would be assigned to the Working Group and that a Project Manager had not yet been hired.

4.8 City of Vernon Environmental Advisory Committee

Mr. Armour advised the City of Vernon was establishing an Environmental Advisory Committee. He said that he might be interested in submitting his name as a private citizen.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Minister Ida Chong, Ministry of Community Services – Changes to Supplementary Letters Patent

Correspondence from Minister of Community Services, Ida Chong regarding changes to Supplementary Letters Patent was received by the OBWB for information.

Mr. Armour advised that he had not received any further correspondence regarding the matter. Director Reid commented that having reviewed the Supplementary Letters Patent he felt that making amendments were not going to be an easy process.

5.2 Kim Stephens – Waterbucket.ca

The OBWB received for discussion a letter from Kim Stephens, Program Coordinator of the Water Sustainability Action Plan for B.C. An accompanying Letter of Invitation

to partner and lead an Okanagan section of the Water Bucket website signed by various provincial staff was included.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

“That the Letter of Invitation to lead in developing the Okanagan Community-of-Interest on waterbucket.ca be received by the Okanagan Basin Water Board for information and discussion and Staff comment.”

CARRIED.

6. SEWAGE GRANT MATTERS

6.1 Sewer Grant Policy

Local governments that create new lots less than 1.0 hectare in size which are not served by community sewer will jeopardize their eligibility for Okanagan Basin Water Board capital sewage project funding (18% of total cost).

Grant eligibility will not only be jeopardized for future infrastructure to service non-sewered small lots created but the Water Board will consider rejecting grants for other projects within the local government jurisdiction and review continued eligibility of grants already in place.

Each local government that has subdivision authority is responsible for adopting this policy. For example, if a municipality within a regional district does not comply, this will jeopardize that municipality's status but not the regional district's status.

Ministry of Community Services Acting Director of Engineering, Glen Brown letter of March 09, 2006 states “In addition to meeting the Liquid Waste Management Plan requirement, applications must include confirmation that a bylaw is in place which requires community sewer service to all new lots of less than one hectare in size within the boundaries under the jurisdiction of the applicant.” The OBWB discussed the necessity of municipalities having a bylaw if the province had a bylaw in place.

The OBWB agreed that existing lots in a subdivision would be eligible for project funding. Chair Slater added that if the province deemed a municipality eligible for funding that the OBWB would also deem the municipality eligible.

Mr. Armour provided a draft letter to Okanagan local government clarifying the Water Board policy regarding lots on less than one hectare not served by community sewer.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Perrie

“That the letter affirming the Water Board policy on creation of lots less than one hectare be sent to Okanagan local government.”

CARRIED.

7. WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

7.1 Grant Applications – Staff Recommendations Regarding Grants to be Funded

Moved by Director Cochrane

Seconded by Director Oglow

“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board approve funding of the grant application in the North Okanagan as recommended by Staff.”

CARRIED.

Moved by Director Perrie

Seconded by Director Bennest

“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board approve funding of the grant application in the Okanagan- Similkameen as recommended by Staff.”

CARRIED.

Moved by Director Perrie

Seconded by Director Bennest

“The Okanagan Basin Water Board approve funding of the grant application in the Central Okanagan as recommended by Staff.”

CARRIED.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Reid

“That the Water Board approve the Staff recommendation for grant funding in the Central Okanagan and also authorize grants in the amount of \$27,224.50 to the applications made by the Municipality of Peachland and the Westbank Irrigation District.”

CARRIED.

8. NEXT MEETING

The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 02, 2006 at 10:00 was cancelled. The next meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board was scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

9. ADJOURNMENT


Moved by Director Reid

“There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.”

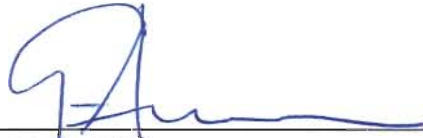
CARRIED.

Certified Correct:

Chair

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Program Manager

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OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD HELD ON
AUGUST 29, 2006 AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL OKANAGAN, 1450
KLO ROAD, KELOWNA, BC, AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Chair John Slater	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Len Novakowski	Regional District Central Okanagan (absent)
Alternate Director Patty Hanson	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Robert Hobson	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Graham Reid	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Lorraine Bennest	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Rick Fairbairn	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Pat Cochrane	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Bill Firman	Regional District North Okanagan (absent)
Alternate Director Jerry Oglow	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Ron Perrie	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Tom Siddon	Okanagan Water Stewardship Council
Director Toby Pike	Water Supply Association
Director Fabian Alexis	Okanagan Nation Alliancee (absent)

STAFF:

Greg Armour	Program Manager, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Dr. Anna Sears	Water Stewardship Project Director
Mike Stamhuis	Regional District North Okanagan (absent)
Debbie Taylor	Recording Secretary

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Slater called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Director Fairbairn

Seconded by Director Oglow

"That the Agenda for a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board for August 29, 2006 be approved as circulated."

CARRIED.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

“That Item 5.7 being Approval to Use Up to \$10,000 for Honorariums and \$15,000 for Consultants be added to the Agenda.”

“That Item 5.8 being Hiring of Interim Employee be added to the Agenda.”

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Alternate Director Oglow

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

“That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board held on July 11, 2006 at the Regional District of North Okanagan Boardroom be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED.

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Review of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council Actions

Director Siddon provided an update of actions taken by the Water Stewardship Council. He advised that recent subcommittee meetings had been productive and that hiring a facilitator for the meeting scheduled for September 22, 2006 would be unnecessary. He had been working with Staff to prepare Agendas for meetings scheduled for September through to June 2007. The next meeting of the Water Stewardship Council was scheduled for Thursday, September 07, 2006.

5.2 Appointment of Tricia Brett to Water Stewardship Council Replacing Mary Bowcock

Mr. Armour advised that Mary Bowcock had resigned from the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council and the Greater Vernon Water Conservation Committee had designated Tricia Brett as her replacement.

Moved by Director Cochrane

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses Tricia Brett as appointee to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council representing the Greater Vernon Water Conservation Committee.”

CARRIED.

5.3 Water Stewardship Council Draft Terms of Reference

Dr. Sears advised the Directors that the Draft Terms of Reference would be reviewed by the Water Stewardship Council at their September 07, 2006 meeting. The Draft would then be put forward to the OBWB for final approval.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to forward OBWB Directors with a Word Document version of the Draft Terms of Reference.

Discussion ensued regarding Conflict of Interest provisions in the Terms of Reference.

The OBWB agreed that the Board may remove a Member from the Council if it considers that removal of the Member is in the best interests of the Council.

Staff would provide a protocol outlining the method for the Stewardship Council to communicate advice and comments to the OBWB.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to provide a protocol outlining the method for the Stewardship Council to communicate advice and comments to the OBWB.

The OBWB agreed that the Draft Terms of Reference would be forwarded to a senior municipal clerk for review and opinion.

Director Siddon requested that comments from the OBWB be directed to Staff before the Water Stewardship Council meeting scheduled for September 07, 2006.

Moved by Director Cochrane

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

“That the OBWB accepts the Draft Terms of Reference of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council in principle and subject to review by the Stewardship Council.”

CARRIED.

5.4 Draft Letter to Minister of Agriculture and Lands Regarding the Sale of Leased Lots

The Board discussed the proposed sale of leased lots on drinking water reservoirs. Dr. Sears noted that cattle, recreation, forestry, wildlife along with human contribution to source water contamination would be addressed in the WSC Work Plan.

Moved by Director Cochrane

Seconded by Director Oglow

“That the OBWB endorses forwarding the draft letter and attaching the Water Stewardship Council letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Lands opposing the proposed sale of

leased lots on drinking water reservoirs and copying to the Premier and all Provincial Government Ministers.”

CARRIED.

5.5 OBWB Webpage and Waterbucket Website Recommendation

Dr. Sears reported that staff met with representatives of the Waterbucket Website along with the NORD Computer Systems Manager on July 12, 2006. The website would cost \$16,000 covering the initial design, template development and site customization. Environment Canada and NRCAN would be contributing an additional \$10,000 to adapt the Okanagan Waterscape poster and integrate it with the website.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Bennest

“The Okanagan Basin Water Board approves spending \$16,000 to establish an Okanagan Community of Interest on the Waterbucket website.”

CARRIED.

5.6 OBWB Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Bennest

“That the Board approves the 2006 Financial Statements for OBWB and that the Board received the 2006 Audit Letter, dated June 15, 2006, for information.”

CARRIED.

Director Reid asked that the complete audited financial statement be provided to Board Members in the future.

The OBWB broke for lunch at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 12:36 p.m.

5.7 Approval To Use Up to \$10,000 for Honorariums and \$15,000 for Consultants

Moved by Director Cochrane

Seconded by Director Hobson

“That the Board approves allocation of up to \$10,000 for Honorariums for expert assistance at meetings of the Water Stewardship Council and up to \$15,000 for Consultants to assist with development of a sustainable water management strategy.”

CARRIED.

5.8 Hiring of Interim Employee

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Bennest

“That the Board approves allocating up to \$5,000 to hire an interim employee to assess results of the Water Initiatives Grants and to develop material for the websites.”

CARRIED.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Regional District of North Okanagan Informational Calendar

The OBWB reviewed the letter from the Waste Reduction Coordinator of the Regional District of North Okanagan regarding participation in a custom-built informational calendar for 2007. Staff had forwarded OBWB information to be posted on the month of July page.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Reid

“That the Board receives the North Okanagan Informational Calendar report for information.”

CARRIED.

7. SEWAGE GRANT MATTERS

7.1 Sewer Grant Applications

7.1.1 District of Coldstream Sewage Grant Application

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Oglow

“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board approves funding of the grant application of the District of Coldstream as recommended by Staff subject to receiving a letter stating that the District had not created new lots less than 1.0 hectare in size which are not served by community sewer.”

CARRIED.

7.2 Minimum Lot Size Information

Mr. Armour reviewed the terms of the OBWB Sewage Assistance Grants and provided correspondence relating to the minimum lot size policy. Local governments that create new lots less than 1.0 hectare in size which are not served by community sewer will jeopardize their eligibility for Okanagan Basin Water Board capital sewage project funding (18% of total cost).

Grant eligibility will not only be jeopardized for future infrastructure to service non-sewered small lots created but the Water Board will consider rejecting grants for other projects within the local government jurisdiction and review continued eligibility of grants already in place.

Each local government that has subdivision authority is responsible for adopting this policy. For example, if a municipality within a regional district does not comply, this will jeopardize that municipality's status but not the regional district's status.

Mr. Armour advised that Ministry of Community Services Acting Director of Engineering, Glen Brown letter of March 09, 2006 states "In addition to meeting the Liquid Waste Management Plan requirement, applications must include confirmation that a bylaw is in place which requires community sewer service to all new lots of less than one hectare in size within the boundaries under the jurisdiction of the applicant."

The OBWB agreed that existing lots in a subdivision would be eligible for project funding. Chair Slater added that if the province deemed a municipality eligible for sewage infrastructure funding that the OBWB would also deem the municipality eligible.

Discussion ensued.

Director Reid exited the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Moved by Director Fairbairn

Seconded by Director Hobson

"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board directs Staff to survey local government to determine if the minimum lot size policy is in place."

CARRIED.

OPPOSED – Ron Perrie

8. WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

8.1 Progress Report

Item 8.1 was discussed in Item 5.8.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board was scheduled for Tuesday, October 03, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Regional District of North Okanagan.

10. ADJOURNMENT

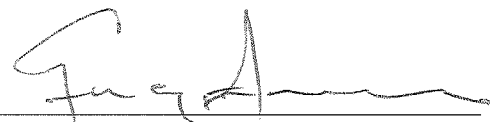
Moved by Director Perrie

"There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m."

CARRIED.

Certified Correct:


Chair


Program Manager

OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD HELD ON OCTOBER 03, 2006 AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN, 9848 ABERDEEN ROAD, COLDSTREAM, BC.

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Chair John Slater	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
	Director Len Novakowski	Regional District Central Okanagan
	Director Robert Hobson	Regional District Central Okanagan
	Director Graham Reid	Regional District Central Okanagan
	Director Lorraine Bennest	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
	Director Rick Fairbairn	Regional District North Okanagan
	Director Pat Cochrane	Regional District North Okanagan
	Director Bill Firman	Regional District North Okanagan (absent)
	Alternate Director Jerry Oglow	Regional District North Okanagan
	Director Ron Perrie	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
	Director Tom Siddon	Okanagan Water Stewardship Council
	Director Toby Pike	Water Supply Association of B.C.
	Director Fabian Alexis	Okanagan Nation Alliance (absent)

<u>STAFF:</u>	Greg Armour	Program Manager, Okanagan Basin Water Board
	Dr. Anna Warwick Sears	Water Stewardship Project Director
	Mike Stamhuis	Regional District North Okanagan
	Debbie Taylor	Recording Secretary
	Genevieve Doyle	Water Stewardship Project Assistant

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Slater called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Director Bennest

Seconded by Director Hobson

"That the Agenda for a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board for October 03, 2006 be approved as circulated."

CARRIED.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

"That Item 7.1.a being RDOS correspondence requesting clarification of Sewage Grant Policy be added to the Agenda."

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Alternate Director Oglow

Seconded by Director Perrie

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board held on August 29, 2006 at the Regional District of Central Okanagan Boardroom be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED.

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Minutes of Okanagan Stewardship Council Meeting held on September 07, 2006

Moved by Alternate Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council held on September 07, 2006 at the Ramada Lodge Hotel be received."

CARRIED.

5.2 Okanagan Water Stewardship Council Actions and October 12, 2006 Agenda Items

Dr. Sears said that the Terms of Reference were accepted by the Council and would be finalized pending approval by the OBWB. The Work Plan had been reviewed and provisionally accepted by the OWSC.

OBWB members were invited to attend presentations scheduled for the October 12, 2006 meeting of the OWSC. Presenters include Brian Symonds (Ministry of Environment), Dean Watts (Department of Fisheries and Oceans) and Mike Adams (Interior Health Authority) speaking on specific bodies of water law that have major significance to water management in the Okanagan Basin.

Director Pike entered the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

5.3 Water in the City Conference

Director Siddon advised that Mr. Armour, Dr. Sears, Director Perrie and himself attended the Water in the City Conference in Victoria.

Director Siddon suggested that OBWB have flagship projects.

Director Reid suggested the Board submit a letter to OMMA scheduled for May 2007 addressing the inconsistency of water auditing in BC.

The use of waste water used as irrigation water was discussed. Chair Slater commented that sodium from the use of water softeners was killing some varieties of trees. Director Cochrane noted that Vernon had not experienced the same problems with its waste water reuse program.

Action Item: Staff to assess Vernon waste water reuse program.

5.4 Water Stewardship Council Draft Terms of Reference

Mr. Armour advised that the Draft Terms of Reference had been reviewed by the OWSC.

Mr. Armour suggested that the OBWB prepare a provisional budget at the next scheduled meeting for forwarding to the Regional Boards. He also suggested that the operating budget for the Council be broken down to line items i.e. conferences, consultants and Board approved projects reviewed by the OWSC as revised.

Discussions ensued regarding Item VIII.4.b. Council Procedures-Blocking. The Board agreed that the Terms of Reference would be amended to remove "Blocking".

Conflict of Interest issues would be subject to regulations of the British Columbia Community Charter.

Mr. Armour suggested that the Water Management Function budget be refined to be more specific about allocations for consulting fees, conference expenses and Water Board approved regional projects put forward by the Stewardship Council

Moved by Alternate Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Novakowski

"That the OBWB endorses the Terms of Reference of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council as amended."

CARRIED.

The OBWB broke for lunch at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12:23 p.m.

5.5 Water Stewardship Council Work Plan Proposal

Dr. Sears advised the OBWB that the Council had reviewed the Draft Work Plan. They agreed that they would move forward with the Work Plan as suggested by Staff and evaluate the program as it went along.

5.6 Appointment of Allison MacMillan to Water Stewardship Council Replacing Tom Roemer

Mr. Armour advised that Tom Roemer had resigned from the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council and that Okanagan College had designated Allison MacMillan as his replacement.

Moved by Director Bennest

Seconded by Director Hobson

“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses Allison MacMillan as appointee to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council representing Okanagan College.”

CARRIED.

5.7 Supplementary Letters Patent Update

Mr. Armour advised that the Supplementary Letters Patent should read “One Director who shall be a representative of the Water Supply Association of B.C.” rather than “representative of the Okanagan Water Supply Association”.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Alternate Director Oglov

“That Tom Siddon representing the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council and Toby Pike representing the Water Supply Association of B.C. were appointed as Directors to the Okanagan Basin Water Board .”

CARRIED.

5.8 OBWB Webpage and Waterbucket Website

Mr. Armour reported that the new stand-alone webpage was up and running. Staff would be posting information on the site and welcomed suggestions from the Board Directors. Currently the site will include Director information, history of the OBWB, Grant information, and the Eurasian Water Milfoil program.

The Okanagan Community of Interest site on waterbucket.ca is in the development stage and would involve several sessions with Staff and Waterbucket personnel. Once the technical development of the site is complete, Staff will develop information, edit information provided by Stewardship Council members and other water professionals, assimilate Okanagan information already on the website and link to reports, data and relevant organizations.

The OBWB now has its own email address which is obwb@nord.ca.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Okanagan Partnership letter regarding 2006 Okanagan Economic Summit in

Kelowna on October 06, 2006

Mr. Armour and Dr. Sears are scheduled to attend the 2006 Okanagan Economic Summit in Kelowna on October 06, 2006. Dr. Sears is a member of a panel regarding resource issues in the Okanagan.

It was pointed out that Mr. Siddon was both a Water Board Director and on the executive of the Okanagan Partnership. Mr. Siddon declared a conflict and exited the meeting.

Director Siddon exited the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding sponsorship of the event

Moved by Director Fairbairn

Seconded by Director Perrie

“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses funding in the amount of \$2,500 for the 2006 Okanagan Economic Summit in Kelowna on October 06, 2006.”

*Opposed – Alternate Director Oglow, Director Cochrane, Director Reid
CARRIED.*

Director Siddon reentered the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

7. SEWAGE GRANT MATTERS**7.1 Proposed Staff Review of Sewage Grant Program****7.1.a Request for Clarification of Water Board Policy Concerning Criteria for Grant Eligibility**

Action Item: Staff to reply to the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen advising that Sewer Grant allocation policies are under review.

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

“That a staff review be undertaken on Sewer Grants to provide information to the Board to determine appropriate grant allocation policies.”

CARRIED.

8. WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**8.1 Project Assistant Duties and Scope of Work**

Genevieve Doyle was introduced to the OBWB Directors and gave a description of her

duties and scope of work. Ms. Doyle’s focus is to gather information and resources from the Water Conservation and Quality Initiative Grant recipients, in order to follow up on the status of the projects. She visits project sites and meets with grantees, developing a progress reporting format and writing associated progress reports, along with compiling project information and photographs to be published on the OBWB website. She is also drafting revisions to the grant application form.

In the future, Ms. Doyle will be assisting with website development, drafting summaries of grant outcomes and successes for posting on the Okanagan Basin Water Board website and the waterbucket.ca site.

8.2 Osoyoos Oxbow Restoration Society letter dated September 27, 2006 Requesting Reconsideration of Funding

The OBWB received a letter dated October 03, 2006 from the Osoyoos Oxbow Restoration Society requesting project funding reconsideration.

Moved by Director Bennest

Seconded by Director Hobson

“That the Board forward a letter to the Osoyoos Oxbow Restoration Society encouraging them to apply for a Water Conservation and Quality Improvement Grant in 2007.”

CARRIED.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board was scheduled for Tuesday, November 07, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Perrie

“There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.”

Moved by Director Perrie

“There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.”

CARRIED.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Program Manager

OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD HELD ON NOVEMBER 07, 2006 AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN, 101 MARTIN STREET, PENTICTON, BC.

PRESENT:

Chair John Slater	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Len Novakowski	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Robert Hobson	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Graham Reid	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Lorraine Bennest	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Rick Fairbairn	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Pat Cochrane	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Bill Firman	Regional District North Okanagan (absent)
Director Ron Perrie	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Tom Siddon	Okanagan Water Stewardship Council
Director Toby Pike	Water Supply Association of B.C.
Director Fabian Alexis	Okanagan Nation Alliance (absent)

STAFF:

Greg Armour	Program Manager, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Dr. Anna Warwick Sears	Water Stewardship Project Director
Mike Stamhuis	Regional District North Okanagan
Debbie Taylor	Recording Secretary

OTHERS

PRESENT:

Greg Mealing	Water Operations Superintendent, District of Summerland
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Slater called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Director Fairbairn

Seconded by Director Perrie

"That the Agenda for a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board for November 07, 2006 be approved as circulated."

CARRIED.

Presenters at the October OWSC meeting were Brian Symonds (Ministry of Environment), Dean Watts (Department of Fisheries and Oceans), and Mike Adams (Interior Health Authority). Presenters were asked to deliver information on specific bodies of water law that have major significance to water management in the Okanagan Basin: The Water Act, the Fisheries Act, and the Drinking Water Protection Act. Dr. Sears is working with the governance committee in providing a summary of the presentations.

Presentations scheduled for the November 09 meeting of the OWSC will address Environmental Considerations with Water Management. Presentations scheduled for the December 05 meeting will address Drought Management Plans and presentations scheduled for the January meeting will address Source Area Protection.

Mr. Armour distributed to the Board for their information a copy of a letter dated October 31, 2006 from the Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture and Lands replying to an OBWB letter opposing the proposed sale of leased lots on drinking water reservoirs. The Minister advised that consultations with local government were ongoing to ensure that outstanding issues related to the potential impact of the sale of leased lots were addressed.

The OWSC discussed implementing a basin wide policy for zoning and control of large scale developments on riparian lands. Mr. Armour noted that the Ministry of Environment would not be issuing additional licenses until the Water Supply and Demand Study had been completed. The OBWB agreed that the matter was a legal issue rather than a council issue.

Action Item: Staff to review and report at the next meeting of the OWSC current regional district and municipal policies for zoning and control of large scale developments on riparian lands.

Dr. Sears distributed to the OBWB for their information a copy of the November 01, 2006 Vernon Morning Star Environmental Management Series – Fish and Water Management in the Okanagan Lakes.

Chief Fabian Alexis, Okanagan Indian Band at a recent meeting with Mr. Armour and Dr. Sears suggested holding the December meeting of the OBWB at the Okanagan Indian Band Meeting Hall. Members of the OBWB appreciated the invitation and would advise Staff of their schedule.

Action Item: Staff to contact the Okanagan Indian Band for details and report to members.

5.3 Provisional Budget for 2007 - 2008

The Board reviewed the Provisional Budget for 2007 and 2008.

CARRIED.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Hobson

“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board agrees to table Item 5.5 until more designs are received.”

CARRIED.

Agenda Item 5.5 was lifted from the table.

5.6 Proposed Change to OBWB Logo

Moved by Director Cochrane

Seconded by Director Bennest

“That the proposed logo for the Okanagan Basin Water Board be received for discussion.”

CARRIED.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Hobson

“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board agrees to table Item 5.6 until more designs are received.”

CARRIED.

Agenda Item 5.6 was lifted from the table.

5.7 Water Supply and Demand Study Authorized Expenditures

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Novakowski

“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board approves the Program Manager having signing authority up to \$25,000 for expenses incurred by the Water Supply and Demand Study.”

CARRIED.

5.8 OBWB Credit Card

Moved by Director Cochrane

Seconded by Director Bennest

“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board approves obtaining a credit card with a credit limit of \$30,000 and authorizes expenditures with that credit card of up to \$10,000.”

CARRIED.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Resolution

Moved by Director Perrie

Seconded by Director Bennest

“That Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen resolution regarding sewage grant

2007.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board was scheduled for Tuesday, December 05, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. if held at the Regional District of Central Okanagan or 9:00 a.m. if held at the Okanagan Indian Band in Vernon.

Moved by Director Pike

Seconded by Director Reid

“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board convene an In-Camera Meeting to deal with matters deemed closed to the public in accordance with Section 92 of the Community Charter.”

CARRIED.

The regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board adjourned to meet “In Camera” at 1:50 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board reconvened at 1:56 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Hobson

“There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.”

CARRIED.

Certified Correct:


Chair


Program Manager

OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD HELD ON DECEMBER 05, 2006 AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL OKANAGAN, 1450 KLO ROAD, KELOWNA, BC.

PRESENT:

Chair John Slater	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Len Novakowski	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Robert Hobson	Regional District Central Okanagan (absent)
Director Graham Reid	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Lorraine Bennest	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Rick Fairbairn	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Pat Cochrane	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Bill Firman	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Ron Perrie	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Tom Siddon	Okanagan Water Stewardship Council
Director Toby Pike	Water Supply Association of B.C.
Director Tim Manuel for	
Director Fabian Alexis	Okanagan Nation Alliance (absent)

STAFF:

Greg Armour	Program Manager, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Dr. Anna Warwick Sears	Water Stewardship Director
Mike Stamhuis	Regional District North Okanagan
Debbie Taylor	Recording Secretary

OTHERS

PRESENT:

Greg Mealing	Water Operations Superintendent, District of Summerland
Judie Steeves	Kelowna Capital News

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Slater called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Director Bennest

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That the Agenda for a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board for December 05, 2006 be approved as circulated."

CARRIED.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Item 6.4 being Proposed Sale of Leased Lots be added to the Agenda as a Late Item.

Item 6.5 being Interior Health Authority Treatment Requirements for the Okanagan Valley be added to the Agenda as a Late Item.

Item 6.6 being Director and Chair Meeting Rate be added to the Agenda as a Late Item.

Item 7.1 being Okanagan Nation Alliance Representative to Okanagan Basin Water Board be added to the Agenda as a Late Item.

Item 7.2 being Ratification of Change to BC Cattleman's Association on Okanagan Water Stewardship Council be added to the Agenda as a Late Item.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Director Cochrane

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board held on November 07, 2006 at the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED.

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Minutes of Okanagan Stewardship Council Meeting held on November 09, 2006

The minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council held on November 09, 2006 at the Regional District of Central Okanagan were received by the OBWB for information.

5.2 Water Supply and Demand Study Update

Mr. Armour reported that the Ministry of Environment would be requesting proposals for a Project Manager & Technical Coordinator for the Water Supply and Demand Study within the next week.

The Board agreed that communication with the provincial government and the federal government was essential and that the Board should stress the importance of this work and the need for the product to be easy to comprehend and update.

Action Item: The Board directed staff to prepare a letter to Assistant Deputy Minister

Jim Mattison asking that an early meeting of the Water Supply and Demand Study Steering Committee be scheduled to ensure the study proceeds in an expedient manner.

The Board agreed that Director Pike' technical expertise would be valuable to the Steering Committee.

Moved by Director Bennest

Seconded by Director Novakowski

“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorses Director Toby Pike as the second appointee to the Water Supply and Demand Study Steering Committee and that the Water Supply and Demand Study proceed in a comprehensive and expedient manner.”

CARRIED.

Discussion ensued regarding the preparation of a briefing paper for use by Board Directors to underscore the importance of this study in meeting with MLA's and MP's.

5.3 Media Coverage

Mr. Armour noted that there was value in establishing a close relationship with the media. He noted the value of keeping the media informed of decisions and goals of the OBWB. Judie Steeves had covered the November meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council and had written a very positive article in The Capital News – Kelowna.

Dr. Sears noted that the OBWB had made the front cover of the Okanagan Business Journal.

Director Reid commented that the Board should be under-promising and over-delivering rather than over-promising. Mr. Stamhuis added that the Board would be required to deliver at the end of the three year initiative.

5.4 Fraser Basin Conference

Mr. Armour reported on the Fraser Basin Conference he and Dr. Sears attended last month.

Director Fairbairn advised the OBWB that the Regional District of North Okanagan had invited the Fraser Basin Council to make a presentation regarding possible NORD participation on the Council from areas that drain into the Fraser system.

5.5 Building Sustainable Communities Conference

Mr. Armour and Dr. Sears attended the Building Sustainable Communities Conference in Kelowna. Mr. Armour noted that although there was a broad range of presentations there was relatively little focus on the Okanagan. Director Novakowski added that the message from the conference was disquieting and emphasized that the OBWB must

continue to maintain public support to address water supply and demand issues.

5.6 OBWB Webpage and Waterbucket Website Update

The official press release of the OBWB Website will be delayed slightly as technical difficulties are sorted out and additional information is posted. Staff indicated that contributions by the Directors to the site would be welcome.

Staff attended a meeting on November 10, 2006 with Waterbucket representatives to set up a format for the Okanagan Community of Interest. Water Stewardship Council members along with others interested in participating were invited to attend.

The Environment Canada is sponsoring SPOKE which is a web portal that will house land and water monitoring and research data and information for integrated watershed planning and decision-making in the Okanagan Basin. The site will be a scientific database that can be updated by contributors.

6. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Regional District of North Okanagan Administration Charges

Mr. Stamhuis advised that the administrative contract between the OBWB and the Regional District provided that the Administrator offer administrative background to the OBWB. Mr. Stamhuis was requested to fill this role in providing local government context.

With the hiring of the Water Stewardship Director the Board reviewed the need for retaining additional administrative and technical expertise from the Regional District of North Okanagan.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2007 NORD administration costs and requested that the Chief Financial Officer provide more detail regarding the hours for the Corporate Controller.

Moved by Director Novakowski

Seconded by Director Reid

“That the hours of the RDNO General Manager of Community and Infrastructure Services would be reduced by half and that the hours of the Corporate Controller be evaluated.”

ALL OPPOSED.

Moved by Director Perrie

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board approves the Provisional Budget as presented.”
Opposed - Director Reid and Director Novakowski.

CARRIED.

Action Item: Staff to further clarify hours of the RDNO Corporate Controller.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Perrie

“That RDNO contract amount be based on staff hours documented from timesheets and that staff assess ways to reduce administrative costs.”

CARRIED.

The regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board broke for lunch at 12:06 and reconvened at 12:38 p.m.

6.2 Terms of Reference for Sewage Facilities Grants

The OBWB agreed that before adopting Terms of Reference clarification was needed from the Ministry of Community Services whether activities in one electoral area affect the ability of other electoral areas to obtain infrastructure funding assistance.

Moved by Director Cochrane

Seconded by Director Pike

“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board invite Ministry of Community Services Deputy Minister Dale Wall to the January 09, 2007 meeting to clarify eligibility requirements for Provincial Sewage Infrastructure Grants and that Staff advise the Deputy Minister of the issues in advance of the meeting.”

CARRIED.

Action Item: The Board directed staff to draft a letter for the Chair’s signature to Deputy Minister Wall requesting his presence at the next OBWB meeting, and clearly outlining issues needing clarification.

6.3 Proposed OBWB Logo and Water Stewardship Logo

Moved by Director Perrie

Seconded by Director Bennest

“That the OBWB endorses the proposed OBWB and Okanagan Water Stewardship logos as presented.”

Opposed - Director Pike and Director Firman

CARRIED.

6.4 Proposed Sale of Leased Lots

The OBWB discussed correspondence to Okanagan Water Users dated December 04, 2006 from David Gregory, Mayor of Summerland.

Chair Slater noted that the matter had been previously addressed.

Director Reid exited the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding wording of the Summerland Municipal Council resolution. Mr. Stamhuis suggested the wording be amended to read "a Source Water Management Plan".

Director Perrie exited the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the Drinking Water Protection Act.

Director Cochrane exited the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

6.5 Interior Health Authority Treatment Requirements for the Okanagan Valley

Director Pike distributed news article about future high costs of drinking water treatment in the Basin.

Director Siddon advised that the OWSC would be addressing Source Water Protection at their January 11, 2007 meeting; and would seek the Council's advice on this issue.

6.6 Director and Chair Meeting Rate

Moved by Director Fairbairn

Seconded by Director Bennest

"That the OBWB endorses that Directors receive One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$130.00) per meeting and that the Chair receive One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00) per meeting."

CARRIED.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Okanagan Nation Alliance Representative to Okanagan Basin Water Board

Action Item: Chair Slater to call Tim Manuel, Chief of the Upper Nicola Indian Band to congratulate him on his appointment as Director to the OBWB.

7.2 Ratification of Change to BC Cattleman's Association Appointment to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

Moved by Director Fairbairn

Seconded by Director Novakowski

"That the OBWB endorses Lee Hesketh to replace Dave Casorso as appointee to the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council designated by the BC Cattleman's Association."

CARRIED.

8. SEWAGE GRANT APPLICATIONS

8.1 District of Coldstream Sewage Grant Application

Moved by Director Novakowski

Seconded by Director Pike

“That a decision on grant eligibility follow consideration of the Sewage Grant Terms of Reference and clarification of the Okanagan Basin Water Board policy on lots less than one hectare created after 2000.”

CARRIED.

9. WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

9.1 Staff Report

The OBWB received the Staff Report regarding Water Conservation and Quality Improvement Grant Program for information.

Director Bennest commented on the thorough follow up on grant expenditures done by staff.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board was scheduled for Tuesday, January 09, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Okanagan Indian Band Meeting Hall in Vernon.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Fairbairn

“There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.”

Moved by Director Fairbairn

CARRIED.

“There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.”

CARRIED.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Program Manager