

CROWE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

FULL AUTHORITY

20 September 2012

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Sandy Fraser | Municipality of Marmora and Lake |
| Brent Goodwin | Wollaston Township |
| Sharon Carson | Limerick Township |
| Suzanne Partridge | Municipality of Highlands East |
| Barry Rand | North Kawartha |
| Robert Stiles | Stirling Rawdon Township |
| Dennis Purcell | Faraday Township |

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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| Ron Gerow | Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Townships |
| Hector Macmillan | Municipality of Trent Hills |
| Gerald Phillips | Tudor & Cashel Township |

ALSO PRESENT:

Larry Ellis, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Townships
Diane Sherman, EMC
Bonnie Danes
Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, CVCA
Caroline Anshan, Recording Secretary, CVCA

CALL TO ORDER:

The Vice Chair, Dennis Purcell, called the meeting to order at 1:36pm and thanked Lou Young for providing a delicious lunch.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

FA Motion G 62/12

Moved by: Brent Goodwin

Seconded by: Barry Rand

That the agenda be approved.

Motion Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

There were no conflicts to declare.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

FA Motion G 63/12

Moved by: Sharon Carson

Seconded by: Sandy Fraser

That the minutes and motions of the Full Authority Meeting, 21 June 2012, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Dennis asked Tim if there had been any further communication with the company interested in establishing a Hydro Plant on the Crowe River. Tim said that he had not but would follow up with them.

Suzanne explained to Larry Ellis that there is no allowance made in the Conservation Act for alternates and that unfortunately he would not be able to vote but was welcome to sit in.

MOTION TO MOVE TO IN CAMERA SESSION:

FA Motion G 64/12

Moved by: Barry Rand

Seconded by: Sandy Fraser

That the Full Authority Board move into closed session.

Carried.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION:

FA Motion G 65/12

Moved By: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded By: Brent Goodwin

That the Full Authority Board move into open session.

Carried.

FA Motion G 66/12

Moved By: Barry Rand

Seconded by: Sharon Carson

That Tim Pidduck be designated as the interim Regulations Officer.

Carried.

LRPC Report Update

Barry expressed the need for the Board to consider the two motions passed during the LRPC meeting with regard to Belmont Dam.

FA Motion G 67/12

Moved By: Barry Rand

Seconded By: Sandy Fraser

That the LRPC recommend to the Board that funds be authorized for an engineering evaluation including recommendation for repair of the Belmont Dam and its implications regarding capital spending with an upset limit of \$25,000 to be taken from reserves and that the Board consider this assessment a priority.

Carried.

FA Motion G 68/12

Moved By: Sandy Fraser

Seconded By: Suzanne Partridge

That the LRPC recommend to the Board that after receiving the above mentioned recommendations that the CVCA proceed with repairs, if necessary, as soon as possible.

Carried.

Bob Stiles requested an explanation of exactly where the funding for these repairs would come from. Barry explained that the funding would come from CVCA Capital Reserves. Barry further explained that he had spoken with John Butler from Peterborough County who had confirmed that the CVCA currently have \$100,000 in its reserves. Barry also explained that it is easier to do the assessment now in a low water level.

FA Motion G 69/12

Moved By: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded By: Sandy Fraser

That the LRPC recommend to the Board that Barry Rand or a Board designate, Tim Pidduck, Yvette Peplinskie and John Butler be authorized to meet with the CVCA auditor to review key elements of the 2011 Financial Statements.

Carried.

FA Motion G 70/12

Moved By: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded By: Barry Rand

That the LRPC recommend to the Board that the next Full Authority Board Meeting be changed from 8 November 2012 to 1 November 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

Carried.

The next LRPC meeting will be held on 12 October 2012

FA Motion G 71/12

Moved By: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded By: Sharon Carson

That the FA Board meeting be followed by the LRPC meeting.

Carried

FA Motion G 72/12

Moved By: Sharon Carson

Seconded By: Barry Rand

That the CVCA write a press release with regards to the Board's decision, made today, concerning Belmont Dam.

Carried.

There was a general discussion regarding distribution of the press release. Tim Pidduck explained that it would be sent to all concerned parties.

Generic Regulations Report

Tim presented the Generic Regulations report to the Board. He noted that in future the Board may want to make a few changes to the report.

FA Motion G 73 /12

Moved By: Sandy Fraser

Seconded By: Suzanne Partridge.

That the Generic Regulations Report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

General Managers Report

Tim Pidduck informed the Board that the section repairs to the safety boom at Cordova Dam had been completed by CVCA staff with the assistance of the MNR. A fall arrest system had been located by Neil McConkey at the Bancroft MNR District Office and although not as sophisticated as the Mississippi CA it was adequate in terms of protecting CVCA staff at the Wollaston Dam.

Neil and/or Tim will be attending the Provincial Flood Forecast and Warning Workshop in October. The Chandos Lake gauge problem will require the services of a surveyor as the gauge is reading higher than the elevation.

Fall draw down officially started on September 15. On Monday two logs will be pulled from Paudash Lake which will probably have an immediate effect and therefore a short draw down period will ensue providing precipitation amounts for the fall are not excessive. The draw down will continue from now until freeze up.

There will be a McGeachie Conservation Area Thanksgiving fundraiser Barbeque on Saturday 6 October starting at noon and volunteers will be needed. The new McGeachie booklet will be presented which has been funded by TD Friends of the Environment. Tim said that he would forward details to all Municipalities.

Tim mentioned that CVCA were pursuing Government Funding for a barrier free entrance and washroom facility and would keep the Board informed on progress.

Aecon in Marmora has agreed to provide 6 tandem loads of gravel to effect repairs to the road leading into the Gut Conservation Area. Tim did however mention that he felt ditching was part of the problem and requested Municipal support. Barry said that he will ask his Municipality as graders and trucks are available. Brent also said that he would give support. There was a general discussion with regards to other companies that might be willing to assist such as Uninim and MRT. Tim thanked everyone for their offers of support and advice.

Tim also mentioned that Twin Sisters Cottage Association has a property they wish to donate to the Authority. Unfortunately the associated costs means that the CVCA would be unable to accept their offer.

Watershed Report Cards are nearly ready for production and once they have been coordinated with Conservation Ontario Report Card template they will be ready for March 2013.

MNR funding allocation will be \$116,741 although the program itself has been reduced by \$152,000. Further discussion will be held amongst the 36 Conservation Authorities.

WECI funding is being reduced from \$5 million to \$2.5 million. After two years the funding level will be returned to \$5 million.

FA Motion G 74/12

Moved By: Bob Stiles

Seconded By: Barry Rand

That the General Manager's Report be accepted.

Carried

Other Business

The SWP forum is being planned for November 22, 28 and 29. If these dates work for you please let Vicki Woolfrey know as soon as possible.

Media Session

Diane Sherman had a couple of questions regarding place names.

Next Scheduled Meeting – 1 November 2012 10:30am

Adjournment

Moved By: Sharon Carson

That the Full Authority Board Meeting be adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Caroline Anshan
Recording Secretary

Dennis Purcell
Vice Chair