

OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD HELD JUNE 5, 2007 AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL OKANAGAN, 1450 KLO ROAD, KELOWNA BC.

PRESENT:

Chair John Slater	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Ron Perrie	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Lorraine Bennest	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 Rick Fairbairn	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Buffy Baumbrough	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Glen Taylor	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Tom Siddon	Okanagan Water Stewardship Council
Director Toby Pike	Water Supply Association of B.C.
Director Tim Manuel	Okanagan Nation Alliance

STAFF:

Greg Armour	Program Manager, OBWB
Dr. Anna Warwick Sears	Water Stewardship Director, OBWB
Inge van Oostveen	Admin Assistant/Communications Coordinator, OBWB

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Paul Hasselback	Senior Medical Officer, Interior Health
Dale Thomas	Interior Health
Gundie Volk	PHI, Interior Health
Mike Adams	Drinking Water Officer, Interior Health
Elizabeth Sigalet	Drinking Water Manager, Interior Health
Karen Rothe	Ministry of Environmental Health
Bob Hrasko	Manager, Black Mountain Irrigation District, OBWB Alternate Director
Gord Ivans	Chair, Black Mountain Irrigation District Board
Judie Steeves	Kelowna Capital News

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. DELEGATIONS

2.1 Interior Health Authority (Letter of Invitation From OBWB)

Dr. Paul Hasselback, Senior Medical Officer at Interior Health, presented an overview of the structure and governance of Health Authorities and their functional relationship with the Ministry of Health. A series of PowerPoint slides was presented, and Dr. Hasselback invited the Board to work closely with Interior Health to address shared water concerns.

Ms. Karen Rothe outlined the collaborative approach taken by Ministry and Health Authorities to achieve their common objective, the protection of public health. The Ministry drafts legislation and is responsible for providing advice to the Minister, while the Health Authorities are responsible for the administration and implementation of this legislation. The Drinking Water Officer's guide is an example of this collaboration.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Director Fairbairn Seconded by Director Perrie

"That the Agenda for a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board on June 05, 2007 be approved as circulated."

CARRIED.

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Moved by Director Fairbairn Seconded by Director Perrie

"That Signing Authority for Anna Sears be added as Item 6.1 under New and Unfinished Business, and that OBWB staff accommodation at NORD be introduced as Late Item 7.6"

CARRIED.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 5.1 Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board held May 01, 2007 at the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

Moved by Director Bennest Seconded by Director Reid

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board held on May 01, 2007 at the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen be adopted as circulated, pending the correction of Mr. David Gregory's name."

CARRIED.

6. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 6.1 Signing authority for Anna Sears replacing Greg Armour

Moved by Director Reid Seconded by Director Taylor

"That Anna Warwick Sears be authorized to sign contracts up to \$25,000 for the Okanagan Basin Water Board."

CARRIED.

7. STAFF REPORTS

- 7.1 Minutes of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council Meeting held on May 10, 2007

Moved by Director Reid Seconded by Director Taylor

"That the minutes of a regular meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council held on May 10, 2007 at the Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre in Summerland, BC be received."

CARRIED.

Dr. Sears provided a brief summary of discussions and presentations at the last Okanagan Water Stewardship Council.

- 7.2 Sale of Reservoir Lots - Presentation from ILMB at June 14th WSC Meeting

A one-hour presentation on the Sale of Reservoir Lots will take place at the next meeting of the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council on June 14, 2007 at UBC-Okanagan (L305).

- 7.3 Gas Tax Agreement Program - Application for Funding

Moved by **Director Novakowski**

Seconded by **Director Siddon**

“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board resolves to forward a funding application for \$415,890 to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities in support of our Okanagan Water Supply and Demand Study through their Capacity Building/ICSP initiative.”

CARRIED.

7.4 OBWB Staff Vehicle

Moved by **Director Reid**

Seconded by **Director Bennest**

“That an OBWB Staff Vehicle be acquired, and that staff research cost efficiencies and make recommendations for an OBWB Staff Vehicle.”

CARRIED.

7.5 Joint CWRA/OBWB/OWSC Conference

Moved by **Director Reid**

Seconded by **Director Taylor**

“That staff work together with CWRA to present a joint conference on water management in the Okanagan in February 2008, subject to the review of staff time required.”

CARRIED.

7.6 OBWB staff accommodation at NORD

Dr. Sears advised the Board that Brian Reardon, Administrator of the Regional District of North Okanagan, has recently stated that he wishes to relocate OBWB staff currently accommodated at the NORD office at 9848 Aberdeen Road to the downtown office at 3105 33rd Street in Vernon. Dr. Sears commented that this move would not be in the best interests of the Water Board, and requested Board support for alternative accommodation solutions that allow OBWB staff to remain at the current location.

Moved by **Director Reid**

Seconded by **Director Siddon**

“The Okanagan Basin Water Board request that NORD make every reasonable effort to continue the accommodation of OBWB staff at the NORD offices.”

CARRIED.

Moved by **Director Reid**

Seconded by **Director Siddon**

“That staff be authorized to enter into negotiations with NORD for the appropriate accommodation of OBWB staff at the NORD offices, at an additional cost of up to a maximum of \$1000 per month.”

CARRIED.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 PARC – Request for Funding

Moved by **Director Hobson**

Seconded by **Director Fairbairn**

“That full funding for the PARC research proposal on the agricultural re-use of wastewater from the Summerland waste water plant be approved.”

CARRIED.

- 8.2 RDOS – Policy for Small Lots and OBWB Sewage Grant Eligibility
- 8.3 Letter from Roger Mayer – Local Government Infrastructure Grant Eligibility

Moved by **Director Hobson**

Seconded by **Director Taylor**

“That these letters (Items 8.2 and 8.3) be received”

CARRIED.

- 8.4 MoE/OBWB Workshop - Future of Water Quantity Information in the Okanagan Basin
(Date changed to June 28th)

The Chair and Co-Chair of the Okanagan Basin Water Board and the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council were invited to attend the Future of Water Quantity Information workshop, rescheduled to June 28, 2007. Director Reid is not able to attend this workshop and requested that staff schedule an alternate OBWB director to attend. Director Siddon requested a hydrometric primer for all attendees prior to the workshop.

9. SEWAGE FACILITIES GRANTS

- 9.1 City of Vernon

Moved by **Director Hobson**

Seconded by **Director Fairbairn**

“That the City of Vernon’s late application for Sewage Grant funding for debt costs retroactive to 2002 for upgrade and replacement of the City of Vernon Reclamation Plant not be approved.”

CARRIED.

LUNCH

The Meeting broke for Lunch at 12:38pm and reconvened at 1:00 pm.

10. IN-CAMERA

The Okanagan Basin Water Board adjourned to In-Camera session at 2:25pm.

11. NEXT MEETING

- 11.1 The next meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board is scheduled for July 3rd, 2007 at the Regional District of North Okanagan.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the in-camera and regular meetings were adjourned at 2:50pm.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Executive Director