



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD HELD NOVEMBER 4TH, 2008, AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL OKANAGAN 1450 KLO ROAD, KELOWNA, BC**

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**PRESENT:**

Chair John Slater	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Dan Ashton	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Lorraine Bennest	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Patty Hanson	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:**

Dr. Anna Warwick Sears	Executive Director, OBWB
Genevieve Dunbar	Water Stewardship Coordinator, OBWB
Monique Stone	Administration, OBWB

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 6.2 OBWB provisional budget is changed to Item 6.3

Item 6.2 is added as Water Supply & Demand Project Groundwater Contract Amendment

**Moved by Director Reid**

**Seconded by Director Hanson**

***“That the agenda of the regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board of November 4, 2008 be approved as amended”.***

**CARRIED**

### **3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

Water Supply & Demand Project Groundwater Contract Amendment added as Item 6.2

### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Director Fairbairn

Seconded by Director Taylor

*“That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board of October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Regional District of North Okanagan be adopted as circulated”.*

**CARRIED**

### **5. DELEGATIONS**

No Delegations

### **6. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6.1 Water Supply & Demand Water Balance Model Contract

Dr. Sears referred to the resolution passed by OBWB Directors in the October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting with regards to the Water Supply and Demand Project Water balance model pilot study. She explained that the Water Supply & Demand Project Working Group will not complete the comparison between the Mike-She model and Environment Canada’s model until late November and given the timing of the election and the need for a Board Director to sign the contract she requested the following resolution be passed.

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Hanson

*“That the Okanagan Basin Water approves entering into a contract with DHI Water and Environment Inc. for up to \$78,600 for the second phase of development of a water balance model for the Okanagan Basin, conditional on the final approval of the Water Supply & Demand Working Group and Steering Committee”.*

**CARRIED**

6.2 Water Supply & Demand Project Groundwater Contract Amendment

Dr. Sears explained that in January 2008, Golder and Associates were contracted through a competitive bid process to conduct the Groundwater Modeling component of the Water Supply & Demand Project. The contract set a ceiling of \$209,311 but allowed for a renegotiation of the price at Phase 2. Phase 2 is set to begin mid-November and the work requirements have been re-assessed. The Groundwater Technical Committee and the Project Director, working with the Golder team, have determined that the contract should be amended for the new price of \$308,300.

Moved by Director Taylor

Seconded by Director Fairbairn

*“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board endorse the contract amendment with Golder and Associates for Phase 2 of the Groundwater Modeling component of the Water Supply & Demand Project, for an amount not to exceed \$308,300 in total”.*

**CARRIED**

### 6.3 OBWB Provisional Budget for 2009-2010

Dr. Sears reviewed the Okanagan Basin Water Board's budget with Directors explaining that the overall OBWB requisition is a 1.5% decrease over 2008.

After Directors reviewed the Watermilfoil Management Budget, discussion ensued as to whether the existing equipment reserve is adequate to account for the replacement value of all equipment. The following resolution was passed:

**Moved by Director Reid**

**Seconded by Director Taylor**

***"That staff is directed to increase the allocation to the Equipment Reserve Fund in the Aquatic Weed Control Budget to \$20,000 for the fiscal year 2009-2010".***

**CARRIED**

Directors additionally recommended that staff conduct a formal audit of watermilfoil equipment values.

Discussion ensued regarding the Government of British Columbia's proposed plan to freeze the authenticated assessment values at the 2007 level. Dr. Sears assured the Directors that whether or not the authenticated assessments were rolled back, the OBWB 2009-2010 budget still meets the ceiling constraints of 2-cents/\$1000 for the water management program as well as the other ceiling constraints given by the OBWB supplementary letters patent.

**Moved by Director Reid**

**Seconded by Director Bennest**

***"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board approves the 2009-2010 budget as amended".***

**CARRIED**

## 7. ADJOURN TO IN CAMERA MEETING

### 7.1 Matters Pertaining to OBWB Staffing

**Moved by Director Fairbairn**

**Seconded by Director Pike**

***"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board adjourns to an In-Camera meeting at 11:05 am".***

**CARRIED**

## 8. RESUME REGULAR MEETING

Regular meeting resumed at 11:30 am.

**Moved by Director Reid**

**Seconded by Director Taylor**

***"That the Okanagan Basin Water Board resumes its regular meeting to rise and report on the in-camera meeting".***

**CARRIED**

Moved by Director Hobson

Seconded by Director Hanson

***“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board approves staff salary recommendations as presented”.***

**CARRIED**

## **9. STAFF REPORTS**

### **9.1 Executive Director’s Report**

Dr. Sears reported that the One Watershed-One Water Conference in October was very successful. It demonstrated a tremendous amount of energy and good-will for basin-wide water management, both by the local community and senior government. In addition, the Sustainable Water Strategy was publicly launched and very well received.

General discussion ensued regarding the Sustainable Water Strategy and the following was motion was presented:

Moved by Director Reid

Seconded by Director Bennest

***“That the OBWB receives the Okanagan Sustainable Water Strategy and recommends that the newly-constituted OBWB considers the Strategy for adoption in 2009.”***

**CARRIED**

Dr. Sears explained to the Directors that she has found a milfoil machine to purchase which will replace the Bombardier, a tracked machine used for rototilling shallow-water areas. Two quotes were received; a new machine at a cost of \$109,200 and a used one with low hours for \$27,500. She requested a motion to authorize the purchase of the used machine.

Moved by Director Fairbairn

Seconded by Director Hobson

***“That the Okanagan Basin Water Board approves the purchase of a Marooka Carrier in the amount of \$27,500”.***

**CARRIED**

#### **9.1.1 OBWB Accommodations**

Dr. Sears explained that the OBWB has been offered office accommodations by the Regional District of Central Okanagan. She further explained that being housed within a regional district office greatly increases our ability to stay informed about local government issues and priorities, and in turn keep staff and politicians updated on OBWB activities. She requested a resolution be passed to allow OBWB staff to pursue office space at CORD.

Moved by Director Bennest

Seconded by Director Baumbrough

*“That the OBWB permits the Executive Director to enter into a lease agreement with the Regional District of Central Okanagan for office space at 1450 KLO Road in Kelowna.”*

**CARRIED**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

11.1 The next meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board will be scheduled when new Board directors are appointed in December or January, on or before February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Hanson

Seconded by Director Taylor

*“That there being no further business, the regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 be adjourned at 12:55pm”.*

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:		
<b>Chair</b>		<b>Executive Director</b>