



**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

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

Director Tim Lezard	Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA)
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GUESTS

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

STAFF

Anna Warwick Sears	Executive Director
Nelson Jatel	Water Stewardship Director
Corinne Jackson	Communications Director
James Littley	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

Certified Correct:		
Chair		Executive Director