



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD
HELD MAY 5, 2020, ONLINE
OKANAGAN, B.C.**

PRESENT

Chair Sue McKortoff	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Vice-Chair Cindy Fortin	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Victor Cumming	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Rick Fairbairn	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Bob Fleming	Regional District North Okanagan
Director Colin Basran	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Toni Boot	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Director Christopher Derickson	Okanagan Nation Alliance
Director Bob Hrasko	Water Supply Association of BC
Director Denise Neilsen	Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

REGRETS

Director James Baker	Regional District Central Okanagan
Director Rick Knodel	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen

STAFF

Anna Warwick Sears	Executive Director
Nelson Jatel	Water Stewardship Director
Corinne Jackson	Communications Director
James Littley	Operations and Grants Manager
Kellie Garcia	Policy and Planning Specialist

TECHNICAL OBSERVER

Tessa Terbasket	Okanagan Nation Alliance
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GUESTS

Jennifer Miles	Regional District North Okanagan
Renee Clark	Emeritus (Regional District North Okanagan – ret'd)
Brittany Lange	Regional District Central Okanagan
Zoe Kirk	Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen
Alison O'Neill	Okanagan College
Dennis Einarson	B.C. Ministry of Environment (Water Quality)
Tony Zantotto	B.C.Min.Forests,Lands,Nat.Res.Ops,RuralDev. (Res.Mgr)
Scott Boswell	WSC Vice-Chair - Okanagan Collab. Conservation Program
Marta Green	BC Ground Water Association
Jennifer Smith	Black Press
Ian McLellan	Recreation Sites and Trails BC
Brain Guy	Canadian Water Resources Association
Doug Lundquist	Environment and Climate Change Canada
Kristen Hannam	Agriculture and Agri-food Canada
Ray Crampton	B.C.Min.Forests,Lands,Nat.Res.Ops,RuralDev. (Res.Mgmt)
Rod MacLean	City of Kelowna
Andrew Petersen	B.C. Ministry of Agriculture
Ryan Whitehouse	B.C.Min.Forests,Lands,Nat.Res.Ops,RuralDev. (Ecosys.)

Lorne Davies
Don Dobson
Randy Hardy
Shawn Grundy
Adrian Arts
Elana Westers

BC Wildlife Federation – Region 8
Dobson Engineering
Gorman Brothers
District of Peachland
BC Fruit Growers Association
OBWB contractor

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair McKortoff called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Chair McKortoff respectfully acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional and unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan Nation.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

“THAT the agenda of the regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board of May 5, 2020 be approved.”

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board of April 7, 2020 held online.

“THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board on April 7, 2020 held online be approved.”

CARRIED

4. **STAFF REPORT**

4.1 Executive Director Report

Dr. Sears clarified remote sign-in sheets for directors and provided an update on OBWB operations with COVID-19, noting staff are working from home for the most part.

The board was provided an updated letter to the province regarding invasive mussel concerns.

“THAT the letter from OBWB to the B.C. Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy regarding invasive mussels be received and sent to the province, and that a follow-up news release be submitted to the media.”

CARRIED

An update was given on the public launch and online media news conference of the Okanagan Flood Story website, scheduled for tomorrow, May 6.

The Osoyoos Lake Board of Control is developing a proposal to the International Joint Commission to hold another Osoyoos Lake Water Science Forum in fall 2021.

A revised OBWB Strategic Plan - 2020-2024, was provided to the board. There was discussion on a couple of items.

“THAT the OBWB Strategic Plan - 2020-2024 reference to sub-goal 2 (b) and desired actions and outcomes for water data be changed from ‘supporting’ to ‘ensuring.’”

DEFEATED

Dirs. Cumming and Derickson in favour

There was discussion about tracking measures for the goal of an educated public. Dir. Cumming noted his interest in determining outdoor water use. After further discussion Chair McKortoff noted the addition of surveys in the strategy to address tracking.

“THAT the Strategic Plan and Tracking Measures 2020-2024 be adopted.”
CARRIED

Dr. Sears reported that the Brenda Mine snowpillow is almost all melted but Mission Creek still has a fair amount of snow, requiring water managers to watch for potential flooding. The summer is expected to be hotter than normal.

“THAT the Executive Director’s Report, dated April 29, 2020, be received.”
CARRIED

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Okanagan Hydrometric Information Management Options Update

Mr. Jatel provided an update on the hydrometric station network, noting that a committee has been struck to review the existing network and make recommendations. A further update will be provided at the June 2 meeting.

“THAT the Water Stewardship Director’s Report, dated April 29, 2020, be received.”
CARRIED

6. NEXT MEETING

6.1 The next meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board will be held on Tues. June 2, 2020 at 10 a.m. at location TBD.

7. ADJOURNMENT

“THAT there being no further business, the regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board of May 5, 2020 be adjourned at 10:38 p.m.”
CARRIED

Certified Correct:		
Chair		Executive Director