



MINUTES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, April 21, 2011

**Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area**

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Jim Ginn, Paul Hodgins, Lorie Scott, Bill Siemon, Don Shipway, Ute Stumpf, Mike Tam, Janisse Zimmerman

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Dave Frayne

STAFF PRESENT

Andy Bicknell, Geoff Cade, Rob Carnegie, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott

OTHERS PRESENT

George Irvin - Municipality of Bluewater
Sonja Teichert - PhD Candidate, Biology
Paul Elder, Jody & Donna Mosurinjohn, Pat & Mary Maguire, John Brecht - Claybird Gun Club
Bob Montgomery - CKNX Radio

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ginn called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and acknowledged George Irvin as a past director. Mr. Irvin said a few words in appreciation for the time spent as a member of the Board of Directors and wished the ABCA well in the future. Mr. Ginn also acknowledged the attendance of Sonja Teichert, a PhD Candidate from the University of Western Ontario Department of Biology conducting research on community monitoring by the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority. Newly hired GIS Assistant, Rob Carnegie was introduced to the Board as well.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 27/11

**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Don Shipway**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the April 21, 2011 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting be approved.”

Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest at this meeting or from the previous meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION #BD 28/11

**Moved by Don Shipway
Seconded by Mike Tam**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on March 17, 2011 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. (a) Development Review

Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator prepared the report on the Development Review pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses*. Through the application process, proposed developments within regulated areas are protected from flooding and erosion hazards. Staff granted permission for two *Applications for Permission* and two *Minor Works* applications.

MOTION #BD 29/11

**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors affirm the approval of applications as presented in Program Report # 1 - Development Review.”

Carried.

1.(b) Violations Update

- (i) Geoff Cade advised that the court date is May 17, 2011 for the violation under Ontario Regulation 147/06 on Parr Line in the Municipality of South Huron.
- (ii) Staff are continuing to work with the landowner and municipality regarding the violation on Elmtree Drive and Fort Rose Road in North Middlesex where a portion of bank had been excavated.

2. Flood Emergency Planning Meeting

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager gave a report on the 2011 annual Flood Emergency Planning meeting held at the Masonic Hall in Exeter for member municipalities and stakeholders involved in emergency response for flooding situations. There were 23 attend representing 6 member municipalities as well as the 4 counties within the watershed.

3. Quarterly Financial Statement

Brian Horner, Financial Services Supervisor presented the statement of profit & loss to March 31, 2011 for the directors information.

4. Quotation for Installation of Services to Office Annex

Alec Scott, provided the results of the quotes received to connect the office annex to the municipal water service as well as a conduit to run telephone and internet connections between the main office and the annex. Three quotes were submitted for consideration.

MOTION #BD 30/11

**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors receive the report and accept the lowest quotation regarding the tenders to install services to the Office Annex.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 31/11

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Don Shipway**

“RESOLVED, THAT the information in all program reports be received as presented.”

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 32/11

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the DWSP Joint Management Committee meeting held on February 11, 2011, the Property Management Committee meeting held on March 24, 2011, the Source Protection Committee meeting held on January 26, 2011 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Tom Prout provided a written report with a brief update on the progress of various projects, staff training and development, upcoming events and general activities over the previous month. Jim

Ginn suggested that the directors should receive more information on the unique coastal processes along the Lake Huron shoreline. Staff will arrange a presentation for a future meeting.

Bill Siemon questioned whether the ABCA was aware of the change to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency regulation regarding movement of Emerald Ash Borer infested material into and around Huron County.

MOTION #BD 33/11

**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Lorie Scott**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservaton Authority send a letter in support of the resolution by Huron County Council regarding objection to the Ministerial Order of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and unrestricted movement of Emerald Ash Borer-infested material into and around Huron County.”

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Port Franks Beach Homeowner’s Association
File: R.13.1
Brief: Request for support from the Port Franks Beach Homeowner’s Association, Windsor Park Association and Port Franks Phragmites Working Group to undertake initiatives for eradication of phragmites in the Port Franks targeted area.

MOTION #BD 34/11

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority recommend working with the community group to pursue phragmites eradication measures, subject to all necessary permits and approvals.”

Carried.

- b) Reference: Director Appointment
File: A.10.1
Brief: Resolution from the Municipality of Bluewater that Janisse Zimmerman has been appointed as their representative on the ABCA Board of Directors for a term ending November 30, 2012.
- c) Reference: *Public Sector Compensation and Restraint Act*
File: A.8.26
Brief: Clarification from Conservation Ontario that the Ministry of Finance confirms effective April 4, 2011 that conservation authorities are exempt in accordance with Section 3(3) of the *Public Sector Compensation and Restraint Act*.

- d) Reference: Erb Family Foundation
File: S.72.7
Brief: Announcement that the funding application submitted to the Fred A. And Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation has been approved. The \$100,000 grant over three years will assist in developing a long term, community-led subwatershed plan and actions to improve water quality for Trick's Creek and the Bayfield River watersheds.
- e) Reference: Drainage Superintendents' Course
File: P.1
Brief: Confirmation that Davin Heinbuck, ABCA Lands and Water Technologist successfully completed the 2011 Ontario Drainage Superintendents' Course.
- f) Reference: Herbicide 2,4,5T
File: A.5.3
Brief: Correspondence from Ministry of Natural Resources to the ABCA, advising that a panel of independent experts have been appointed by the province to investigate the scope and scale of 2,4,5-T herbicide use by provincial ministries and agencies from the 1950s to possibly 1980s. Preliminary investigation by staff indicate the ABCA never used these herbicides on conservation authority properties.
- g) Reference: Review of Conservation Authority Fees
File: F.7.1
Brief: Copy of the *Review of Conservation Authority Fees* report commissioned by the Ministry of Natural Resources and conducted by Environics Research Group.

PRESENTATION

Kate Monk, Stewardship Conservation Lands Supervisor provided an overview of the spring tree planting program and conducted a tour of the conifer and hardwood nursery stock and cold storage facility where seedlings are kept until picked up by customers or planted by the ABCA for landowners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 35/11

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 12:10 p.m. with Tom Prout and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 36/11

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 12:25 p.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 37/11

Moved by Paul Hodgins

Seconded by Don Shipway

“RESOLVED, THAT staff proceed with renewing the lease between the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority and the Claybird Gun Club according to the conditions as discussed and set out by the Board of Directors.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Jim Ginn
Chairman

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

*Copies of Program Reports are available upon request.
Contact Judith Parker, Corporate Services Coordinator.*

