

CROWE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FULL AUTHORITY – Virtual Meeting via Google Meet

24 February 2022

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Suzanne Partridge	Municipality of Highlands East
Jim O’Shea	North Kawartha
Catherine Redden	Municipality of Trent Hills
Jim Martin	Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Townships
Jan O’Neil	Municipality of Marmora and Lake
Jan MacKillican	Limerick Township
Dan Bujas	Faraday Township
Ronald Carrol	Tudor & Cashel Township

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Edgar Storms	Stirling-Rawdon Township
Jeff Swartman	Wollaston Township

ALSO PRESENT:

Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, CVCA
Amanda Donald, Recording Secretary, CVCA
Beth Lowe, Regulations Officer, CVCA

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair, Jan O’Neill, called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

WELCOME

Jan O'Neill welcomed the Board to the meeting and thanked the Board for coming.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Tim Pidduck read a land acknowledgement thanking generations of Indigenous people who have taken care of the land for thousands of years before us.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

FA Motion G 26/22

Moved by: Jim Martin

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

There were no conflicts declared.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

FA Motion G 27/22

Moved by: Jan MacKillican

Seconded by: Catherine Redden

That the minutes and motions of the Full Authority, 20 January 2022, be approved as circulated.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

SHORT-TERM DISABILITY POLICY AMENDMENT

Tim Pidduck informed the Board the proposed amendments are requested from Service Canada in order for the Short-Term Disability Policy to enable Crowe Valley Conservation Authority to be eligible to participate in the EI Premium Reduction Program.

FA Motion G 28/22

Moved by: Jan MacKillican

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

To approve the proposed amendments to the Short-Term Disability policy as presented in accordance with Service Canada requirements.

Carried.

CA ACT – BOARD CHANGES

Tim Pidduck informed the Board the additional Minister appointment of an Agriculture representative to all Conservation Authority Board's came as a surprise to most Conservation Authorities. While there may be some pressure for other Authorities to have an agriculture representative, there does not seem to be that pressure for the CVCA watershed. There was some discussion on the qualifications of the applicants, the application deadline and being prepared to welcome the new Board member.

FA Motion G 29/22

Moved by: Catherine Redden

Seconded by: Jim O'Shea

To receive the CA Act Board Changes staff report as information.

Carried.

REGULATIONS AND PLANNING REPORT

Beth Lowe reviewed the regulations and planning reports with the Board. There were 7 permits issued, 17 planning files and 9 property inquiries completed since the January Board meeting. She informed the Board the backlog has been cleared.

FA Motion G 30/22

Moved by: Jim O'Shea

Seconded by: Dan Bujas

To receive the regulations and planning reports as circulated.

Carried.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Tim Pidduck informed the Board there has been more interest in water conditions from the public. It is a good opportunity to try to educate the public on what to expect for spring conditions.

Tim informed the Board an anonymous donation of \$2,000 was received to help support the initiatives at Callaghan's Rapids Conservation Area.

FA Motion G 31/22

Moved by: Jan MacKillican

Seconded by: Dan Bujas

To receive the General Manager's report.

Carried.

LAND ESCAPES

Jan MacKillican updated the Board on progress made developing a committee to help guide Land 'escapes through developing their land. Limerick Township will lead the committee development and Marmora and Lake has approved of the participating in the committee at a recent council meeting. There was some discussion on how to approach the land owner to invite them to participate in the committee, and inviting other stakeholders to participate in the committee. There was some discussion on ownership of shorelines in the Township of Limerick. Jan MacKillican informed the Board Limerick does own the shoreline on some lakes but not all.

FA Motion G 32/22

Moved by: Jan MacKillican

Seconded by: Jim O'Shea

To ensure Tim Pidduck is a member of the committee once it is developed and that Jan MacKillican will approach the property owner and Jan O'Neill approach Hastings County planning to invite them to participate in the committee.

FA Motion G 32/22 (Amended)

Moved by: Jan MacKillican

Seconded by: Jim O'Shea

To appoint Tim Pidduck to be a member Land 'escapes Advisory Committee proposed by Limerick Township.

Carried as amended.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

MEDIA SESSION

None.

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA

FA Motion G 33/22

Moved by: Dan Bujas

Seconded by: Jim Martin

That the Full Authority Board move into an In Camera session to discuss a personnel issue.

Carried.

FA Motion G 34/22

Moved by: Jan MacKillican

Seconded by: Jim Martin

That the Full Authority Board move into open session.

Carried.

Jan O'Neill thanked the Board for changing the meeting time today. She also asked Tim if the CVCA office is still closed to the public. Tim informed the Board the CVCA office is still closed to the public and his preference is to remain closed for now. When the office does open, it may be a consideration to open by appointment only to help staff plan their time accordingly and increase efficiencies. There was some discussion on the future of Board meetings being virtual or in person.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting of the Full Authority Board will be 21 April 2022 at 10:00am.

ADJOURNMENT:

FA Motion G 35/22

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Jim O'Shea

That the Full Authority Board Meeting be adjourned at 1:58pm.

Carried.

Amanda Donald
Recording Secretary

Jan O'Neill
Chair

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