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TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING
Monday June 2, 2014 – 7.00 PM
Hatzic Prairie Community Hall, 10845 Farms Road, Hatzic Prairie

MINUTES

In Attendance: Doug McNeill (Chair)
Deb McKay (Vice Chair)
Gus Derewenko
Ernest Loewen
Peter Schalkx
Doug Sinitsin

Larry Wiens – project manager
Peter Hanslo – administrator and finance officer
Ron Beck – dike manager

Absent: Craig Brooks (with apologies; work-related)
Steve Dimond (out of province)
Brett Vander Wyk (with apologies; work-related)
Bruce Edwards (with apologies; on assignment for DAID)

Ratepayers in attendance: 14

Call to Order: Chair 7.11 pm.

Motion: To adopt meeting agenda June 2, 2014.
P.Schalkx/E.Loewen. Vote: unanimous.

Motion: To adopt minutes May 5, 2014.
D.McKay/P.Schalkx. Vote: unanimous.

Sign : May 5, 2014 minutes signed by Chair

Motion: To adopt in-camera meeting minutes May 5, 2014.
D.McKay/P.Schalkx. Vote: unanimous.

Sign: May 5, 2014 in-camera meeting minutes signed by Chair.

REPORTS

Dike and pump station maintenance report:	Ron Beck	Refer appendix 1.
Administration and finance report:	P. Hanslo	Refer appendix 1.
Project management report:	L. Wiens	Refer appendix 2.

BUSINESS

“Experience the Fraser” project

Following the presentation made at the May 5, 2014 board meeting by FVRD’s representatives David Urban and Troy Jones, some of the issues and concerns raised by board members and district property owners during question period were:

- ecological and wildlife concerns with an anticipated increase in the number of visitors to the nature park and boat launch;
- the narrow access route from the Lougheed Highway along River Road to the nature park;
- noise factor on River Road with an expected increase in traffic flow;
- general maintenance and clean-up issues after public visitation hours;
- water craft exceeding posted speed limit on the Slough;
- dike slope erosion caused by speedboat backwash;
- improvement to toilet facilities in nature park;
- improve quality of staffing at gated entrance to nature park;
- public liability insurance issues.

Mr. Hanslo provided a recap of a meeting held on November 10, 2012 attended by the following representatives from FVRD and DAID, to discuss Dewdney nature park/boat launch issues: Doug Wilson (Director Parks Board-FVRD), Carl von Einsiedel, Elske von Hardenberg, Doug McNeill, Wayne Robertson, Peter Hanslo (all DAID) and Hardy Hooge (Nicomen Island Improvement District). Information provided by Mr. Wilson at that time was that:

- the 2012 season started late (early August) because of high water and closed around mid-November;
- 2012 park revenues were between \$4,000 - \$5,000 with operational expenditures around \$20,000;
- potable toilets were provided on-site;
- the facility was protected by \$5 million liability insurance cover;
- FVRD future plans for the park included: upgrading toilet facilities, setting up an information kiosk, providing park rules hand-outs, possibly consulting with a professional engineer on the subject of damage to the dike.

The Dewdney Nature Park lease, or Licence of Occupation, is of a 3-year duration starting January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2015.

The following additional issues were raised by district property owners and board members at this evening's meeting:

- improvements to park signage information to include dates and times of operation;
- improve positioning of signage;
- upgrading FVRD general maintenance and management of the facility;
- define benefits to district and local community of an expansion program at the Dewdney Nature Park;

A motion: To strike a sub-committee made up of representatives from the DAID board of trustees together with representatives from local district property owners to meet with FVRD Parks Board members for discussions related to the Dewdney Nature Park, and to report back to the board.

Proposed by: D. McKay

Seconded by: P. Schalkx

Passed unanimously.

The following volunteers agreed to represent:

DAID board: G. Derewenko, B. Vander Wyk (suggested by W. Robertson), D. McNeill (alt.)

Property owners: W. Robertson, F. Von Hardenberg, R.(Bob) Scarrow

Contact will be made with FVRD Parks Board manager Christina Vugteveen to schedule a date, convenient for all parties, for a meeting to discuss matters further.

- **Ratepayers' question period**

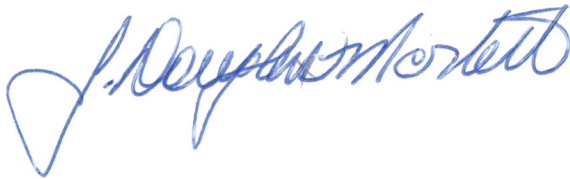
All questions raised by district property owners during the course of the evening's meeting, were responded to by DAID board members and staff.

- **Set date, time and location of next board meeting.**

Next board meeting scheduled for Monday July 14, 2014 starting 7.00 pm held at the Hatzic Prairie Community Hall, 10845 Farms Road, Hatzic Prairie. B.C.

- **Meeting adjourned.**

8.58 pm

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APPENDIX 1

Dike maintenance manager report: R. Beck

- Spring mowing of inside and outside dike slopes completed by Wes McKimmon over a recent 3-day period.
- Pump #1 of new pump system currently in operation.
- The pump log book shows that the new pumps were operational for 744 hours in May this year – the lowest usage in the last three years for the month of May.
- A grease discharge and vibration on old system pump #2 still requires inspection by Corix Utilities Inc. Mr. Hanslo will contact Corix's Albert Godin to schedule a visit for inspection and repair purposes.

End of report.

Administration and finance officer report: P. Hanslo

- Thanks extended to Brenda Koop for her ongoing volunteer work to have DAID's meeting notices posted on community notice boards.
- DAID financial statements for period January 1, 2014 to April 30, 2014 circulated to trustees May 14, 2014.
- All DAID 2014 diking tax statements prepared, printed and mailed out by May 26, 2014.

End of report.

APPENDIX 2

Project manager report: L. Wiens

New Pump Station

- DAID celebrated the Grand Opening of new Hatzic pump station on Saturday May 3, 2014. Function was well-advertised and attended by many district ratepayers and visitors who partook in the festivities;
- thanks extended to all those who helped to make the event a success;
- first of the new pumps began operations Tuesday May 6 for start of 2014 freshet season;
- for next 25 days in May pumps ran for a total of 744 hours. May 2014 had a greater rainfall than the average over the last few years, but DAID log books show that pumping hours this year were below the average for previous years;
- initial difficulties experienced with the new pumps were sorted out with the assistance of Weir and Bedford Pumps technicians, and all are now working well;
- we have noticed increased pumping capacity with the new pumps e.g on May 8-9 with two pumps running the lake level dropped by 25cm (10").

New Flood Box Intake Gate Controls

- I am currently working on the draft of a "Gates Control Operating Procedure" document;
- as this is the first year that the new flood box intake gates will be used, the results will be closely monitored to assist in producing a working document for use in future years; the proposed "draft" will remain a work-in-progress for 2014, to be completed in 2015;
- thanks and appreciation extended to Mr. Ernie Loewen for his input in providing the following set of working guidelines for first-year operational procedures:
 - ✓ the gates must be in position before the Fraser River water level is lower than the Hatzic Lake level;
 - ✓ when the gates are set at 2.44 metres above sea level (asl) lake levels at 2.44 metres will automatically run over the top. If water needs to be released, one or more gates can be raised;
 - ✓ Bruce Edwards will monitor future precipitation events that may necessitate draining off water to extend the holding capacity of Hatzic Lake;
 - ✓ In order to meet DFO regulations flood box #4 outflow gate will be held open during the use of the other gates to allow a two-way fish passage from Hatzic Lake;
 - ✓ for the current year (2014) Hatzic Lake water levels will be held up until September 3 after which date, and over the next five days, lake water levels will be drawn down.
 - ✓ these dates may be extended if the cleanout in Hatzic Lake cannot proceed as planned.

End of report.