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**TRUSTEE MEETING**  
**Hatzic Prairie Hall – 10845 Farms Road**  
**September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 -7:00pm**

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance:** Ray Boucher                      Deb McKay                      Richard Astell  
Steve Anderson                      Ross Thompson                      Jim Loewen  
Greg Hawksby                      Rick Dekker                      Elske Von Hardenberg

Dave Scott, Operations Manager  
Ron Beck, Dyke Manager  
Heather Thompson, Administrator

**Land Owners:** 4 ratepayers were in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Deb McKay, Chair – 7:00 pm.

**Motion:** To adopt September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting agenda.  
Ray Boucher/Ross Thompson                      Opposed: None                      **Motion: Adopted**

**Motion:** To adopt June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Trustee meeting minutes.  
Elske Von Hardenberg/Ray Boucher                      Opposed: None                      **Motion: Adopted**

**Signed:** June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Trustee meeting minutes – Deb McKay, Chair

**Motion:** To adopt July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Special Trustee meeting minutes.  
Greg Hawksby/Ross Thompson                      Opposed: None                      **Motion: Adopted**

**Signed:** July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Special Trustee meeting minutes – Deb McKay, Chair

**Operations Report:** Dave Scott

- Continue with meetings for the Hatzic Lake Recovery and the Climate Readiness programs, however as of the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, this group has now been renamed Hatzic Watershed Stewardship Group, to fully encompass all aspects of the area. With the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting, DAID was invited to submit an EOI (Expression of Interest) to participate in applying for funds announced by the Province of BC to support infrastructure maintenance and upgrades.
- On August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 DAID received an email from [Fraser Valley Flood Mitigation Program](#), that the EOI was accepted and the IAF (Investment Agriculture Foundation) has identified a potential collaboration partner for DAID with the Leq'a:mel First Nation, to submit a full application by September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Security system has now been installed, with 6 security cameras, and to date they have proved to be very beneficial.

- \*- **Due to poor economic conditions (pulp mill shut down and log markets) as well as the Level 5 drought, the proposed logging on Kruger land has been postponed.**
- Lake is now in the draw down phase, started on Sep 4<sup>th</sup> and will be completed by Sep 20<sup>th</sup>. The water was held back longer than usual due to the drought. Becky Brown and crew have been working on removing some invasive species while the water is low.

**Dyke Report:** Ron Beck

- Total hours for the 2023 Freshet were 382 hours.

**Admin/Finance:** Heather Thompson

- Continue to work on collection of delinquent accounts.
- CIBC two GIC's were renewed in August to Variable Rate GIC's for another one-year term. Investment income earned from matured GIC's was close to \$20,000.

**Old Business:** July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 EOI submitted as 1<sup>st</sup> step to be in line for government funds announced earlier for aid in the agriculture sector.

- Deb McKay and Dave Scott gave a more detailed overview as what this entailed and the different organization involved. Urban Systems was brought on board by FVRD to help DAID navigate the application process and along with Associated Engineering, who designed DAID's current pump system, the project in the forefront is upgrading the aging pumpstation and electrical room.
- Nothing is firm as of yet, but DAID will continue to provide the necessary information to move forward and Dave Scott will contact Urban Systems for more clarification on the collaboration with Leq'a:mel First Nations and what projects to submit for review.
- Within the next step, it has been requested that DAID and local farmers provide letters of support for the application process, templates are in the process.

**Public Questions:**

- There were no questions at the time.

**Date for next Trustee meeting:**

- It was recommended by Heather Thompson, Administrator, that in person meeting be held every 6 weeks instead of monthly. This can be adjusted depending on demand.
- **Next Meeting:** October 30th, 2023 @ 7pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:40pm

- Amended 9/23

