

Minutes

Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA)

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Brian Petrie, UTRCA Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

Members Present:

Jim Craigmile

Skylar Franke

Tom Heeman – Online

Debbie Heffernan

Anna Hopkins – Online

Sandy Levin

Hugh McDermid – Online

Paul Mitchell

Brian Petrie – Chair

Mark Schadenberg

Dean Trentowsky

George Way

Scotty Zehr – Online

Regrets:

Harj Nijjar

Peter Cuddy

Solicitor: Grant Inglis – Online

Staff Present:

Jenna Allain

Tracy Annett

Dave Charles

Emily Chandler

Brad Dryburgh

Mike Funk

Scott Gillingwater

Mark Helsten

Teresa Hollingsworth

Christine Saracino

Chris Tasker

Tara Tchir

Brent Verscheure

Michelle Viglianti – Recorder

Sharon Viglianti

Julie Welker

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

The Chair read the territorial acknowledgement.

2. Modifications to the Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

4. Delegations/Presentations

4.1. Water and Information Management

Staff provided a presentation outlining the programs and services provided by the Water and Information Management unit.

A.Hopkins joined the meeting at 10:45am

A member suggested a future discussion on the viability of additional hydro plants.

Mover: S.Franke

Seconder: G.Way

THAT the Board of Directors receive the presentation for information.

Carried.

5. Administrative Business

5.1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: March 28, 2023

Mover: S.Levin

Seconder: M.Schadenberg

THAT that the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Board of Directors' minutes dated March 28, 2023, including any closed session minutes, as posted on the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority web-site.

Carried.

5.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5.3. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6. Reports – For Consideration

6.1. 2023 Water and Erosion Control Structure (WECI) Projects

(Report attached)

Mover: S.Levin

Seconder: G.Way

THAT the UTRCA Board of Directors approve the 2023 WECI Projects, with eleven repair projects and nine studies along with their respective project budgets, as included on the two WECI funding applications submitted on February 17th and March 21st, 2023 respectively.

Carried.

7. Reports – In-Camera

There were no reports to be discussed in closed session.

8. Reports – For Information

8.1. Administration and Enforcement – Section 28 Status Report

(Report attached)

S.Levin proposed a part B to the motion to receive the report for information. It would ask staff to consider additional reporting on applications received but not completed and report back to the Board by the end of the second quarter.

Mover: S.Levin

Seconder: J.Craigmile

THAT the Board of Directors receive the report for information and

Part B: THAT staff be asked to consider additional reporting on applications received but not completed and report back to this Board by the end of Q2.

Carried.

8.2. First Quarter Financial Update

(Report attached)

Staff reported an error on the page titled Statement of Financial Position and Accumulated Surplus. The note at the bottom of the page should read “Budgeted 2023 deficit is \$494K”, not 2022.

Mover: S.Franke

Seconder: D.Heffernan

THAT the Board of Directors receive the report for information.

Carried.

8.3. April For Your Information Report

(Report linked)

The April For Your Information Report was presented for the member's information.

Mover: M.Schadenberg

Seconder: S.Franke

THAT the Board of Directors receive the report for information.

Carried.

The Chair called for a ten minute break at 11:11am.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 11:22am.

9. Presentation of Conservation Award

9.1. Kayla Berger Stewardship Award – Ruth and Mike John

The Chair and General Manager presented Ruth and Mike John with the Kayla Berger Stewardship Award for their long-term and significant conservation and stewardship contributions in the Dorchester Mill Pond area and across Dorchester, as well as their contributions to the Species at Risk program and dedicated efforts towards protecting at risk turtles.

10. Notices of Motion for May 23, 2023

The Chair inquired whether any Board members had motions to bring to the floor for a future meeting. There were none.

11. Chair's Comments

The Chair noted he and T.Annett attended the Conservation Ontario Annual General Meeting in April. He announced that the new Chair of Conservation Ontario Council is Chris White from the Grand River Conservation Authority.

The Chair encouraged members to attend the Children's Water Festival Partner's recognition event.

The Chair noted a new Provincial Policy Statement has come through Bill 97 from the Province. No Section 28 regulations have been released.

12. Member's Comments

There were no members' comments.

13. General Manager's Comments

Members were notified there would be a bus tour following the May meeting.

The General Manager noted Conservation Ontario was coordinating comments for the most recent Environmental Registry of Ontario posting.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50am on a motion by D.Trentowsky.



Tracy Annett, General Manager
Att.