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**Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting
June 22, 2016 10:00am – 1:30 pm
Old Train Station
4922 52 Ave., Vegreville, AB**

Attending: Pat Gordeyko (Town of Two Hills), Dave Berry (Town of Vegreville), Myron Hayduk (Mayor – Town of Vegreville), Ed Parke (County of Vermilion River), Dwight Dach (County of St. Paul), Aimee Boese (Beaver County), Roger Konieczny (Minburn County), Kerri O’Shaughnessy (Cows and Fish), Stacey Hryciuk, (County Vermilion River), Willie Babiuk (Town of Two Hills), Richard Yaceyko (Town of Vermilion), Joe Machney (News Advertiser), Dale Collison (Beaver County), Carlin Soehn (AEP), Al Corbett (Alberta Drainage Council), Chris Elder (County of Vermilion River), Jamie Bruha (AEP), Michael Barr (NAWMP), Candace Vanin, (Agriculture Canada), Rob Hughes, Theo Charette (CPP), Michelle Desaulniers (CPP), Jeremy Massell (Habit HQ)

NSWA Staff: David Trew, Billie Milholland, Mara Erickson, Elisa Brose, Brittany Jackson

Minutes

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome and Call to Order

Pat Gordeyko called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. and asked all present to introduce themselves. He introduced Mayor Hayduk who brought greetings on behalf of the Town of Vegreville.

Pat Gordeyko gave a summary of the history of work in the Vermilion River watershed since 2006 and thanked the many people and organizations that have been involved. He gave an overview of the work that is ongoing, in partnership with the NSWA. The VRWA became a not for profit Society in July 2015.

2.0 VRWA Society Business

2.1 Annual Report NSWA Society

David Trew of the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance reported on the work of the NSWA during 2015-16, in particular the municipal watershed partnerships that have formed in the Vermilion River area, the Sturgeon River area, and the Headwaters area. These partnerships have evolved out of the Steering Committee concept originally used for the development of the Vermilion River Watershed Management Plan. Trew also gave a summary of the work that the NSWA has completed in various regions, the technical reports that have been completed in 2015-16 (including the Golder and CPP reports for the Vermilion River projects).

Billie Milholland of the NSWA gave a presentation on the content of the new book “Living in the Shed”, the educational opportunities that the book offers, and how the book has been distributed in the Vermilion River region to date.

2.2 Annual Report VRWA Society

Mara Erickson of the NSWA presented the 2015-2016 Annual Report for the VRWA. She outlined the grant funding received for the wetland and riparian area restoration and enhancement projects in the Vermilion River basin. (Grants received are Environment Canada Eco Action, Environment Canada NWCF, and Alberta Environment and Parks – WRRP)

Mara thanked the various consultants for their contracted work (Golder Associates, CPP, Cows and Fish and Sal Figliuzzi). Several reports have been received.

The NSWA in partnership with the VRWA held several events including an Educational Forum in August 2015, project launches in communities to connect with landowners (Marwayne, Bruce, Two Hills, Mannville, Vegreville), as well as displays at the Agrivisions and Two Hills Trade shows.

Twenty-five (25) project proposals were received, and work is underway to choose appropriate sites for restoration and conservation. A VRWA website is being developed by Habit HQ, as well as a film about the stewardship projects.

Gordeyko: That the 2015-16 Annual Report be approved.

CARRIED

2.3 Financial Report

Trew presented the 2015-16 Financial Statement. A signed financial statement is a requirement of Alberta Registries.

Dach: That the 2015-16 Financial Statement for the VRWA be approved

CARRIED

2.4 Elections of Officers

Officers will be appointed for a two-year term. At the April 2016 Board meeting it was decided that up to 15 directors will be on the inaugural VRWA Board.

The four principal officers were elected first:

For the position of President:

Ed Parke was nominated by Pat Gordeyko, seconded by Jamie Bruha

Acclaimed

For the position of Vice-President:

Pat Gordeyko was nominated by Michael Barr, seconded by Bill Babiuk

Acclaimed

For the position of Treasurer:

Bill Babiuk, was nominated by Pat Gordeyko, seconded by Richard Yaceyko

Acclaimed.

For the position of Secretary:

Dave Berry was nominated by Ed Parke, seconded by Vanin

Acclaimed

The following people were nominated for the Directors positions:

Candace Vanin was nominated by M. Barr – seconded by J. Bruha	Acclaimed
Michael Barr was nominated by C. Vanin – seconded S. Hryciuk	Acclaimed
Roger Konieczny was nominated by C. Vanin – seconded W. Babiuk	Acclaimed
Stacey Hryciuk was nominated by W. Babiuk – seconded by M. Barr	Acclaimed
Richard Yaceyko was nominated by C. Vanin – seconded M.Barr	Acclaimed
Dale Collison was nominated by R. Yaceyko - seconded by C. Vanin	Acclaimed
Dwight Dach was nominated by R.Konieczny – seconded R. Yaceyko	Acclaimed
Chris Elder was nominated by C. Vanin – seconded by W. Babiuk	Acclaimed
Al Corbett was nominated by C. Vanin – seconded M. Barr	Acclaimed
(AEP) was nominated by M. Barr – seconded P. Gordeyko	Acclaimed
(Holden Drainage District) was nominated by P. Gordeyko – seconded R. Yaceyko	Acclaimed

Vanin moved that the nominations for these 11 Director positions be accepted and approved (seconded P. Gordeyko)

CARRIED

2.5 Acknowledgments

The VRWA and the NSWA would like to acknowledge the hard work of Marilou Montemayor, NSWA Watershed Planner from 2014-2016 – a gift will be delivered to her by David Trew.

2.6 Closing Remarks

Ed Parke thanked Pat Gordeyko for all of his work in helping to make the Vermilion River watershed work successful.

2.7 Adjournment

Konieczny: Moved that the 2016 VRWA AGM be adjourned

CARRIED

Following the business meeting, two project updates were presented: CPP Environmental (*Vermilion River Aquatic Species and Habitat Survey*) and Habit HQ (the new VRWA website)