

TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING
Hatzic Prairie Community Hall, 10845 Farms Road, Hatzic Prairie
Sept. 24, 2018 – 7 PM

MINUTES

In Attendance: Ray Boucher
Debbie McKay
Jim Loewen
Steve Anderson
Richard Astell
Richard Shelley
Heather Thompson
Greg Hawksby
Brett VanderWyk

Guests: 74 Ratepayers

Absent: None

Call to Order: Ray Boucher – 7 pm.

Motion: To adopt, Sept. 24, 2018 meeting agenda.
Jim Loewen/Richard Shelley Opposed: None **Motion: Adopted**

Motion: To adopt June 18, 2018 Trustee meeting minutes.
Richard Astell/ Debbie McKay Opposed: None **Motion: Adopted**

Signed: June 18, 2018 Trustee meeting minutes - Ray Boucher.

Reports:

Dike Manager: Ron Beck - *See Appendix (1)*
Admin/Finance: Susan Livingston - *See Appendix (2)*
Operations Report: Dave Scott *See Appendix (3)*



OLD BUSINESS:

2018 Diking Taxes: Deb McKay – *See Appendix (4)*

Water Permit: Ray Boucher- Discussed DAID/ FVRD alliance re: 2018 STU Short Term Use water licence. *See Appendix (5)*. Read FLNROD directive re water license and water release.

NEW BUSINESS:

DAID'S Role re:

Hatzic Lake Water Quality: Ray Boucher – DAID responsibility does not extend to lake water quality. Appropriate Ministries reviewed fish kill and took water samples of lake and watercourses feeding the lake.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS: Public questions were answered by Trustees.

Date for next Trustee board meeting: October 22, 2018.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 pm.

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Dike Manager Report – Ron Beck – Sept. 24, 2018

July 11 – Shut off pump. 1038 – total freshet pump hours.
July 18 – PM flood gates open.
July 19 – Slide gates down.
July 22 – Wes finished mowing outside of dike.
Aug. 4 – Cut grass around pump house.
Sept. 4 – Removed logs from flood gates with backhoe. Dave and Ron helped.
Sept. 20 – Raised 1 slide gate 18 inches. 4 WEED people at pumphouse.
Sept. 22 – WEED people at pumphouse.

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DAID ADMIN/FINANCIAL REPORT – Susan Livingston – Sept. 24, 2018

Accounts Receivable cheques are coming in at a steady pace. We have a lot of postdated cheques. For people with concerns about the pending postal strike or who want to pay cash we will be at 8400 Shook Road at Everglades Resort this Saturday from 10 to 12 noon.

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Operations Report - Dave Scott – Sept. 24, 2018

Dewdney Area Improvement District - Site Visit Report

Location: Summer Report

PROJECT SITE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

PERSONNEL

EQUIPMENT

Visitors

DS supplied Kayak for weed monitoring

Sterling Chan, Katerina Duke FVRD July 1-3
Sandra Jenson, Derek, Kevin(contractor) July 8-9
Alicia Saunders, Invasive species branch Sept. 20-22
Derek, Invasive species branch sept. 24-

WORK PROGRESS

Finalized the insurance for this year in the hospital.

Project Update:

August - FVRD collected info and Data Loggers for 2 days, 1 on the water and second day up the valley. 2 days spent with the ministry mapping the lake for Flowering Rush requested the map and overlays from previous surveys but have not received them.

Throughout the summer correspondence for algae bloom and FR mapping with the invasive species branch for the FR and facilitating the crews entering the sites.

Sept 4 - Sandra Jenson requested that the water be held until they figure out what to do about FR getting into the river. 2 weeks of conference calls and inquiries on how the system works so that FLNROD could write an order. This order was received and revised to suit DS request, on September 20th

Sept. 20 - Alicia Saunders arrived at my house to start the release of water and FR monitoring opened gate #4, 850mm and then the rains hit hard limiting the draw down, some adjustments were made but lake was just maintained because the gate system only works one way. Adjustments were made over the next 4 days and on Monday with the clear weather pattern the lake started to recede, losing 2cm/4hours

Reports are being sent daily to Sandra and this work is ongoing. Derek arrives tonight.

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2018 Dyking Taxes

August 7, 2018

- DAID received approval from the Ministry of Community Services for our 2018 Taxation ByLaw #77 that was submitted June 22, 2018.

August 20, 2018

- DAID Taxation invoices were mailed to property owners.
- Survey supplied by FVRD as part of the conditions FVRD & DAID committed to the Province was sent with the DAID taxation notice. 185 surveys were sent to the properties as stated in the Survey, i.e. properties surrounding Hatzic Lake and Hatzic Slough up to Dale Road. One survey was sent to each property.
- FVRD was supplied with a listing of the properties the survey was mailed to.

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2018 Water License

- **June 29, 2018** – Meeting facilitated by Pam Alexis Mission Councillor held at FVRD to bring all parties together. Discussed FNLNRO letters, DAID efforts to get permanent water license, previous assessment level of 2.2 not adequate, lake infill, mid-summer lake drain impact on irrigation, fish, fire fighting resource, economical benefits to local and Mission merchants and recreational use.
- **July 12, 2018** – Meeting at FVRD with FVRD, Letts Environmental Consultants, & DAID Chari & Trustees to discuss Hatzic Lake issues and Lake level application. FVRD role in helping to pursue a STU Short Term Use licence for 2018
- **July 15, 2018** – DAID Trustees met to discuss FVRD meetings and letter of commitment to FVRD.
- **July 18, 2018** FVRD sent letter to Ministry of Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development (FLNROD) advising DAID had requested FVRD to assist with obtaining a water use approval for 2018 and FVRD letter of commitment to the Ministry.
- **July 20, 2018** Water Use Approval for 2018 was received from the FLNROD.
- Gates were put into operation.

A special thank you goes to Paul Gibbs FVRD (Chief Administrative Officer) who gave 150% commitment to assist in getting the approval and gates in operation (taking phone calls while on holiday, and long after his day had ended). Also to FVRD staff Sterling Chan, Tariq Islam, and Katarina Duke who have worked with DAID staff and Trustees over the summer, during all of the issues that were experienced on Hatzic Lake.