

Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes

Saturday, May 12, 2006

Terry Kotyk's

In attendance:

Terry Kotyk	Charles Bodnar	Scott McRobbie
Bob Gourlay	EM Robinson	
Don Sideroff	Arnold Thiessen	Guests:
Bernie Lukan	Merv Swanson	Muriel Carlson
John Cameron	Jim Range	Clay Van Dyke

Call to Order

The conference call was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

Terry Kotyk chaired the meeting and began with a review of the agenda.

Bob Gourlay reviewed the minutes from the Oct. 14 and Nov. 15, 2006 meetings.

Terry asked if there were any errors or omissions. None were identified and the minutes were adopted.

Business arising from the minutes

Placement of Large TLWI road signage.

Bob Gourlay reported on his research to identify four locations for the 4' x 8' TLWI signs. Bob sent a letter to the RM of Mervin and Parkdale informing them of the TLWI Board's intentions to place four signs at different locations around the lake. Both RM's informed Bob that such signage cannot be placed in the road allowances, but along the road allowance on private property is acceptable. The RM of Mervin suggested the Turtle Lake Campground corner and the highway intersection at Powm Beach. The RM of Parkdale suggested the boat launch at Turtle Lake Lodge and the signage corridor on the IPGS access road. Bob volunteered to contact the property owners and authorities involved and to make a recommendation for the location of the signs at the June board meeting. In the meantime Merv Swanson and Terry Kotyk will finalize the details of the signs and work with DFO to ensure recognition of their funding is reflected on the sign.

Financial Report

Bob Gourlay reported that as of the Jan. 31, 2007 Bank Statement there was \$6,079.67 in the account.

New Business

Sechi Disk Testing

Terry Kotyk reported that the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority was continuing the Sechi Disk Testing program and was looking for volunteers to conduct Secchi Disk Test on a regular basis. Merrill Robinson volunteered to take on the job. Terry said that he would find out the details of the program and provide them, along with a Sechi Disk to Merrill.

DFO Funding Application

Bob Gourlay reviewed the 2007 DFO Funding application for the TLWI. The application's focus was on the development of various mediums to improve both the awareness, and understanding of the various factors that impact the Turtle Lake watershed. The application focused on (a) the development of a new and comprehensive TLWI website that would provide viewers with a wealth of information about the watershed in an easily accessible and interesting format. (b) four large TLWI Signs positioned around the lake to remind local property owners of TLWI's mission and invite them to the website to find out more and stay informed.(c) Development of a PowerPoint presentation that could be presented to cabin owners, farmers, ranchers, and other stakeholders in the Turtle Lake watershed to keep them informed about the watershed and to influence their behaviour as they make choices that could impact the watershed. Bob emphasized the

importance of having the website up and running prior to the placement of the signs. That way people would be viewing the most current and comprehensive information about the watershed. Bob volunteered to develop a mock-up of the proposed website for the June 16 Board meeting. Bob also volunteered to develop and prepare a draft PowerPoint presentation that he would present at the July board meeting.

Election of new chairman

The board asked for nominations for the position of President of the TLWI. Merv Swanson was nominated and he accepted the nomination. No other names were put forward. Merv was elected by acclamation.

2007 Shoreline Cleanup July 2 - 8

The board discussed the added importance of the 2007 Shoreline Cleanup given the high water level. The Board declared July 2-8 as the 2007 Turtle Lake Shoreline Cleanup Week. The board requested that George Rozdilsky prepare the Clean Up kits and present and distribute the materials at the June 16 Board meeting.

Annual TLWI Event

The board discussed a number of potential community events that could serve to involve more people in the TLWI while increasing local awareness of the organization.

AGM set for July 28, 2007

The board discussed the date for the 2007 AGM. July 28, 2007 was proposed and accepted by the board. John Cameron said that he would contact the Turtle Lake Mission to see if their facilities could be used for the meeting. He will report back at the next Board meeting. John did caution that in the event of a funeral the Mission reserves the right to cancel.

Representative Area Report

Merv Swanson reported that the northern boreal forest surrounding the north end of Turtle Lake had been submitted to the Representative Area group to be protected under the RAN Program. This program seeks to designate 12% of Provincial lands under protection from development. The submission for Turtle Lake had been rejected, primarily because of potential oil and gas resources located in the area.

Invitation of Sask. Environment Gas & Oil Exploration

Merv Swanson suggested that we should invite someone from Sask. Environment to clarify their gas and oil exploration policy. Merv volunteered to contact someone from Sask. Environment to speak at one of the upcoming board meetings on this topic.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:15 P.M.

Next Meeting

Saturday, June 16, 9:00 A.M.
Bob Gourlay's,
#15 Mathews Cres.
Turtle Lake Lodge