

General Membership Meeting #9-20

November 18, 2020

Member's Present: David Turton, Matt Duncan, Roger Watt, Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Kevin Freiburger, Anita van Hittersum, Megan Gibson, Cheryl Matheson, Alvin McLellan, Erinn Lawrie

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Danielle Livingston, Admin-Financial Services Coordinator
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator
Stephen Jackson, Flood/Erosion Safety Coordinator
Chris Van Esbroeck, Stewardship Services Coordinator
Ben Van Dieten, Stewardship Project Lead
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Environmental Planner-Regs Officer

Community Attendees: Cory Bilyea, Reporter for Midwestern Newspapers Corp.

1. Call to Order

Chair Dave Turton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and announced the meeting objectives.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

3. Minutes

The minutes from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) General Membership Meeting #8-20 held on October 21, 2020 have been circulated for information and approval. The Members agreed with the minutes and the following motion was made.

Motion FA #80-20

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Ed McGugan

That the minutes from the General Membership meeting #8-20 of October 21, 2020 be approved.

(carried)



4. Business Out of the Minutes

- a) One Health Initiative Follow Up: **Report #48-20**

Report #48-20 was presented and this motion followed.

Motion FA #81-20

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

That the Members support the follow-up actions identified in Report #48-2020.

(carried)

- b) Conservation Ontario Follow Up: **Report #49-20**

Report #49-20 was presented for information purposes.

- c) Draft Levy Table for 2021: Report #50-20

Report #50-20 was presented and this motion followed.

Motion FA #82-20

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Matt Duncan

That the 2021 draft levy table outlined in Report #50-20 be applied to the development of the draft 2021 budget.

(carried)

5. Presentation

- a) Agriculture Water Quality Monitoring, Modelling and Results

Delivered by the Stewardship Services Coordinator and Stewardship Project Lead, this presentation outlined the monitoring activity and how the data collected leads to BMP (Best Management Practices) in stewardship projects.

6. Business Requiring Direction and Decision

- a) Proposed Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act: Report #51-20

Report #51-20 was presented and this motion followed.

Motion FA#83-20

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Ed McGugan

That the Chair send a letter to the Premier of Ontario, Finance Minister, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and MPPs for Perth Wellington and Huron Bruce requesting that schedule 6 be removed from Bill 229 based upon the concerns identified by Conservation Ontario and further that a second letter be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and MPPs for Perth

Wellington and Huron Bruce requesting that watershed management be included as a core service for all conservation authorities.

(carried)

b) Draft 2021 Authority Funded Projects: Report #52-20

Report #52-20 was presented and this motion followed.

Motion FA#84-20

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

That the authority funded projects outlined in Report #52-20 be included in the 2021 draft budget and work plan.

(carried)

c) Proposed Changes to the Fee Schedule, Per Diems and Mileage: Report #53-20

Report #53-20 was presented and these motions followed.

Motion FA#85-20

Moved by: Ed McGugan

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

That the fee changes presented in the master fee schedule of report #53-20 be approved.

(carried)

Motion FA#86-20

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Roger Watt

That there be no change to per diems, honourariums or mileage rates in 2021.

(carried)

d) Personnel Committee: Report #54-20

Report #54-20 was presented and through further discussion, that MVCA should make all details about bids available to the public and the following motion was made:

Motion FA#87-20

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

That the proposed amendments to the Personnel Policy be approved as outlined in Report 54-2020 except for section 5.3.5. And further that section 5.3.5 be referred back to the personnel committee; **And that** a revised amendment for Section 5.3.5 be brought back for the Members consideration at the December 16th Members meeting.

(carried)

e) Occupational Health and Safety Committee: Report #55-20

Report #55-20 was presented and this motion followed.

Motion FA#88-20

Moved by: Roger Watt

Seconded by: Ed McGugan

That the Membership approves the amendments as recommended in report #55-20; **And that** the words “the flu virus” in section 15.2 be changed to “any infections illness.”

(carried)

f) Employee Assistance Program: Report #56-20

Report #56-20 was presented and this motion followed.

Motion FA#89-20

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Ed McGugan

That the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) be included in MVCA’s Group Health Benefits beginning January 2021 with the existing cost-share of 55% authority and 45% employee; **And that** staff be surveyed on their experience utilizing the EAP after having this benefit enhancement for 1 year.

(carried)

g) Amendment to Administrative Bylaw: Electronic Hearings: Report #57-20

Report #57-20 was presented and this motion followed.

Motion FA#90-20

Moved by: Kevin Freiburger

Seconded by: Cheryl Matheson

That the Members approve the proposed housekeeping amendments to the Maitland Valley Administrative Bylaw & Administration Policies for Implementing Ontario Regulation 164/06 Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation.

(carried)

7. Reports

At this time, the Chair thanked the staff for the leadership and dedication to MVCA during this challenging time.

8. Consent Agenda

The following items were circulated to the Member’s for their information.

- a) Proposed Office Hours over Christmas and New Year’s: Report #58-20
- b) Revenue-Expenditure Report October Report #59-2020

The following motion was made.

Motion FA #91-20
Moved by: Roger Watt

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

That reports #58-20 through #59-20 along with their respective recommended motions and correspondence as outlined in the Consent Agenda be accepted as presented.

(carried)

9. **Hearing under Ontario Regulation 164-06 Conservation Authorities Act, Dotzert**
Application: Hearing Report #1-20

Motion FA #92-20
Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

That the membership now sits as a hearing board.

(carried)

(Motion HM #2-20
Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Kevin Freiburger

That the MVCA grant exemption to Doug and Jayne Dotzert and permit replacement of an existing class IV OSSDS system within the wave uprush zone as stated in Report #1-20 based upon the information provided by the applicant's geotechnical engineer, with the recommendation that the applicant considers using an "advanced system" type of OSSDS versus a conventional type.)
(Carried)

10. **Review of Meeting Objectives, Follow-up Actions, Next meeting:**

Chair Turton reviewed the meeting objectives and announced that they have been met.

The next meeting of the membership will take place on December 16, 2020 at 7:00pm.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm with this motion.

Motion FA #93-20
Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Matt Duncan

That the general membership meeting be adjourned.

(carried)



Dave Turton
Chair



Danielle Livingston
Administrative/Financial
Services Coordinator