



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: April 17, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

SCRCA Administration Office  
205 Millpond Cres., Strathroy

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**Directors Present:** John Brennan, Pat Brown, Greg Grimes, Chair; Sue Cates, Frank Kennes, Don McCabe, Don McCallum, Steve Miller, Kristen Rodrigues, Vice-Chair; Ian Veen, Jerry Westgate, Brian White

**Directors Remote:** Al Broad, Terry Burrell, Aaron Hall, Rhonda Jubenville

**Directors Regrets:** Adam Kilner, Brad Loosley, Betty Ann MacKinnon, Lorie Scott

**Staff Present:** Donna Blue, Manager of Communications; Emily De Cloet, Interim Flood Forecasting and Warning Coordinator; Melissa Deisley, Director of Planning and Regulations; Chris Durand, Manager of IT and GIS; Emily Febrey, Communication and Outreach Specialist; Ashley Fletcher, Administrative Assistant and Board Coordinator; Kate Jamieson, Payroll/Accounting Clerk; Chunng Li, Director of Corporate Services; Tim Payne, Manager of Forestry; Ken Phillips, General Manager; Kelli Smith, Lands Technician; Greg Wilcox, Manager of Lands;

**Guests:** Chad Anderson, Ralph Eyre

### 1. Land Acknowledgement

A land acknowledgment was read by General Manager, Ken Phillips 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, Greg Grimes, who, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Brad Loosley of the Town of Petrolia was welcomed back to the SCRCA Board of Directors, replacing the appointment of Ross O'Hara. Ross O'Hara was thanked for his dedicated service to the Board.

### 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

The Chair 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.

#### **4. Approval of the Agenda**

**BD-25-26**

**Veen – Kennes**

**“That the agenda for the Annual General Meeting be adopted.”**

**CARRIED**

#### **5. Minutes**

##### **5.1 Board of Directors March 19, 2025 Minutes**

**BD-25-27**

**Brown – White**

**“That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held March 19, 2025, be approved as distributed.”**

**CARRIED**

#### **6. Presentations**

##### **6.1 Lambton Cattlemen’s Association**

**BD-25-28**

**Kennes – Cates**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledge the presentation delivered by representatives of the Lambton Cattlemen’s Association regarding their initiative to create a community pasture.”**

**CARRIED**

##### **6.2 Related Report**

#### **Comments:**

Staff are directed to negotiate with the Lambton Cattlemen’s Association with the intent of reducing the economic impact on member municipalities. Suggestions include:

- Counter offer of \$150.00 per acre
- Potential special levy to the hosting municipality
- Provision of wording within the lands strategy to indicate that offers of this nature be revenue-neutral
- Clarification on ownership and responsibility of fencing

**BD-25-29**

**McCabe – Veen**

**“That the board of directors acknowledges the report dated March 31, 2025 regarding the proposed partnership with the Lambton Cattlemen’s Association in creating a community pasture and support the presented concept/model; and further, direct staff to continue discussions with the Lambton Cattlemen’s Association and bring back a proposed agreement to the Board.”**

**CARRIED**

**7. Staff Reports**

**7.1 Hearing Board**

**Comments:**

Directors volunteered to take positions on the Hearing Board. One position remained open at the time of the meeting. Staff are directed to e-mail board members not in attendance to offer the opportunity to express their interest.

**BD-25-30**

**White – Kennes**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledge the report, dated April 7, 2025 regarding the establishment of a Hearing Board and nominate the following 9 Directors to the SCRCA Hearing Board for 2025, with the Chair and Vice Chair as ex-officio: Terry Burrell, Pat Brown, Sue Cates, Rhonda Jubenville, Frank Kennes, Don McCabe, Jerry Westgate, Brian White and one additional board member to be determined.”**

**CARRIED**

**7.2 Conservation Ontario Council**

General Manager, Ken Phillips provided a verbal update on the April 14, 2025 Conservation Ontario Council.

- Dave Barton, Mayor of Uxbridge was elected Chair of the council with Ed McGugan of Maitland Valley and Pat Warren of Kawartha Lakes elected as Vice Chair.
- A report was provided demonstrating that permit timelines were reached at a rate of 96%.
- A reformation of the DART committee will convene in late April, 2025, which involves Provincial, Municipal and Conservation Authority representation.
- Conservation Ontario 2024 Annual Report has been published. A copy was shared with directors.

**BD-25-31**

**Miller – Westgate**

**“That the Board of Directors receive for information the verbal report concerning the April 14, 2025 Conservation Ontario Annual General Meeting.”**

**CARRIED**

### **7.3 Direct Award of Agricultural Leases**

**BD-25-32**

**Brown – White**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges this report dated March 24, 2025 and further approves of direct awarding the agricultural leases for L.C. Henderson and Warwick Conservation Areas to agricultural tenants operating on neighbouring lands with direct access to Authority agricultural fields, provided a satisfactory rental agreement can be obtained.”**

**CARRIED**

## **8. Informational Items**

### **8.1 (a) Business Arising**

**Comments:**

It is requested that staff draft a letter to the Provincial government, lobbying for the expansion of weather stations and flood data availability.

#### **8.1 (b) Current Watershed Conditions**

#### **8.1 (c) Regulations Activity Summary**

#### **8.1 (d) Planning Activity Summary**

#### **8.1 (e) Revenue and Expenditures**

#### **8.1 (f) Disbursements**

#### **8.1 (g) General Levy Update**

**Comments:**

Directors congratulate RAP Coordinator, Mike Moroney on his recent retirement and thank him for his important contributions to the bi-national efforts of the St. Clair River Area of Concern.

### **8.1 (h) St. Clair River AOC**

**Comments:**

Staff were congratulated on their successful social media campaigns and outreach.

#### **8.1 (i) Communications Update**

#### **8.1 (j) Education Update**

**BD-25-33**

**Rodrigues – White**

**“That the Board of Directors approves the consent agenda and receives the accompanying items 8.1 (a) through 8.1 (j) as information.”**

**CARRIED**

**9. Correspondence**

No correspondence was recorded.

**10. In-Camera**

**BD-25-34**

**Veen – Brennan**

**“That the Board of Directors go in-camera at 11:30 a.m. to discuss matters relating to SCRCA-owned land with only the General Manager, Board Coordinator and Manager of Forestry remaining present.”**

**CARRIED**

**BD-25-35**

**Rodrigues – Cates**

**“That the Board of Directors rise and report at 12:10 p.m.”**

**CARRIED**

**11. New Business**

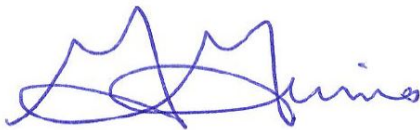
**12. Adjournment**

**BD-25-36**

**Veen – Westgate**

**“That the meeting be adjourned.”**

**CARRIED**



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**Greg Grimes**  
Chair



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**Ken Phillips**  
General Manager