

Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes

Thursday, July 19, 2007
Turtle Lake Mission

In attendance:

Merv Swanson	George Rozdilski	
Bob Gourlay	Scott McRobbie	
Bernie Lukan		
Jack Philip		
John Cameron		

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Merv Swanson chaired the meeting and began with a review of the agenda.

Bob Gourlay read the minutes from the June 16, 2007 board meeting and asked for errors or omissions. None were sited. Bob Gourlay motioned the minutes be adopted as read, seconded by Scott McRobbie. Carried

Business arising from the minutes

DFO Funding

Bob Gourlay reported that the DFO funding application for \$6,000 was approved. The funds will be released in three phases. The first phase (\$2,500) will require the submission of a press release announcing the initiatives in the application. The second phase (\$3,000) will require a photo essay that shows the progress of the project and the final phase (\$500) will require the submission of a case study. Bob reported that he had submitted the press release approved by the board on June 16, 2007 and that he had received a cheque from the DFO in the amount of \$3,000.

TLWI Signage

John Cameron reported that he has purchased all the materials for the TLWI signs. Bob Gourlay reported that permission had been given for the Turtle Lake Lodge intersection, the Fairholme Community Pasture intersection and the Turtle River Campground intersection. Bob Gourlay and Merv Swanson volunteered to inspect each location and determine an exact position for the signs. They will also find a location at the Powm Beach intersection. Bob Gourlay volunteered to contact the local utilities to have any lines located and staked prior to excavation. The Board agreed to meet at 1:30 P.M. on July 30 at the Turtle Lake Lodge location to install the first sign and continue on through out the afternoon installing the remaining signs. John Cameron and Bernie Lukan will organize the site materials and equipment. Final arrangements will be made at the AGM.

TLWI Website

Bob Gourlay presented a mock-up of the new TLWI website. The board reviewed and suggested ideas to include in the final version. Bob will include the suggestions and work to have the new website operating by the August long weekend. Bob motioned that the website be hosted by SaskTel on the \$14.95/month package. Seconded by George Rozdilski. Carried

2007 Turtle Lake Shoreline Cleanup July 2 - 8

George Rozdilski reported on various activities related to the 2007 shoreline clean up. Each board member reported on the activities at their respective beaches.

AGM set for July 28, 2007

John Cameron reported that the Turtle Lake Mission is available for the July 28, 2007 AGM. The Board agreed that the meeting will be from 10:00 A.M. – Noon with a free lunch to follow. John will make arrangements with the 50+ Club to cater lunch.

Bob Gourlay reported that posters had been placed at the various hamlet bulletin boards announcing the AGM and inviting the community.

Merv Swanson reported Deirdra Todd from Sask Environment. Would be presenting and discussing the current state of oil and gas development around Turtle Lake, and policies that will protect the ecosystem.

New Business

Merv Swanson tabled a question to the board regarding its position, or role regarding development around the lake. It was generally agreed that any development that represented a threat to the health of the aquatic ecosystem was of concern to the board and within the mission of the organization. Further discussion was conducted related to the high water levels of the lake and what would the TLWI Board's position be related to further controlling water levels. Merv Swanson suggested that we contact Don Dill with the Saskatchewan Watershed to have him discuss this issue at one of our board meetings, before we attempt to establish any official position or policy on this topic.

Signing Authorization

Motion by Jack Philip / John Cameron: To have the signing authority changed from our past president Terry Kotyk to our new president Merv Swanson. Carried. Merv will contact the Turtleford Credit Union and make the required changes.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:12 P.M.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting was set for Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. with a year-end lunch to follow. Location details will be included in the meeting announcement the week prior to the meeting.