

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Adrian Cornelissen, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Dave Jewitt, Mike Tam, Marissa Vaughan, Alex Westman

STAFF PRESENT

Geoff Cade, Tina Crown, Abbie Gutteridge, Davin Heinbuck, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Tracey McPherson, Nathan Schoelier, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

OTHERS PRESENT

Paul Seebach, *Seebach & Company*

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Jewitt called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m., welcomed everyone in attendance, both in person and virtually, and read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 26/22

Moved George Irvin

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the March 17, 2022 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.

DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO RECORD

Chair Jewitt noted that this meeting was being recorded on Zoom for temporary posting online, and is not an official record. The official record of this meeting will be the approved minutes.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 27/22**

**Moved by Bob Harvey
Seconded by Doug Cook**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on February 17, 2022 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PRESENTATION

Paul Seebach, of Seebach and Company, presented the 2021 audited financial statement for the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority. There were no audit issues found or unusual transactions. The statements of financial position and operations were reviewed and the Board had no questions.

MOTION #28/22

**Moved by George Irvin
Alex Westman**

“RESOLVED, THAT the 2021 audited financial statement be approved as presented.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS1. (a) Development Review

Daniel King, Regulations Coordinator, presented 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 10 *Applications for Permission* and 7 *Minor Works Applications*.

(b) Violations/Appeals Update

Daniel King, Regulations Coordinator, advised that staff are continuing to work on a number of violations, but that there has been no change since last month's report.

MOTION #BD 29/22

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Adrian Cornelissen**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors affirm the approval of applications as presented in Program Report # 1 – a) Development Review and receive the Violations and Appeals update as presented.”

Carried.

2. Ontario Community Environment Fund

Angela Van Niekerk, Wetlands Specialist, presented a report on the Ontario Community Environment Fund, which is collected from environmental penalties and used for local restoration projects. The ABCA applied for funding for “Enhancing Rural Green Infrastructure in the Ausable and Bayfield Watersheds,” the goal of which is to collaborate with community partners and landowners to restore and enhance wetlands, plant trees and increase awareness through education and outreach using media, social media and events. The ABCA was a successful recipient of the funding, in the amount of \$82, 575 over two years, which will help to leverage other funds and provide capacity to do more projects in the watershed. Staff recommend entering into the funding agreement with the Province to receive the funding.

MOTION #BD 30/22

Moved by Alex Westman

Seconded by Doug Cook

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors authorize the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority to enter into the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province of Ontario for the Ontario Community Environment Fund *Enhancing Rural Green Infrastructure in the Ausable and Bayfield Watersheds.*”

Carried.

3. Stewardship Projects Update

Angela Van Niekerk presented an update on stewardship efforts and funding. Since the last report, 5 tree planting projects have been approved for funding from the Canada Nature Fund.

MOTION #BD 31/22

Moved by Bob Harvey

Seconded by Mike Tam

“RESOLVED, THAT the Stewardship Project update report be received as presented.”

Carried.

4. Flood Emergency Planning Meeting

Davin Heinbuck, Water Resources Coordinator, reported on the 2022 annual Flood emergency Planning meeting, which was held virtually on February 22. Attendees totaled 31, and included representatives from eight member municipalities, four counties, two conservation authorities, as well as law enforcement. Some of the topics covered included a presentation on the Parkhill Dam and Flood Management, a review of flood events in 2021, and a watershed conditions update and flood outlook for the next few months.

MOTION #BD 32/22

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Mike Tam**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Flood Emergency Planning meeting report be received as presented.”

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDANCE

None

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Alex Westman reported that the Municipality of Lucan Biddulph is in the process of drafting a site alteration by-law to require permits and engineering reporting. At present there has been no by-law for site alteration, which can have negative effects on neighbouring properties.
2. George Irvin brought up the possibility of in person presentations at Board Meetings. It was determined that this discussion will be added to next month’s Board Meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Dave Jewitt
Chair

Abigail Gutteridge
Corporate Services Coordinator

*Copies of program reports are available upon request.
Contact Abigail Gutteridge, Corporate Services Coordinator*