



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN BASIN WATER BOARD
HELD MAY 2, 2023, AT MANTEO RESORT
3762 LAKESHORE RD., KELOWNA, B.C.**

PRESENT

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| Chair Sue McKortoff | Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen |
| Vice-Chair Blair Ireland | Regional District Central Okanagan |
| Director Victor Cumming | Regional District North Okanagan |
| Director Rick Fairbairn | Regional District North Okanagan |
| Director Christine Fraser | Regional District North Okanagan |
| Director Wayne Carson | Regional District Central Okanagan |
| Director Charlie Hodge | Regional District Central Okanagan |
| Director Doug Holmes | Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen |
| Alt. Director Adrienne Fedrigo | Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen |
| Director Bob Hrasko | Water Supply Association of B.C. |
| Director Jeremy Fyke | Okanagan Water Stewardship Council (OWSC) |

REGRETS

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| Director Tim Lezard | Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) |
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GUESTS

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| Zee Marcolin | Regional District North Okanagan |
| Kelly Chiatto | B.C. Ministry of Forests |
| Allison O'Neil | Okanagan College |

STAFF

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| Anna Warwick Sears | Executive Director |
| Nelson Jatel | Water Stewardship Director |
| Corinne Jackson | Communications Director |
| James Littlely | Deputy Administrator |
| Carolina Restrepo-Tamayo | Office and Grants Manager |
| Kellie Garcia | Policy and Planning Director |

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair McKortoff called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

No late items.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

“THAT the agenda of the regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board of May 2, 2023 be approved.”

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 4.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board of April 4, 2023, held at Regional District of North Okanagan.

“THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board on April 4, 2023, held at Regional District of North Okanagan, be approved.”

CARRIED

5. STAFF REPORTS

- 5.1 Executive Director Report

Dr. Sears provided an update on meetings with the International Joint Commission and interest in transitioning the International Osoyoos Lake Board of Control (IOLBC) to an International Watershed Board (IWB) for the lake. The current Board of Control deals mainly with the management of lake level storage for drought. An IWB would have a broader mandate to oversee management for adequate fish flows, water quality, public communications, and other issues, she noted. Having an IWB would enhance collaboration and expand the potential for funding to improve resources for water in the South Okanagan.

“THAT the Executive Director’s Report, dated April 25, 2023, be received.”

CARRIED

- 5.2 Water Stewardship Director Report

Dr. Jatel updated the board on last month’s Okanagan Water Stewardship Council meeting and a presentation by Gwen Bridge on Ethical Space, a framework for understanding and bridging Indigenous and western governance in decision making.

“THAT the Water Stewardship Director’s Report, dated April 25, 2023, be received.”

CARRIED

- 5.3 Communications Director Report

Ms. Jackson gave a brief update on the OBWB-Okanagan WaterWise’s two outreach and education campaigns, Make Water Work (MWW) and Don’t Move a Mussel (DMM). Ms. Jackson is working with Habit Creations on the MWW creative design, and working with the MWW local government/utility committee to prepare for the public launch of the campaign on May 18. A contract is now in place with the Okanagan Xeriscape Association to help with the delivery of the campaign. Ms. Jackson is going through a similar process for DMM to start rolling out in late May.

“THAT the Communications Director’s Report, dated April 25, 2023, be received.”

CARRIED

6. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Move to in-camera at 9:30 a.m.

7. IN-CAMERA

- 7.1 In-camera session (under sec. 90(1)(k) and 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter and sec. 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)

Come out of in-camera at 9:50 a.m.



8. **NEXT MEETING**

8.1 The next meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board will be Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen in Penticton, B.C.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

"THAT there being no further business, the regular meeting of the Okanagan Basin Water Board of May 2, 2023 be adjourned at 10 a.m."

CARRIED

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| Chair | | Executive Director |