

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LAKE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION
FEBRUARY 20, 2018 – 6:00pm, LWF Office, Winnipeg**

Mission Statement: to advocate for change and co-ordinate action to improve the health of Lake Winnipeg.

Present: Roger Mollot, Mike Stainton, Scott Beaton, Bill McDonald, Stephanie Guildford, Bryan Allison, Kathryn Dompierre

Regrets: Les McEwan, Florence Eastwood, Amanda Karst, Selena Randall

Absent: Liam Mulhall, Chris Debicki

Guests: Colin Charles, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO); Karin Boyd, LWF Past President

Quorum established: 7 directors required, 7 present

1. Opening Presentation

Colin Charles presented on four projects being conducted by the Riverine Ecology Lab at DFO. The fish telemetry project is tracking the movement of threatened and invasive species in Lake Winnipeg and Netley Libau Marsh (NLM). With funding support from LWF, 40 carp were tagged in NLM in 2016. Carp appear to be highly mobile in NLM and in the lake and are likely contributing to reduced vegetative cover in NLM due to physical disturbance of plants. This has potential impacts on restoration plans for the marsh.

2. Record of email votes

2017:07:EM47 MS Motion to cancel the LWF board meeting scheduled for August 15, 2017. **Carried**

2017:12:EM48 MS Motion to enter into a lease agreement for Unit 107-62 Hargrave based on the terms detailed in the attached Letter of Intent. **Carried**

3. Approval of agenda

2018:02:M1 MS That the agenda for the February 2018 meeting be approved as presented and with quorum established. **Carried**

4. Approval of minutes

2018:02:M2 MS That the minutes from the December 2017 meeting of the board of directors be approved. **Carried**

5. Review of strategic goals and objectives

5.1 Grants Committee Report. Scott Beaton, chair of the grants committee, presented the committee's recommendations. The committee reviewed 14 applications, and recommends awarding funding to 5 projects under the three priority areas established through the 2017 call for proposals.

2018:02:M3 MS To accept the report of the Grants and Awards Committee and provide funding to the following applicants:

Village of St Pierre Jolys, \$5,000

West Souris River Conservation District (Water Storage), \$1,250

Assiniboine River Basin Initiative, \$2,500

West Souris River Conservation District (Oak Lake Monitoring), \$3,000

Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District, \$5,000 **Carried**

5.2 Bylaw revisions. Karin Boyd, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, provided an overview of the changes being proposed to ensure LWF's bylaws reflect the organization's growth, and are easy to interpret. The board discussed the sections detailing board terms, board appointments, and members' proposals. Additional clarification was requested through legal review of the proposed changes. The board identified the need for additional board policies to strengthen governance in accordance with proposed bylaw changes.

5.3 Board Succession Planning. Director Armand Belanger has resigned. He expresses strong support for LWF and wants to continue to be involved in events and education. The board thanks him for his service. The board expressed a commitment to maintaining a strong connection to the Conservation District network through the recruitment of new directors.

Director nominee Bruce Maclean was recommended for appointment by the nominating committee.

2018:02:M4 MS To appoint Bruce Maclean as a director of the board of the Lake Winnipeg Foundation. **Carried**

6. Executive Director's Report

The board reviewed and discussed the Executive Director's report for February 2018.

2018:02:M5 MS To accept the report of the Executive Director for January - February 2018

Carried

7. New Business

7.1 2018-19 Meeting Schedule.

2018:02:M6 MS To set the date of LWF's 2018-19 board meetings on the third Tuesday of every second month (June 19, Aug 21, Oct 16, Dec 18, Feb 19, Apr 16)

Carried

8. Approval of Financial Statements

8.1. Financial statements for November and December 2017 were reviewed by directors.

2018:02:M7 MS That the financial statements for November and December 2017 be approved as presented

Carried

8.2. Approval of 2018 annual budget

2018:02:M8 MS To approve the 2018 annual budget as presented

Carried

9. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on April 17, 2018, 6pm, at the LWF office.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Chair

Secretary