



MINUTES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

David Bolton, Jim Ginn, Paul Hodgins, George Irvin, Lawrence McLachlan, Bob Norris, Bill Siemon, Mark Simpson

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Dave Frayne

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Cathie Brown, Brian Horner, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Montgomery, CKNX Radio

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lawrence McLachlan called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed all those attending.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 58/09

Moved by Bob Norris

Seconded by Jim Ginn

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the June 18, 2009 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 59/09****Moved by Jim Ginn****Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on May 21, 2009 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES1. Bendway Weir Project

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager reported that the Committee of Revision has revisited the issue of how ‘unbuildable lands’ will be dealt with. It is now proposed to assess a portion of the costs for the project to the ABCA for the lands that it owns, but recognizing that there is a reduced frontage due to the merging of lots on ABCA property by a municipal deeming bylaw in 1958. In this recommendation, the ABCA assessed frontage would be reduced from the original 219.93 metres to 85.32 metres. The 85.32 metres would have an assessed cost of approximately \$30,000. The correspondence also requested an additional contribution to what was assessed, so that the total amount is similar to the funds which have been already collected for the Bendway Weir erosion control project. Jim Ginn commented that the assessed amount keeps changing and he would rather make a decision when there is a final figure. While no objections were made relating to the proposed frontage that the conservation authority could be assessed on (85.32 metres), there was no specific motion made on the proposed assessment of approximately \$30,000. The Board would appreciate knowing the maximum probable assessment assuming no voluntary financial contribution. Bill Siemon requested a recorded vote.

MOTION #BD 60/09**Moved by Jim Ginn****Seconded by George Irvin**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors defer a decision on the contribution to the Bendway Weir project until the Lambton Shores Committee of Revision concludes a final determination of the assessment schedule for property owners.”

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Bill Siemon	✓	
George Irvin	✓	
Mark Simpson	✓	
Dave Frayne	✓	
Dave Bolton	✓	
Jim Ginn	✓	
Paul Hodgins	✓	
Lawrence McLachlan	✓	

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. Development Review

Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator prepared the Development Review report 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 four *Applications for Permission* and four *Minor Works* applications.

MOTION #BD 61/09

**Moved by David Bolton
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

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

Carried.

2. Stormwater Management Policies and Technical Guidelines

Alec Scott reported that the study has been in progress for the past two years, with Stantec Consulting engineers completing the majority of the project. A final draft of the ABCA Stormwater Management Policy was posted on the ABCA website for review and comments between March 12 and April 20th.

MOTION #BD 62/09

**Moved by Mark Simpson
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the revised *ABCA Stormwater Management Policies and Technical Guidelines* be approved and become effective June 18, 2009 for stormwater management reviews.”

Carried.

3. Proposed Five Year Budget

Brian Horner, Financial Services Coordinator presented the first phase of a proposed 5 year budget. Represented in the 5 year budget are assumptions from the respective departments on proposed projects that can be reviewed during each year’s budget preparation. According to the *ABCA Accounting Policies and Procedures with Respect to Tangible Capital Assets*, the amortization of capital assets must be shown in the financial statements so the projected budget includes a line showing this amount. The directors reviewed the projected dollars that will be needed in reserves to maintain the existing capital assets.

It was suggested that the proposed 5 year budget be presented at the next meeting with Drinking Water Source Protection program excluded.

MOTION #BD 63/09

**Moved by Mark Simpson
Seconded by David Bolton**

“RESOLVED, THAT the information received in phase 1 of the proposed five year budget report be accepted as presented.”

Carried.

Brian Horner advised that he has met with a representative from the Bank of Montreal to discuss the various investment options offered. Currently the ABCA does not have designated reserve accounts or an investment policy. The Board requested that a report be brought to a future meeting summarizing options for development of an investment policy.

4. Strategic Management of ATVs in Huron County

Kate Monk, Stewardship & Conservation Lands Supervisor has been attending meetings hosted by the Ministry of Natural Resources to discuss strategic management of ATVs in Huron County (SMACH). The committee includes representatives of Huron County municipalities, OPP, County of Huron, Maitland ATV Club, Maitland Trail Association, conservation authorities, Nature Conservancy of Canada and Friends of Hullett. ABCA staff had proposed a watershed-wide community initiative in the 2009 budget. However, a reduction in the final budget from \$20,000 to \$5,000 resulted in having enough funds for participation on the committee and bringing public awareness to the ATV issue in Huron County. Initiatives in other areas of the watershed will need to wait for future budgets.

MOTION #BD 64/09

Moved by Jim Ginn

Seconded by Bob Norris

“RESOLVED, THAT George Irvin be appointed to the SMACH committee as a representative for the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority.”

Carried.

5. 2009 Spring Reforestation Program

Ian Jean, Forestry & Land Stewardship Specialist prepared a report on the 2009 spring reforestation program. There were 61,000 trees planted which is similar to previous years. ABCA staff planted trees for 38 landowners at 40 separate planting sites and 110 watershed landowners participated in the pick-up program.

6. Summer Student/Casual Employees

Tom Prout presented the list of summer students and casual employees hired to assist staff in the projects and programs over the next few months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property Management Committee

MOTION #BD 65/09

Moved by David Bolton

Seconded by Bill Siemon

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Property Management Committee meeting held on May 21, 2009 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

Source Protection Committee

MOTION #BD 66/09

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Bob Norris**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes from the Source Protection Committee meeting held on April 28, 2009 be received as presented.”

Carried.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Tom Prout provided a written report with an update on projects, meetings, staff training and development and Conservation Ontario activities.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame
File: A.5.1
Brief: Recognition of 2009 inductees to the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame. Inducted were Ross Sinclair Beattie, Honourable Ralph Ferguson, John Albert Hughes, Gintarius Frank Jocius and Peter Lewington

- b) Reference: PGMN Groundwater Level and Chemistry Data
File: W.10.3.1
Brief: Notice that the Ministry of Environment will be posting the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network groundwater level and chemistry data on the environmental Monitoring and Reporting Branch’s Geo-Portal and the publicly accessible website. Staff participated in a field tour of the Ausable Bayfield and Upper Thames watersheds with provincial groundwater and stream water monitoring network program partners, clients and stakeholders.

- c) Reference: Walker Drain Erosion Control Project
File: W.3.16.1
Brief: Correspondence from the Municipality of Lambton Shores requesting the ABCA to undertake the erosion control works on the Walker Drain located adjacent to the Lions Park in Grand Bend. The municipality will accept the non-grantable portion of the costs.

MOTION #BD 67/09

**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority adopt the Walker Drain (Lion’s Park) Erosion Control Project with the Municipality of Lambton Shores agreeing to pay 100% of the non-grantable portion of the costs, and

FURTHER, THAT staff be authorized to obtain the necessary approvals and funding and then proceed with the completion of the project.”

Carried.

d) Reference: Municipal Well Decommissioning
File: A.1.1

Brief: Update from the Municipality of South Huron on shutting down the municipal wells now that Exeter is serviced by the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System. The well sites will remain intact while further discussions take place with affected property owners and associated agreements. Further correspondence will be sent to determine which property owners still wish to remain on the municipal water system.

MOTION #BD 68/09

**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Mark Simpson**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Administration Centre remain on municipal water supplied by the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System pipeline.”

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Invitation to attend the dedication of Linfield Wildlife Area on July 18th.
2. The directors decided to hold the next Board meeting on July 16, 2009 and forego a meeting in August, unless needed.

Mark Simpson left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

LUNCH & LEARN SESSION

Cathie Brown, Drinking Water Source Protection Project Manager gave a presentation and update on the next phase of the project which is development of the Assessment Report. She explained the process and showed examples of how a property would be assessed to determine any threats, risks or vulnerability in protecting sources of municipal drinking water.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Lawrence McLachlan
Chairman

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

