

**BRWA**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**June 12, 2023**  
**Minutes**  
**Alberta 4-H Centre**

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**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Ryley Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:15 am and welcomed members and guests to the BRWA AGM.

Approx. 60 people attended the AGM

Current directors in attendance were:

- Al Corbett
- Preston Weran
- Khalil Ahmed
- Peter Pullishy
- Ryley Anderson
- Greg Smith
- Melissa Orr-Langner ex-officio
- Dale Pederson
- Terry Vockeroth

Land Acknowledgement – Sarah Skinner

Ryley introduced the board and staff and thanked everyone for attending. Sarah provided the Treaty Six Land Acknowledgement.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Melvin Thompson and seconded by Peter Pullishy to approve the agenda as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST AGM**

Motion by Greg Smith and seconded by Al Corbett to accept the 2022 minutes as presented with the change of AGM date noted.

**Board Report**

The BRWA had a lot of changes in the past year with David Samm retiring and finding a new Executive Director. The Annual Report is a good review of the past year with the new format aligning with our Strategic Plan. We are blessed that David still meets with us on occasion to pass on the history of the watershed. The Roles and Mandates document is a great clarification about our roles. BRWA staff and the Board of Directors are working on updating the policies and procedures. There will be an

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update of the bylaws once the policies and procedures review is completed. Thank you to all our partners, funders, volunteers and stakeholders.

### **Executive Director Report**

The focus of our work over the past year is based on the BRWA Strategic Plan 2022-2026 with emphasis on people, place and programs to learn more, copies of Annual Report are available online as well as a small number available in print. The highlights include:

- The release of the new State of the Watershed Report - *A Health in the Watershed Atlas of the Battle River and Sounding Creek Watersheds*. This new report includes population health indicators. The report can be viewed on our website. BRWA will be hosting workshops across the watershed to discuss the report and to see what information is missing from the report.
- BRWA Co-Chair, Al Corbett is now the Alternative Representative for the Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils on the Alberta Water Council.

In the coming year, Staff will be out meeting people across the watershed with stewardship, restoration and education programs.

- BRWA Education programs will run from early spring to late fall.
- In July, there will be a drought simulation workshop to train new Executive Directors.
- We will be hosting our Watershed festival again this year at Big Knife Provincial Park on August 19, 2023.
- The Red Deer River Watershed will host the WPAC summit in Drumheller on October 12 & 13.
- Information regarding all the activities is available on our website.

Thanks to Alberta Environment for their continued support to the WPAC's.

### **BRWA FINANCIAL REPORT**

Sheila Logelin presented the financial report for 2022-2023.

#### **2023-01 MSC**

Motion by Greg Smith and seconded by Joey temple to accept the 2022-2023 Financial Statements. From Hall & Company. Motion carried.

### **BRWA AUDITORS**

**2023-02 MSC** Motion by Greg Smith and seconded by Dale Pederson to select Hall & Company to complete the BRWA 2023-2024 Review Engagement. Motion carried.

#### **BRWA BUDGET 2023-2024**

Catherine presented the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

**2023-03 MSC** Motion by Greg Smith and seconded by Terry Vockeroth to accept the budget as presented. Motion carried.

### **BRWA Membership Fee**

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

### **2023-04 MSC**

Motion by Khalil Ahmed and seconded by Dale Pederson to keep the membership rate at \$0.00.  
Motion carried.

### **NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS**

- Board members meet 4 times per year. Any current Board openings are for a 2-year term. Next meeting is on September 14/23
- Ryley thanked the retiring directors, Dr. Greg King and Diane Hansen.
- The following people are nominated to serve on the BRWA Board of Directors

Name	Sector	Term
Khalil Ahmed	Agriculture	Two year term ending June 2025
Alan Corbett	Individual	Two year term ending June 2025
Bill Lawson	Municipal Government	Two year term ending June 2025
Dale Pederson	Municipal Government	Two year term ending June 2025
Terry Vockeroth	Agriculture	Two year term ending June 2025

- Call for nominations from the floor. Terry Vockeroth nominated Marilyn Webber and she accepted the nomination for the Health and Wellness sector. She was a registered nurse and worked in administration for health services and currently farms south of Camrose.
- Three calls for nominations. Nominations closed by Peter Pullishy and seconded by Al Corbett. All in favor.

### **2023-05 MSC**

Motion by Al Corbett and seconded by Ryley Anderson to approve Board of Director elections. Anyone interested in being on the Board please call the office or get in touch with Al Corbett.

### **2023-06 NEXT AGM DATE**

Motion by Greg Smith and seconded by Terry Vockeroth to set the 2024 AGM date as Thursday, June 13, 2024. CARRIED

### **AGM ADJOURNED**

Ryley adjourned the meeting at 11:09 am and thanked everyone for attending.