

Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN WATER STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL HELD ON MARCH 08, 2007 AT THE MANTEO RESORT, KELOWNA, BC.

PRESENT:

Chair Tom Siddon, Okanagan Partnership
Vice Chair Ted van der Gulik, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
Bob Hrasko, Director, Water Supply Association
Valerie Cameron, Water Stewardship Division, Ministry of Environment
Paul Kluckner, Regional Director, Environment Canada
Deana Machin, Manager, Fisheries Program, Okanagan Nation Alliance
~~Rob Smailes, Director, Development Services, Regional District North Okanagan (absent)~~
~~Marty Willfong, Development Services, Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen (absent)~~
Jillian Tamblyn, Environmental Coordinator, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
~~Brian Symonds, A/Director, Regional Operations, Ministry of Environment (absent)~~
Dr. Bernie Bauer, Dean of Arts and Sciences, UBC Okanagan
~~Dr. Brian Guy, Director, BC Branch, Canadian Water Resource Association (absent)~~
Mike Adams, Drinking Water Protection Officer, Interior Health Authority
Gord Shandler, Water Commission, BC Fruit Growers Association
Hans Buchler, Chair, Water Committee, BC Agriculture Council
~~Dr. Scott Schillereff, Vice President, BC Ground Water Association (absent)~~
Doug Geller, BC Ground Water Association
Lee Hesketh, BC Cattleman's Association
Grant Maddock, Protech Engineering, Urban Development Institute (absent)
Allison MacMillan, Okanagan College (absent)
~~Michelle Boshard, Osoyoos Lake Water Quality Society (absent)~~
~~Rick McKelvey, Member at Large (absent)~~
Drew Kaiser, CORD Environmental Advisory Committee
Ken Arcuri, Planning Services, Regional District Central Okanagan
~~Neal Klassen, Contractor/Operator, City/Kelowna Water Conservation Program (absent)~~
Stu Wells, Community Futures
Dr. Peter Dill, Director, Friends of Mission Creek
~~Dr. Denise Neilsen, Research Scientist, Agriculture Canada (absent)~~
Tricia Brett, Greater Vernon Water Stewardship Committee

STAFF:

Greg Armour, Program Manager, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Dr. Anna Warwick Sears, Water Stewardship Director
Genevieve Doyle, Water Stewardship Coordinator
Debbie Taylor, Recording Secretary

OTHERS

PRESENT:

John Slater, Chair, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Toby Pike, Director, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Lorraine Bennest, Director, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Wenda Mason, Ministry of Environment
Hans Schrier, Institute for Resources and Environment, UBC

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, Chiefs Executive Council, Okanagan Nation Alliance
Chief Fabian Alexis, Alternate Director, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Richard Armstrong, Penticton Indian Band
Judie Steeves, Kelowna Capital News

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Siddon called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Stu Wells

Seconded by Bernie Bauer

"That the agenda of the March 08, 2007 meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council be approved as circulated."

CARRIED.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Item 6.2 being Osoyoos Lake Water Forum would be added to the Agenda as a Late Item.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Stu Wells

Seconded by Bernie Bauer

"That the minutes of a meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council held on February 08, 2007 at the Ramada Lodge Hotel, Kelowna, BC be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED.

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Presentation by Dr. Hans Schreier, Institute for Resources and Environment, UBC: Measuring the Water Footprint in the Okanagan using the Virtual Water Concept

Ken Arcuri exited the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

5.1.1 Question and Answer and Discussion

Deana Machin entered the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Vice Chair van der Gulik entered the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council broke for lunch at 12:19 p.m. and reconvened at 1:14 p.m.

Chief Fabian Alexis entered the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Toby Pike exited the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Peter Dill entered the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Drew Kaiser exited the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

5.2 First Nations Panel Presentation

A panel formed by Deana Machin, Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, Chief Fabian Alexis, and Richard Armstrong discussed water management issues / concerns and First Nation cultural history.

Doug Gellar entered the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Mike Adams entered the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

5.2.1 Question and Answer and Discussion

Ken Arcuri reentered the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Jeff Curtis entered the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

Grand Chief Phillip advised that there was a Chiefs Executive Council meeting on March 29, 2007 and at that time the Executive Council would discuss the sale of leased lots by the Province. He requested copies of correspondence between the Water Board and Province on this matter.

The regular meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council broke for a recess at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

Greg Armour exited the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

5.3 Presentation by Dr. Jeff Curtis, UBC on Potential Projects for Effluent Discharge Analysis

Deana Machin, Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, Wenda Mason and Richard Armstrong exited the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Chair Siddon exited the meeting at 4:01 p.m. Vice Chair Van de Gulik assumed the Chair.

Mike Adams, Bernie Bauer, Jeff Curtis and a representative from Environment Canada would form a subcommittee to research Endocrine Disrupters in Okanagan Water.

The OWSC agreed to consider recommending that the OBWB allocate \$20,000 to \$30,000 to the project, depending on the contents of the proposal.

Chief Fabian Alexis and Jeff Curtis exited the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

6. REPORTS FROM STAFF and/or COMMITTEE GROUPS

6.1 Matters Arising from March 06, 2007 OBWB Meeting

Dr. Sears highlighted the March 06, 2007 OBWB meeting.

Judie Steeves exited the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Valerie Cameron exited the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

6.2 Osoyoos Lake Water Forum

Moved by Stu Wells

Seconded by Bob Hrasko

"That the OWSC endorses recommending to the Okanagan Basin Water Board a contribution of \$5,000 towards the Osoyoos Water Science Forum ."

CARRIED.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Email and Proposal Received from Dr. Diana Allen, Department of Earth Sciences, Simon Fraser University

Moved by Stu Wells

Seconded by Hans Buchler

"That the OWSC will provide a letter of support of the Canadian Water Network Study: Water Security Index."

CARRIED.

8. NEXT MEETING

8.1 April 12, 2007 Meeting: Water Supply and Demand Study Facilitated Workshop

At the April 12, 2007 meeting the Water Supply & Demand 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.

8.2 May 10, 2007 Meeting: Water and Agriculture

The May 10, 2007 meeting of the Council will be focused on agricultural water use, and will be held at the Summerland Research Station.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Gord Shandler

"That there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m."

CARRIED.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Program Manager