



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 4, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Remote via Zoom

Members Present: Al Broad, Pat Brown, Chair; Terry Burrell, Frank Kennes, Betty Ann MacKinnon, Steve Miller, Kristen Rodrigues, Lorie Scott, Vice Chair

Regrets: Rhonda Jubenville

Staff Present: Chris Durand, Manager of IT/ GIS; Ashley Fletcher, Administrative Assistant/Board Coordinator; Chunng Li, Director of Corporate Services; Ken Phillips, General Manager; Tim Payne, Manager of Forestry;

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested that each Director declare a conflict of interest at the appropriate time, on any item within this agenda in that a Director may have pecuniary interest.

1. Land Acknowledgement

A land acknowledgment was read by Chair, Pat Brown which recognized the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority watershed as part of the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Chonnonton Nations, who have a sacred responsibility to preserve the land and water of southwestern Ontario. Also acknowledged are the Treaties that allow the SCRCA to work alongside the First Nation Communities of Kettle and Stony Point, Aamjiwnaang and Bkejwanong to ensure we share the responsibility of preserving the land and water.

2. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Pat Brown, who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

EC-24-12

Burrell – Scott

“That the Executive Committee adopts the agenda for the meeting as presented.”

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

5. McKeough Upstream Agricultural Land Lease Vacancies

Comments:

Directors discussed the loss of revenue and potential budget implications for 2025.

Concerns were expressed regarding the process of the proposed action; however, it was noted that seasonal time constraints would not allow for the full execution of the tendering process and further, failure to act immediately would negatively impact soil quality and eliminate the opportunity for partial recovery of revenue.

Staff are directed to request the operator of the land to adjust the proposed use of fertilizer from 250lbs/acre to 150lbs/acre to support the growth of winter wheat and limit the runoff of phosphate.

Staff are directed to remove the termination clause from future land lease agreements. Staff informed the committee that a review of the agricultural land strategy, agreement templates and budget are forthcoming to the full Board of Directors meeting.

EC-24-13

Burrell – Kennes

“That the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Directors receives this report for information and approves staff to lease vacated farmland through the share crop method any lands which can support the planting of wheat in the fall of 2024, and approves the tendering of the remaining lands in early 2025 for a one-year lease term and further, approves the use of the appropriate reserve to fund any short falls to the McKeough Upstream Lands in the 2025 budget period.”

CARRIED

6. New Business

Under new business, General Manager (GM) Ken Phillips informed the Committee of the resignation of Director of Water Resources, Girish Sankar effective October 25, 2024. Girish had accepted a position with Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) Authority and we wish him the best. CVC has agreed to allow SCRCA to access Girish for information and advice on existing projects, as needed until such time a replacement has been found.

Emery Huszka has reported to have received notification from the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (The Ministry) that his appointment as Agricultural Representative with SCRCA is concluded effective August, 2024. To date, SCRCA has not received confirmation from the Ministry regarding this change to our membership. Mr. Huszka has prepared a statement that he would like read at the next Board of Directors meeting.

7. Adjournment

EC-24-14

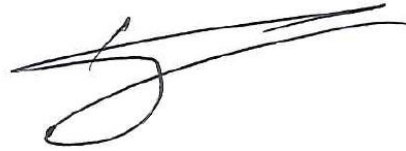
Scott – MacKinnon

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED



Pat Brown
Chair



Ken Phillips
General Manager