



WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR TRUSTEES

For Meeting, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

WLLID OFFICE

Topic	Notes	Action
Call to Order	Nowell called meeting to order at 7 pm	
In Attendance	Nowell, Sharon, Darren (via phone), Phil, Suzanne (presenter), Lori, Penny Flegel	Quorum is 3
Addition of Late Items		
Adoption of Agenda	Move that agenda be adopted	Sharon moved, Daren seconded, all in favour, carried
Adoption of Minutes	Adopt minutes of June 12 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Darren moved, Sharon seconded, all in favour, carried
<b>Business Arising from the minutes and unfinished business;</b>		
1. Presentation	Suzanne will attend meeting to share her aquifer info.	<p>Suzanne presented a visual of what amount of work needs to go into a study. WLLID has to be involved in any study to be able to present to anyone.</p> <p>How to start, manage, finish a program within a budget. Can start with a phone call or email and domino from there. Gov, non-profit, ngo, networking (all about the people) that link</p> <p>What do you want to achieve?</p> <p>Visioning? Aquifer study? Groundwater study?</p> <p>Gathering existing info and people – start with <b>POLIS</b> project. Check out the <b>Okanagan water strategy</b> resource. Study the <b>Groundwater bylaw toolkit</b> – has nuggets of info we can use. <b>West coast environmental law</b> – nuggets of info we can use.</p> <p>Copy what works! Instead of re-inventing the wheel.</p> <p>In research, build partnerships – we’re too small to do it by ourselves, network w/ valuable resource people (money). Keep an eye on workshops and attend whenever you can – info/people may be valuable as a resource.</p> <p>Grant money; infrastructure grants. Build a sandwich of data, use what we have and add to that. Have a student as a resource to compile</p>

		<p>data, reach out to RDEK w/ our info and they may be able to give financial support. We have to have the foundation to 'sell' it for support</p> <p>Break it up into 'bites' and manageable portions. If you have the money you can push your agenda. Does the Board have the capacity to do the work that needs to be done? It will take a considerable amount of research on everyone's part and time to compile what you have learned that will be important to each project proposed. Reach out to the community as a sub-group to do some of the research, etc. Work doesn't fall to one trustee, but we need to be the overseer, give guidance.</p> <p>There is always a 13<sup>th</sup> hour, all the work may go awry w/ a misinformation campaign. Be prepared for it and respond quickly with 'why' it is important to the community – don't try to win the argument, be patient.</p> <p>Be acceptable to government – if people in the different ministries do not accept, support, or trust your proposal, it will go nowhere. Have the support of numerous organizations, gov departments, to back you up.</p> <p>Start with Jane Walter – liaison with RDEK, people already going to conferences, workshops, etc. that we can access.</p> <p>If we don't start, we won't get anywhere.</p>
<p><b>2. Trustee Volunteer time</b></p>	<p>Total to June 30, 2024</p>	<p>Sharon – 4                  Nowell – 41                  Darren – 12                  Phil – 10</p>
<p><b>2. Correspondence</b></p>	<p>Email from Ryan Kennedy ; responded to</p>	<p>Wanted to know about organization, where money goes, etc.</p>
<p><b>3. Water Testing Plans</b></p>	<p>1. Saturday pancake info                  2. Full water test including hydrocarbons and herbicide tes \$1500 – The Water Guy, Cranbrook                  3. aerial photo</p>	<p>Saturday morning table is going great. Phil spoke to Aurora Jensen biologist - can be used as a resource. Lot of positive feedback, info being shared.</p> <p>New pamphlets?</p> <p>Darren – update Dr. Conair @ COTR can provide background on water testing technology. Living lakes groundwater testing – info shared with community. Spoke to the college dean- whether we can leverage resources of college. Follow up discussion mid-august how they can help, current state assessment, should we be collecting additional info? They may be able to access grants</p>

		<p>to help us design a program, automate our info, make it shareable.</p> <p>Talked about operating website, communication channels, reached out to nephew – interested in supporting our helping us out as a volunteer. What changes do we want with the website?</p>
<b>4. Water Reports</b>		<p>768.36 up 1.5cm up from yesterday, 63cm higher than last year, but lower than average. Haven't hit peak yet. Weekly testing Thursday morning. Adam Way joined the testing group.</p> <p>Amy (BCLSS) stopped by to do an equipment comparison, we are within the margin of error. Windermere producing a monster report end of July. We will get a copy.</p> <p>Ecoli – all six sites 5 or less</p> <p>Amy talked about hiring student over the summer. Board support for full spectrum water test after august long weekend, similar to 2017 (early November). Phil would like it to be a standard test every year, or 3 yrs etc. Same time of year or different times? Darren suggested a busy wknd and a non-busy wknd to compare. Will check with Dr Conair on 'best practice', scientific method, resources?</p> <p>Water guy in Cranbrook did it initially, \$1200-1500, check herbicides, etc.</p> <p>Phil moved to approve expense of testing, Darren seconded, all in favour, carried</p> <p>Insurance? Reduce to 1 million liability? Check with HUB what the new quote is.</p>
<b>5. Land Title Transfers</b>	None transpired	
<b>6a. Financials:</b> <b>Capital Works = \$8,236.08</b> .5% <b>Contingency = \$10,281.39</b> 1.55% <b>12 Mon Redeemable Bond</b> <b>= \$26,491.58</b> 3.85% <b>Bank balance = \$28,894.89</b>	As of July 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Send a \$500 deposit to Toni Lepore to figure out anomaly in books and get the books completed.
<b>6b. Accounts Receivable</b>	\$1,431.17 in serious arrears \$5,117.48 current due payments are coming in for current taxes	Do we send a list to BC tax authority for a tax letter? Visit them personally? A list provided, Phil suggested Trustees go in two's to approach them for payment. Sharon will organize the visits.
<b>6c. Accounts Payable</b>	Lori's invoice (which includes Weebly subscription) \$976.63 Kootenay Computer quarterly \$70.56	Sharon moved to pay invoices, Phil seconded, all in favour, carried
<b>7. Communication</b>		

<p><b>8. New business</b></p>		<p>Volunteer will manage the website (Becky Knight), send her the login info. Connect Becky with Mason (Darren’s nephew). Daily data, ecoli data uploading on a consistent basis                  Do additional videos on how testing is done, etc. Interviews with Suzanne and Bill Wilson as well Phil brought up questions about the flap gate/culvert behind Davis property etc. with Front Counter BC. That culvert does not exist and no license to block the culvert. Wants to see if there is a way to allow the boards restricting the culvert to be removed so water can flow into the lake to raise the lake level. Should it be allowed to flow into the lake all the time to share water from Lewis creek. Cannot restrict flow without water license. Ducks Unlimited has no water license for the flap gate to wasa slough.                  Sharon – go to Bill Wilson and find out why it was installed to begin with.                  Suzanne – shoot elevations to determine where the water naturally flows                  Nowell – be an interesting experiment to see what happens. Only top board, but only after Nowell has a chance to speak to Bill. Phil wants to do it immediately to see the result during high water – see what the results are in a week.                  Darren – why not take all boards off. Sharon check with MOE for impact before taking that step. Phil – impact on fish, etc. not our responsibility.                  Suzanne – be careful of legal implications if our actions result in any native fish, wildlife, etc. deaths.                  Sharon – bathrooms at horseshoe beach not functioning, so people are going in the bushes. Reach out to BC Parks to find out what is going on and get the issue resolved. This issue could have an impact on the lake health. Interior health may step in.</p>
<p><b>9. Date of Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm</p>	
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Move to adjourn</p>	<p>Sharon moved, Phil seconded, all in favour, carried</p>