

CROWE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

FULL AUTHORITY

14 December 2012

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Stiles	Stirling Rawdon Township
Sandy Fraser	Municipality of Marmora and Lake
Brent Goodwin	Wollaston Township
Barry Rand	North Kawartha
Suzanne Partridge	Municipality of Highlands East
Ron Gerow	Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Townships
Gerald Phillips	Tudor & Cashel Township

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sharon Carson	Limerick Township
Hector Macmillan	Municipality of Trent Hills
Dennis Purcell	Faraday Township

ALSO PRESENT:

Judy Backus, EMC
Jim Martin
Peter White
Wayne Alexander
Bonnie Danes
Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, CVCA
Caroline Anshan, Recording Secretary, CVCA

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair, Bob Stiles, called the meeting to order at 10.02pm.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

FA Motion G 88/12

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge
Seconded by: Ron Gerow

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

There were no conflicts to declare.

WELCOME

The Chair, Bob Stiles, welcomed everyone.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

FA Motion G 89/12

Moved by: Gerald Phillips

Seconded by: Brent Goodwin

That the minutes and motions of the Full Authority Meeting, 8 November 2012, be approved as circulated.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None.

MOTION TO MOVE TO IN CAMERA SESSION:

FA Motion G 90/12

Moved by: Barry Rand

Seconded by: Ron Gerow

That the Full Authority Board move into closed session.

Carried.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION:

FA Motion G 91/12

Moved By: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded By: Ron Gerow

That the Full Authority Board move into open session.

Carried.

Belmont Dam Update/Report

Tim Pidduck made a powerpoint presentation to the board giving a comprehensive overview of ODS Marines dam assessment process. The findings of their investigation were that there was no undermining of the sills and that the dam itself was structurally sound. There was approximately 0.5cm of seepage through the stop logs themselves.

There were two solutions – one would be to use a low-tech product like beet pulp and the other was to purchase two steel stop logs for each of the 7 bays welded

together and anchored one above the other to the sill. The cost for the stop logs would be approximately \$2,000 per log.

Tim explained that it was necessary to establish and manage the minimum flows. He cautioned that sealing the dam completely would affect the riverine ecosystems and lakes downstream.

Ron Gerow agreed that the steel stop logs would be a good solution as the dam needed to be sealed. He expressed the willingness of the Township and the Lake Association to help with the cost of the work.

Ron also asked if Tim could arrange a meeting with the MNR with regards to the changing water levels in Belmont Lake.

FA Motion G 92/12

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Barry Rand

That Tim Pidduck contact the MNR to discuss issues regarding water levels at Belmont Dam.

Carried.

Peter White request to address the Board re: Belmont Dam

Note to Tim to send an update to Peter White re Belmont Dam Update.

Special Project Presentation – Vicki Woolfrey, Marnie Guindon

Vicki Woolfrey addressed the Board regarding Special Projects that have usually been funded in the past. She outlined the importance of the CVCA monitoring programs and their costs and benefits to the Authority. The programs she covered were Ground and Surface Water Monitoring Benthics and Low Water Response. Marnie Guindon then presented the GIS and CA Maps functions.

Vicki then made a recommendation to the Board that *the CVCA continue to uphold and enhance partnership opportunities by allocating sufficient resources to the monitoring and GIS programs for the benefit of building technical capabilities and services as crucial tools for future decisions*

Tim thanked Vicki and Marnie for their presentation.

Suzanne and Ron expressed their congratulations to Vicki and Marnie for a job well done.

FA Motion G 93/12

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Ron Gerow

That the Board agree to continue funding the monitoring programs currently managed at the CVCA.

Carried.

2013 Preliminary Budget Presentation

Tim Pidduck gave a detailed Budget presentation that incorporated the recommendations made in the Long Range Plan.

The Board requested two minor changes to the Budget one to the Conservation Ontario Levy amount and the other for the provision of three cell phones for use in Water Operations and Generic Regulations.

FA Motion G94/12

Moved by: Ron Gerow

Seconded by: Barry Rand

That the Board approve the 2013 Budget in principle, as amended, and further that the budget be circulated to the Member Municipalities for their 30 day review period.

Carried.

Tim thanked Barry Rand for his guidance and help to himself and his staff during the Budget process.

Generic Regulations – Ontario 159/06 Amendment

Tim Pidduck outlined the Amending Regulation to Ontario Regulation 159/06 for the Regulations program. He explained that it was now necessary for the Board to give their final approval to the amendment and for the document to be signed and returned to the MNR as the last step in the process.

FA Motion G95/12

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: Ron Gerow

That the Board authorise the CVCA to sign and send Ontario 159/06 Amendment to the MNR.

Carried.

Long Range Plan Update

Barry gave an update on the Long Range Plan presentations he is currently making to Council. Barry explained that he is experiencing no fundamental resistance in terms of the largest Municipality - Havelock. He said it was good to have clarity on the Belmont dam position. In the presentation Barry explains that the CVCA do not need to borrow any money.

Ron Gerow thanked Barry for all his hard work in making presentation to Councils. He said that he appreciated the open and transparent approach Barry had used and in expressing the Board's willingness to be accountable for the recommendations of the Long Range Plan.

Generic Regulations Report

Tim Pidduck informed the Board that Sharlene Richardson has accepted the Regulations Officer position and asked the Board for their approval.

FA Motion G96/12

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gerald Phillips

That the Board appoint Sharlene Richardson as the CVCA's temporary, full-time Regulations Officer effective 1 January, 2013.

Carried.

FA Motion G97/12

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: Ron Gerow

That the appointment of Tim Pidduck as the CVCA's Interim Regulations Officer be rescinded effective 1 January, 2013.

General Manager's Report

Tim Pidduck told the Board that water levels are high because of the high December rainfall and temperatures. All the lakes are 6-10 inches above the norm. There have been a number of dam adjustments. He explained that Cordova production is down from last year but that Marmora was the same as last year.

Tim expressed his thanks to Vicki Woolfrey for her input into the article that appeared in the winter edition of Country Road on the McGeachie Conservation Area.

Vicki Woolfrey – Goodbye

Tim requested that the Board allow him to use CVCA funds for a leaving gift for Vicki Woolfrey. Ron said that Tim should go ahead and left the value of the funds used to Tim's discretion.

Christmas Closing

Tim Pidduck asked the Board for the following office closing dates 27, 28 and 29 December, 2012.

FA Motion G98/12

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: Brent Goodwin

That the Board agrees to the office closing dates of 27, 28 and 29 December, 2012 provided an appropriate On Call and Duty Forecast schedule will be implemented by the General Manager.

Carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting –
21 February, 2013 10:00am

Adjournment

FA Motion G99/12

Moved By: Ron Gerow

That the Full Authority Board Meeting be adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Carried.

Caroline Anshan
Recording Secretary

Bob Stiles
Chair