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TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING

Wednesday July 29, 2015 – 7.00 PM

Hatzic Prairie Community Hall, 10845 Farms Road, Hatzic Prairie

MINUTES

In Attendance: Doug McNeill (Chair)

Gus Derewenko

Ernest Loewen

Deb McKay

David Scott

Doug Sinitsin

Brett Vander Wyk

Peter Hanslo – administrator and finance officer

Larry Wiens – project manager

Ron Beck – facilities operations manager

Bruce Edwards – engineering consultant

Absent: Christian Leuzinger (work related)

Peter Schalkx (work related)

Darrell McDonald – assistant dike manager

Ratepayers: 26

Call to Order: Chair 7.07 pm.

- **Motion** to adopt July 29, 2015 meeting agenda subject to the addition of a motion allowing operations manager Larry Wiens to have discussions with MLA Simon Gibson on the issue of funding for control of the flowering rush and milfoil problems.
D. Sinitsin/D.Scott Vote: unanimous in favour. Motion adopted.
- **Motion** to adopt June 24, 2015 meeting minutes.
D.McKay/D.Scott. Vote: unanimous in favour. Motion adopted.
- June 24, 2015 meeting minutes signed.

- **Motion** to adopt June 24, 2015 in-camera meeting minutes.
D. McKay/E. Loewen. Vote: unanimous in favour. Motion adopted.
- June 24, 2015 in-camera meeting minutes signed.
- **Motion** to adopt Resolution to renew DAID's \$200,000 (two hundred thousand 00/100 dollars) line of credit at CIBC Mission branch from July 31, 2015 to January 31, 2016 when all Intake 2013 (account #00220-010-3334511) contractors payments should have been completed and EMBC claim reimbursements received. Line of credit to be secured by DAID's current \$208,728.37 term deposit at CIBC. D. McKay/D. Sinitsin. Vote: unanimous in favour. Motion adopted.
- Resolution for renewal of DAID's \$200,000 line of credit at CIBC Mission branch signed.

Motion: To empower Larry Wiens on DAID's behalf to pursue discussions with the provincial government regarding funding to control the flowering rush and milfoil problems in Hatzic Lake and tributaries. D. McKay/D. Scott. Vote: 6 in favour Abstention: 1. Motion adopted.

REPORTS:

- **Dike maintenance manager report:** Ron Beck – appendix 1
- **Administration and finance officer report:** P. Hanslo – appendix 1
- **Project manager report:** L. Wiens – appendix 2

OLD BUSINESS

Dewdney Nature Park/Boat Launch lease (tabled DAID June 24, 2015 board meeting)

DAID's 3-year lease of the Dewdney Nature Park/Boat Launch to Fraser Valley Regional District expires December 31, 2015 (lease signed January 1, 2013). Although still five months from lease expiry date the board should start considering its options for renewal or non-renewal.

Dewdney Boat Launch Committee met on March 16, 2015. Select Committee members are:

DAID board members: G. Derewenko

E. Loewen

D. McKay (Chair)

B. Vander Wyk

District ratepayers: M. Davies

R. Dekker

D. Durante

W. Robertson

F. von Hardenberg

Motion: To table this matter for discussion at the October 2015 trustees board meeting.
D. McKay/E. Loewen. Vote: unanimous in favour. Motion adopted.

Ratepayers' question period

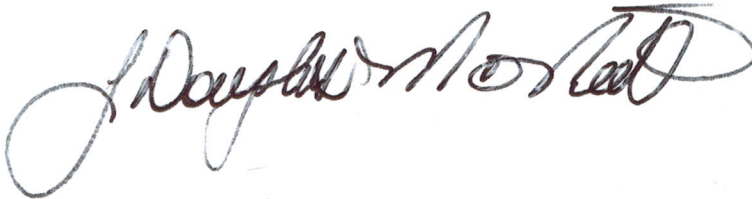
DAID project manager Larry Wiens responded to all questions and inquiries regarding the latest water levels on Hatzic Lake and Hatzic Slough. On another subject one ratepayer questioned the fairness of the way in which diking taxes were being levied – that being an annual mill rate applied to a property's current year assessed value. She referenced Improvement District Manual section C page 28 paragraph 3 and Local Government Act section 757 (1) (9) as a starting point for a possible review of the DAID diking tax system. The administrator will study that material and report back on his findings at the next board meeting.

All other 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 Wednesday September 9, 2015 starting 7.00 pm held at the Hatzic Prairie Community Hall, 10845 Farms Road, Hatzic Prairie. B.C.

Meeting adjourned: 9.35 pm

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Douglas McLeod". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "J." and last name "McLeod" being the most prominent parts.

APPENDIX 1

Dike maintenance manager report: R. Beck

- June 24: closed slide gates (with panels on) assisted by trustee David Scott.
- June 26: opened flood gate #4 to let river water in and also opened slide gate #4, with the help of Wayne Robertson, to let river water in faster.
- June 28: closed slide gate #4.
- July 7: removed added panels on #1, #2 and #3 to let water out.
- July 8: put panels back on.
- July 23: pounded #1 and #2 slide gates.
- July 25: removed additional panels on #1 and #2 slide gates.
- July 26: removed additional panel on #3 slide gate.
- July 27: put all panels back on.

End of report.

Administrator and finance officer report: P. Hanslo

- Intake 2013 update report (Hatzic Slough Sediment Management project) for June submitted to EMBC July 10, 2015.
- January to June 2015 financials completed and circulated to all trustees July 10, 2015.
- Diking taxes collected for year to-date: \$132,597
- Outstandings due and payable September 30, 2015: \$292,338.
- In response to a question as to why the DAID June 24, 2015 minutes had not yet been posted to the DAID website, it was explained that minutes posted to the website required the Chair's signature before posting. The June 24 minutes, signed at this evening's meeting, would thus be posted within the next day-or-two.
- Tribute paid to Brenda Koop for distributing DAID meeting notices with regularity. Meeting attendances show marked improvements over the last while with numbers up from about 3-4 per meeting to an average now of over 20 per meeting.

End of report.

APPENDIX 2

Project manager report: L. Wiens

- The project manager reported that construction of the 12 sand recovery stations (Intake 2013 program) was scheduled to start August 17, 2015 to be finished by September 15, 2015.
- It was also reported that recent surveys have shown that sites for eleven of the 12 sand recovery stations have been designated for construction on Crown Land. Mr. Wiens is taking whatever steps are necessary to resolve this matter.
- The rest of the project manager's reporting time was taken up by responding to ratepayers' questions relating to Hatzic Lake and Hatzic Slough water levels.

End of report