

## Turtle Lake Watershed Inc. Board Minutes

### **Saturday, August 20, 2016 10:00 A.M., Turtle Lake Mission**

**Board Members Present:** Dave Blackwell, Bob Leslie, Bernie Lukan, Court Peddle, Cameron Jack, Don Taylor, Jim Range, Nancy Range

**Guests Present:** Tom Brown, Janet Brown, Cliff Jacobson, Bonnie Shier, Louise Stuart, Joy Hallberg, and Rob Kohuch.

#### **Call to Order:**

President Jim Range called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Jim welcomed everyone. Jim asked for a motion for the adoption of the agenda as presented. Moved by Dave Blackwell, seconded by Cliff Jacobson; carried.

Jim Range introduced the guest speaker, John Kindrachuk of the North Saskatchewan River Basin Council (NSRBC). Jim noted that the TLWI supported the implementation of the "Love Your Lake" program and had invited representatives of the RM of Parkdale, RM of Mervin, Thunderchild First Nation, the Hamlet of Kivimaa - Moonlight Bay, and the Province of Saskatchewan to hear the NSRBC presentation as their permission is required for the implementation of the "Love Your Lake" program.

#### **Guest Presentation:**

John Kindrachuk of the NSRBC made an audio-visual presentation detailing the specifics of the goals and implementation strategies of the "Love Your Lake" program. Present at the meeting were Tom Brown representing the RM of Mervin; Louise Stuart representing the RM of Parkdale, Cameron Jack representing the Thunderchild Band. The NSRBC wishes to start the "Love Your Lake" program during the summer of 2017, however, permission must first be granted by the aforementioned groups.

John concluded his presentation by giving an overview of the projects that the North Saskatchewan River Basin Council is spearheading at present. These include culvert mapping, water protection, waste management projects, designation of the North Saskatchewan as a heritage river, Aquatic Invasive Species, efforts to reclaim Agricultural plastics, and water testing. A certified water technician has been employed to work for the NSRBC. TLWI funding to support this initiative would be appreciated and accepted.

A brief update followed regarding the cleanup efforts by Husky re: the oil spill on the North Saskatchewan. John Kindrachuk announced the NSRBC had finally received permission to put up signs regarding invasive species providing they design their own template. Once the template is designed by NSRBC, we will be able

to place an order for fifteen signs that are of a size such that they will fit on the frame of existing signage.

**Minutes of June 11, 2016:**

Nancy Range read the minutes from the June 11, 2016 meeting and asked if there were any errors or omissions. Nancy Range moved the adoption of the minutes; seconded by Bob Leslie, carried.

**Financial Report:**

Nancy Range reported a bank balance of \$7,986.65. for the organization. It was noted that the only withdrawl for the year was a \$27.30 payment made to reimburse Bob Gourlay for website maintenance charges. Moved by Bob Leslie, seconded by Don Taylor that the financial report be adopted. Carried.

**Old Business:**

Jim Range presented the estimate for water testing equipment prepared by Hoskin Science Supplies necessary for TLWI to begin testing and monitoring our lake waters. As the NSRBC has made similar purchase along with the hiring of a trained and experienced Water Technician, the purchase of this equipment will be deferred until the TLWI board determines whether our goals for water testing are able to be carried out by NSRBC. Funds designated for equipment could possibly then be used to help fund this program.

**New Business:**

Moved by Dave Blackwell, seconded by Court Peddle that \$125 be sent to the Turtle Lake Mission to pay for the rent of the facility for meetings. Carried.

Discussion followed regarding multiple concerns about changes in water quality, plant life, and water turbidity in Turtle Lake as noted by Board members. We will approach the Ministry of the Environment regarding the logistics of collecting samples for analysis.

Moved by Bernie Lukan, seconded by Don Taylor that Jim Range be reinstated as President by acclamation. Carried.

Moved by Court Peddle, seconded by Bob Leslie that Nancy Range assume the role of Secretary-Treasurer .

Moved by Bernie Lukan, seconded by Dave Blackwell that Don Taylor be given signing authority along with Nancy and Jim with only two names required for cheque signing . Carried.

After some discussion, it was agreed that George Rozdilsky be approached in hopes he will assume the role of web manager.

Discussion followed regarding the need to purchase an audio video projector and screen to replace the AV equipment supplied for many years to TLWI by Bob Gourlay. A decision was made to investigate the price and availability of this equipment prior to purchase. It was agreed that this equipment would be useful for meetings and AGM presentations.

Moved by Don Taylor, seconded by Court Peddle that the following dates be approved for the 2017 season.

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Saturday, June 24, 2017

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 AGM\*

Saturday, August 26, 2017

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Bernie Lukan that the meeting be adjourned.

Adjournment: 12:03 p.m.