

PEI Watershed Alliance Board Meeting
Thursday, June 6th, 2024
4:00 PM- 6:00 PM via Zoom

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

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

Observers: John Lane, Lawrence Millar, Melanie LeBlanc MacIsaac

1) Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM

2) Approval of Agenda

- Moved by Kris Hunter, Seconded by Sherry Pelkey
- Passed Unanimously

3) Approval of Minutes from April 30th, 2024

- Moved by Andrew Lush, Seconded by Juliana Granzoti
- Passed Unanimously

4) Business arising from the minutes

- a. Community Sector Network of PEI-(AGM notes in the Board folder)
 - Heather suggested that the alliance hold off until next year regarding joining the Community sector network due to what the alliance has taken on with the new strategic plan.
 - The PEIWA will look into joining the CSN next year.
- b. AWP \$10k-we will put it into a GIC for now
 - Heather meets with the AWP and they are fine with whatever the alliance does with the funds.
 - Heather suggested that the funds be put into a GIC for a period of 4 or 5 years.
- c. Secretary-Juliana Fernandes Granzoti
 - Juliana Fernandes Granzoti has officially accepted the role of secretary for the 2024-2025 year.

5) Discussion items:

- a) MLA Robert Henderson, Chair of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability, requests that the WA

consider contracting three trappers (one in each county) for private citizens to be able to access, should funding be made available.

- Dale mentioned that the government already has available contracted trappers for troubleshooting private and public situations.
- Kris Hunter suggested that the Alliance keep a list of available trappers just in case someone asks the alliance we would have it available.
- Dale suggested that the alliance just put the PEI Trappers Association information on our website so people can have that resource and contact them directly.
- Heather and Dale will have a conversation with Brad and Rosie and see what they think about publishing the Trappers Association contact on the PEIWA website and bring their thoughts back to the board.

b) Board Policies can go to Vicky to review

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c) Contract Vicki for future sessions related to strategy sent 5/30

- Vicki will be invited to the PEIWA next board meeting where it will be determined the Alliances need for her services going forward.

d) Strategic plan rollout

- Vicki has suggested that The Board should formally adopt the Vision/Mission/Values & Principles along with the Strategic Plan Outcomes as soon as possible and share this information with Members. Information can also be shared strategically with other key stakeholders as the Alliance advances relationships.
- Motion to formally adopt the vision, mission principles, along with strategic plan info.
- Moved by Kris Hunter , seconded by Andrew Lush
- Passed unanimously
- Board and staff to go through the strategic plan document to get more familiar with it.
- Heather will invite Vicki to the PEIWA next board meeting.

e) The Forestry Commission has asked for a written submission or presentation of their report.

- The presentation went very well. It was a condensed summary of the 12 interviewed. A lot of emphasis was placed on points that were made by 7-9 of these groups.
- Andrew suggests that a document about a page and a half be distributed about what the 12 organizations said which will allow the commission to see if there's anything missing relating to what the alliance viewpoint may be.
- Heather suggests that this document be shared through a google document/drive where people can leave their comments.

f) Meeting with the Minister

- Heather and Dale meet with the minister and his deputy on May 28th. In this meeting they requested more funds for a cost of living increase and an annual special project fund similar to the 2 million project fund.
- The minister would have to put in a submission to the individuals who prepare the province's annual budget for this request.

g) Climate Forum participation

- Xander Wang who works at the UPEI Climate lab asked Heather for sponsorship funding for the upcoming climate forum however the Alliance does not give financial sponsorships.
- Heather will look into alternatives into how the PEIWA can support the climate forum which does not involve money.

h) OLW Membership

- Motion for PEIWA to become a Member of Our Living Waters Network.
- Moved by Juliana Fernandes Granzoti seconded by Dawn McInnis
- Abstentions - Kris Hunter
- Passed

i) HSP Salmon

- The PEIWA HSP Salmon Project was approved. The initial contribution document will be sent in the upcoming weeks.

j) AERF

- The PEIWA has received the contribution agreement with a request for signature. However the agreement right now says that the PEIWA has 25 watershed groups participating, which Charlotte Large has not actually confirmed with any of the groups whether they want to participate.
- The issue with this is that if 25 watershed groups don't participate the entire project is at risk of being revoked and funds taken back.
- As a part of the agreement there needs to be 25 individual management planning documents.

k) Strategic Wood Addition Program

- Sherry proposed that the Alliance have a professionally created, designed campaign to educate watershed groups and the general public that is based on strategic wood addition. The campaign would serve as an educational tool.
- Heather questioned whether the instructors' knowledge on Vermont streams translate to streams in PEI seeing that they are different.
- Kris commented that the Alliance should move slowly in this venture regarding the campaign so that groups can build capacity, in terms of showing leadership and developing materials and resources. We will wait until the strategic plan rolls out for any action.

6) Reports

- a) Financial Update**
 - See folder for Update
- b) Project Manager/ED Update**
 - See folder for Update
- c) Equipment Manager Update**
 - See folder for Update
- d) 2BT Coordinator Update**
 - See folder for Update
- e) Review Forward Agenda**
 - See folder for Update
- f) Other**

In-camera session for discussion