

**OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD HELD ON MARCH 9, 2004, AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN, 101 MARTIN STREET, PENTICTON, B.C. AT 10:00 A.M.**

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**PRESENT:**

Director Len Novakowski	C.O.R.D.
Director Robert Hobson	C.O.R.D.
Chair John Slater	O.S.R.D.
Director Eike Scheffler	O.S.R.D.
Director Gordon Clark	O.S.R.D.
Vice Chair Will Hansma	N.O.R.D.
Director Doug Hackman	N.O.R.D.

**OTHERS:**

Gerry Tonn	Urban Systems
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**STAFF:**

Greg Armour	Field Supervisor (OBWB)
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**IN-CAMERA**

**Moved by Director Hackman and seconded by Director Hansma:**

*"That the meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board convene In-Camera to deal with matters deemed closed to the public."*

***CARRIED.***

The Board adjourned to meet In-Camera at 10:05 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Water Board reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA MEETING**

**MINUTES:**

**Moved by Director Hackman and seconded by Director Hansma:**

*"That the contract for Construction of a new Aquatic Weed Rototiller be awarded to MultiPower Products Ltd. of Kelowna."*

***CARRIED.***

**MINUTES:**

**Moved by Director Hackman and seconded by Director Hansma:**

*"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004 be adopted as circulated."*

***CARRIED.***

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****March 19th Workshop Program**

Mr. Tonn, of Urban Systems, joined the meeting for a discussion of the final aspects of the March 19<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Regional Water Management.

Mr. Tonn and Mr. Armour reviewed the list of attendees and speakers for the workshop.

Director Novakowski stressed the importance of someone taking a leadership role at the conference in order to achieve any progress. He said, there is not at present a mechanism to solve resource problems on a basin wide scale and posed the question of the willingness of the Water Board to take on more responsibility.

Mr. Tonn reviewed the scope and purpose of the workshop and suggested it is important for the Water Board to decide before the session what we wish to accomplish.

Chair Slater commented that if a clear direction comes out of the workshop, the Water Board must be prepared to move forward and have the resources to do it.

There was discussion on means to make the workshop successful in terms of achieving local political agreement.

It was agreed that media should be invited.

The Board discussed Director Hein's request to have a presentation on the sale of reservoir lots. It was felt that the purpose of the workshop was to engage the local politicians in a discussion, and avoid the perception of the OBWB controlling the workshop. It was agreed that if the issue became part of the discussion period this was appropriate. The Board agreed not to have a specific presentation on the reservoir lots issue during this workshop. There was discussion of the Water Board goals for the end result of the workshop.

Director Hobson said that a legislative model for regional management would be an important outcome. This could be a legislative body similar to the OBWB or a more cooperative model of local governments such as the Fraser basin Council model.

Mr. Tonn left the meeting.

**Sale of Lease Lots on Reservoir Lakes – Zoning Options**

The Board reviewed the draft resolution for OMMA, prepared by Mr. Stamhuis. The resolution has been approved by the three Regional Boards and Chair Slater agreed to act as the lead-in to present the resolution to OMMA.

**Other Business:****Minimum Lot Size for Development on Septic Systems**

Mr. Armour informed the Board that a letter had gone out to Valley local government informing them of the change in Water Board policy making the minimum lot size 1.0 hectare rather than 0.8 hectares. This is consistent with Provincial policy.

Director Hansma asked for the written Provincial policy.

The Board agreed to ask applicants for sewer grants to submit verification that no lots had been created less than 1.0 hectares since the date of the policy.

The Board asked that a letter be sent to local government confirming that creation of lots less than one hectare on septic, would jeopardize Water Board grants for all municipal sewer projects.

**Correspondence:**

**Central Okanagan Naturalist Club – Action Plan for Water Management presented by John Huby.**

The Board received a copy of a presentation made by Mr. Huby to the Water Conference in Kelowna. It was agreed that the paper was very good and summarized many of the goals of the Water Board in achieving regional water management.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Okanagan Basin Water Board meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY