

PEI Watershed Alliance Board Meeting
Thursday, November 2nd, 2023
4- 6 pm via Zoom

Board Members in Attendance: Sherry Pelkey, Jake Mackinnon, Virginia Everett, Juliana Fernandes Granzoti, Kris Hunter, Andrew Lush, Dawn McInnis, Dale McIsaac

Staff Members in Attendance: Heather Laiskonis, Nathan LaCroix, Kassidy Matheson, Charlotte Large

1) Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

2) Approval of Agenda

- Moved by Sherry Pelkey, seconded by Kris Hunter.
- Passed unanimously

3) Approval of Minutes from October 5th, 2023

- Moved by Juliana Fernandes Granzoti, seconded by Kris Hunter.
- Passed unanimously

4) Business arising from the minutes

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Discussion items:

a) The Natural Resources Committee asked PEIWA to create a Board/Committee to oversee the shoreline protection.

- The MLA, Hilton MacLennan, has asked the alliance to create a standing committee to oversee coastal protection and development.
- Andrew brought up the point of whether it would be the alliance's responsibility or the individual watershed groups' responsibility. Also, will the groups have to inform shoreline owners of what they can and cannot do?
- Dale suggests that the minister send his request in writing of what he specifically wants, and the board can get back to him on the request.
- When a written request is received, Juliana, Heather and Charlotte can sit down and synthesize the request for the next board meeting.

b) What measures are in place to protect Watershed Management Funding long term?

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c) PEI salmon roundtable: dates and questions

- During a meeting on October 24th hosted by Randy Angus, there was a bit of impetus to have a committee on government level lobbying whomever it might be for additional funding to support Atlantic salmon.

- Dale McIsaac, during that meeting, committed the Watershed Alliance to have a roundtable with the Atlantic salmon stakeholders in PEI.
- Kris brought up the point that during the roundtable, the watershed groups dictate what's on the agenda rather than the government steering committee dictating the agenda in terms of what is being discussed and decided upon.

d) PEIISC inclusion

- The PEIISC is not eligible for liability insurance but is eligible for the Manulife Health Benefits. They will be responsible for their own reporting, and their taxes will be filled under a line item by the alliance's bookkeeper.

e) GIC Options

- The alliance has been offered a 4% cashable GIC account with the RBC bank.
- A motion to put the GIC money back into GIC accounts (cashable prime linked and one non-redeemable) split according to Heather and Emma's calculations
- Motioned by Andrew Lush, Second by Sherry Pelkey
- Passed Unanimously

6) Reports

a) Financial Update

- See the folder for an update

b) Project Manager/ED Update

- See the folder for an update

c) Equipment Manager Update

- See the folder for an update

d) 2BT Coordinator Update

- See the folder for an update

e) Review Forward Agenda

- See the folder for an update

f) Other

Meeting Adjourned at 5:01 PM