

WaterWolf Planning Inc.

Minutes - General Meeting

December 11, 2014

1pm – Outlook Legion Hall

1. Meeting called to order by Chair, ML Whittles at 1pm
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Russ McPherson welcomes Gale Hagblom as the new planner.
4. Water Security Agency (WSA) presenters – Holly Grewall and Rod Lemon:
 - Third party engineer – every five years
 - Third set of standards
 - Sustainability of system
 - Groundwater 2005
 - Pipelines are exempt
 - Distributions attached to pipeline may be exempt based on population
 - Takes long to change regulations
 - Recommendation – change to 7 years
 - Once assessment is done – no financial plan is required right now
 - Funds available? Our group regulates only.
 - Life of lagoons – will have to be addressed
 - Trucking waste at Hitchcock
 - New cell? Repair to old one? – classed as new work – new for funding purposes and permits
 - New work has to have approval to construct
 - WSA – only on drinking water – not waste water – not lagoon
 - Lagoons built by FFIB – no longer exists – no inspections
 - Expectation of small villages to handle capacity
 - Assessments – most small towns under 100 pop. On surface water
 - Birsay only one without drinking water – on a raw water line – same line as Beechy and Lucky Lake
 - WaterWolf (WW) – regional lagoon?
 - WSA – hire one engineer for WW – documents on website – what's required
 - ML – are municipalities advised of WSAs terms of reference?
 - WSA – just communities that need it
 - **Gale will get all information from Rod and will disperse it to WW
5. WW executive needs to know future direction and asset management
 - Budget tied to asset management
 - Sustainability
 - Working together – lagoons, etc
 - New lagoon - \$3 million
 - RMs – bridges
 - Russ – by Spring 2017 – plan has to be in place as to how to manage assets. Can WW help? Do regionally?
 - Regional plans delivered to municipalities today
 - What do you want to do going forward?

- Small villages – don't know how you will finance
- WW can facilitate sharing and engineering technician
- Since last meeting, a group of government agencies – Ag, Env, Parks, Fin – took a trip to potential development sites – Coteau Creek and Garth subdivision
- Expectations – how they would manage development? Haven't seen anything yet.
- More appetite for recreational housing
- NAMS – competing with Regina/Saskatoon for infrastructure projects
- TransCanada Trail (TCT) – going in the river from Gardiner Dam to Saskatoon – WW providing study for TCT – earning funds for operating
- Do villages have reserve? Maintain – operate – replace
- Elbow – agreements with contractors and subdivisions to cease pumping into lagoon at any time – trying to build reserves
- Kenaston – asset management – tells you what you need every year to keep on
- Elbow – Jukes are in RM – Loreburn has 1 year agreement
- Hawarden – Lagoon & garbage – Loraas – garbage expensive for big bin
- Glenside – tied in with Outlook – cost basis – household waste – larger items have to be trucked into Outlook – lagoon
- Elbow – lagoon – pumped onto crops as irrigation? – allowed for 1 year
- Field spread – backed off or not?
- Conquest – leaking lagoon – proposal – below standard (200 people) – 2nd cell too small (50 people) – cost \$½ million
- Canada Grant – to receive funding – 10 year capital plan needed by January 12th
- W & S need to be sustainable
- Asset management plan tells this – if W & S are not sustaining itself
- Kenaston – cheapest water rates in province – not sustaining – grow reserve
- Conquest – new gas tax agreement – money to put towards asset management – have to have a project - \$10,000 to receive gas tax \$
- Are RMs invested in this at all? Joint venture?
- Kindersley has several lift stations as lagoon is miles away
- Engineers – U of S – students – utilize through WW
- Dundurn – has anyone talked to them re: expansion? Funded because of # of municipalities involved. Regional projects will always trump individual projects.
- Who can we partner with? WW has stronger voice if we work together.
- In the past, WW established committees – if there is an interest
- Asset management – NAMS – only three municipalities in WW have taken the course – cost was \$7500.00 and this included the software.
- Could WW hire and help members out?
- Administrators and councilors get the template. Initial part is time consuming. Blueprints. Roads, bridges, buildings.
- Pay NAMS to use software to generate reports?
- Show of hands: staff person to help everyone? CONSENSUS.
- What direction can WW take? Municipalities – take to councils and administrators. Cost – NAMS.

6. Elections – 2 positions opening up

- Board is smaller than previous years

- Terms: 2 years/4 Year term
 - Joyce Aitken is retiring March 2015 and Dave Cross is moving
 - Nominations from the floor:
 - i. Garry Book nominates Nick Paulson – Councilor, Village of Elbow
 - ii. Joan Seierstad nominates Rhonda Sheppard – Councilor, RM of Eyebrow
 - iii. Melva Richmond nominates Eileen Prosser – Administrator, Town of Dundurn.
 - Nominations cease. Carried.
7. Highway #219 – feed lot? Yes – primary haul, No – Tourism Corridor
- Highways agreement to complete to Gardiner Dam
 - No timeline on ILO permit