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Battle River Watershed Alliance - 2019 Annual General Meeting Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2019. BRWA Office, Mirror Lake Centre, Camrose, AB

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Barb Bosh called the meeting to order at 10:05 am and welcomed members and guests to the BRWA AGM.

Approx. 44 people attended the AGM

Current directors in attendance were:

- Al Corbett
- Lorne Ferguson
- Preston Weran
- Barb Bosh
- Corinne Kelts
- Ryley Anderson
- Diane Hanson
- Jim Geddes
- Melissa Orr-Langner
- Jamie Bruha, ex officio member

Barb thanked the Board of Directors for their work completed on behalf of the Battle River Watershed Alliance and acknowledged the contributions made by the Board Members who were unable to attend. The Treaty Six Acknowledgement statement was read to remind everyone that we are meeting on Treaty Six Land.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved through consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST AGM

Barb asked if there were any errors or omissions from the previous minutes. Minutes approved through consent.

Board Report

Barb thanked the Board Members in attendance and the BRWA staff for all the work they do. We continue to travel across the watershed meeting with our members in numerous ways. A successful Bio-Diversity Forum was held. This was a great way to hear back what people are seeing across the watershed. Several Municipal Watershed Forums were held, it was great to

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see everyone and meet some new municipal staff. The Annual Watershed Festival and Saskatoon Pie Contest were a success again this past year. The Finding Common Ground project was a 3-day bike trip touring energy facilities. The Battle River Watershed received an Emerald Award for the Finding Common Ground project. Continued success has been achieved with the educational activities with schools and youth groups across the watershed, through the Waste in Our Watershed, Discover Your Wetlands and the Extreme Science programs. The Caring for Our Watershed competition was again a successful program. Involvement in numerous stewardship activities across the watershed is taking place. Also working on a Paddle The Battle brochure which have the times and distances to paddle different points along the Battle River. The Water Management Plan is in progress and we are working to complete all areas of the plan. The Buffalo Trail Restoration project is underway in the eastern Region of the watershed. We have had success in finding willing partners to work with us and we are starting to make a difference in this watershed. Any BRWA published reports are available on the website.

Management Report

The focus of the BRWA continues to be on education, communication, water management planning and outreach. Having a stronger emphasis on stewardship is important. Many of the same kids are being involved in the education process so we need to work on changing things up to get new children involved. Continued work on strengthening our connection to First Nations

NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS

The following people are nominated to serve on the BRWA Board of Directors

Name	Sector	Term
Greg King	Academia	Two year term ending June 2021
Kathleen Tennant	Agriculture	Two year term ending June 2021
Barb Bosh	Business/Industry	Two year term ending June 2021
Diane Hanson	Environment	Two year term ending June 2021
Al Corbett	Individual	Two year term ending June 2021
Corinne Kelts	Municipal Government	Two year term ending June 2021

2019-01 MSC

Motion by Anjah Howard and seconded by Jamie Bruha that all sector nominations closed. All position acclaimed as Battle River Watershed Alliance directors.

BRWA FINANCIAL REPORT

Sheila Logelin presented the financial report for 2018-2019.

2019-02 MSC

Preston Weran moved, Jamie Bruha seconded that the report from Hall & Company be accepted. Motion carried.

BRWA AUDITORS

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2019-03 MSC Diane Hanson moved and seconded by Anjah Howard that Hall & Company be the auditor for the next fiscal year. Motion carried.

BRWA BUDGET 2019-2020

David presented the budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

2019-04 MSC Lorne Ferguson moved and seconded by Hugh Sanders that the budget be approved for the current fiscal year. Motion carried.

BRWA Membership Fee

Membership to the BRWA is currently set at \$0.00.

2019-05 MSC

Motion by Jamie Bruha and seconded by Corrinne Kelts that the membership rate remain at \$0.00. CARRIED

BRWA Director's Remuneration

Director's remuneration rates are set that the lowest level of Alberta Environment rates.

2019-06 MSC

Motion by Preston Weran and seconded by Ryley Anderson that the director's remuneration rates remain at the same level as the previous year. CARRIED

2019-07 NEXT AGM DATE

Motion by Preston Weran to have the next AGM on June 24, 2020, seconded by Jamie Bruha. CARRIED

AGM ADJOURNED

Barb adjourned the meeting at 11:58 am and thanked everyone for attending.