

PEI Watershed Alliance Board Meeting
Thursday, March 14th, 2024
2:30 PM- 4:30 PM in-person Farm Center

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

Staff Members in Attendance: Heather Laiskonis, Nathan LaCroix, Charlotte Large, Rebecca Ramos

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:23 PM

2) Approval of Agenda

- Motioned by Kris Hunter and seconded by Jake MacKinnon
- Passed unanimously

3) Approval of Minutes from February 1st, 2024

- Moved by Juliana Fernandes Granzoti and Seconded by Dawn McInnis
- Passed unanimously

4) Business arising from the minutes

a. Conference budget for Heather and Charlotte

- *Motion to allow \$2,500 to cover expenses for Charlotte Large and Heather Laiskonis for the upcoming conference in Halifax.*
- Moved Juliana Fernandes Granzoti, seconded by Dawn McInnis
- Passed unanimously

b. Beach Clean-up Proposal

- Five watershed groups from across the island have shown interest in leading the beach cleanup in their region.
- Dale McIsaac recommended that the Alliance should ask for more administrative fee funds for the Beach Clean-up project from the province.

c. AGM preparation

- During this year's annual general meeting, a representative from the DFO and ALUS will present before the agenda of the AGM.
- Heather is to send out personal invitations to special guests to attend the AGM.
- Regional board members to send out emails to their members to recruit individuals for vacant positions.

d. Potato Expo & Soil and Crop Feedback

- Both Expos went well, and it is recommended that the alliance goes back next year to keep making connections and letting our presence be known to the agricultural community.

e. ATV group follow-up

- No follow up

f. 2 Million Fund meeting

- Out of all the fourteen projects reviewed, some have been completed, some have been delayed, and some have missing paperwork.
- Dale McIsaac is to make an announcement at this year's AGM informing the watershed groups about a second call for a round of proposals for the fund.
- g. Strategic Planning Update**
- There have been two strategic planning meetings so far with a consultant, and they have been going well thus far.
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5) Discussion items:

a) Holland College- Request for support

- The Holland College's John and Christine Andrews Center of Excellence for Agri Environmental Watershed Management wants to ensure that the Alliance is on board and has buy-in. This does not entail any financial contribution.
- *Motion to support the draft proposal for the Holland College's John and Christine Andrews Center of Excellence for Agri Environmental Watershed Management.*
- Moved by Jake Mackinion and seconded by Kris Hunter
- Passed unanimously

b) ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee.

- *Motion to elect Fred Cheverie as the PEIWA representative for the ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee*
- Motioned by Jake MacKinnon and seconded by Kris Hunter
- Passed Unanimously

c) ALUS program - potential for a Zoom meeting to outline the program?

- Sherry Pelkey recommended that the Alliance host a Zoom meeting on the program and all of the benefits so that everyone is aware.
- Heather has been in touch, ALUS team is busy and will reach out to the Alliance when they are ready to present

d) Securing future WMF funding increases

- Andrew Lush recommends that the Alliance ask each year for a cost of living increase.
- *Motion to send a letter to the minister for a yearly cost of living increase or larger to the WMF fund.*
- Moved by Andrew Lush, seconded by Juliana Fernandes Granzoti
- Passed unanimously

e) Partnership with DHI for early adopters of scalable earth observations for the European Space Agency

- DHI has offered the PEIWA an opportunity for our watershed groups to go out and collect data points or look at things through the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund. This would be a two-year project, and they would offer us 20,000 CAD dollars.
- *Motion for PEIWA staff to continue to negotiate with DHI on this project.*
- Kris Hunter, seconded by Sherry Pelkey

f) Clarence Ryan Request

- Request the alliance formally request from the federal government that they add more money to the SCAP fund.
- Heather to get back to Clarence, telling him that he will be on this year's AGM agenda for the SCAP request.

g) ArcGis - Andrew Lush

- *Motion for Andrew Lush to be reimbursed for his work done on Arcgis in the amount of \$1800.*

- Motioned by Jake MacKinnon and seconded by Sherry Pelkey
- Abstain- Andrew Lush
- 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

In-camera session for HR discussion