

Tri-County Water Board of Management

Minutes

Date: May 21, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers
160 Main Street
West Lorne

Present: Allan Mayhew, Southwest Middlesex
Taraesa Tellier, West Elgin
Amarilis Drouillard, Dutton Dunwich
Bill Denning, West Elgin
Corey Pemberton, Dutton Dunwich
Don McCallum, Southwest Middlesex
Mike Sholdice, Southwest Middlesex
Ryan Statham, West Elgin
Darren Galbraith, Chatham-Kent
Michelle Navackas, West Elgin

Regrets: Mike Hentz, Dutton Dunwich
Kevin Derbyshire, Newbury

Staff Present: Magda Badura, CAO/Treasurer, West Elgin
Cathy Case, Clerk/Treasurer, Newbury
Robin Trepanier, OCWA
Sam Smith, OCWA
Terri Towstiuc, Recording Secretary/Clerk, West Elgin

Regrets: Dale Le Britton, OCWA
Maegan Garber, OCWA
Tracey Johnson, CAO/Treasurer, Dutton Dunwich

Also Present: R. Bouchard, General Manager/CEO, Union Water Supply System Inc.

1. Call to Order

Recording Secretary T. Towstiuc called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

TCWB 09

Moved: Allan Mayhew, Southwest Middlesex

Seconded: Bill Denning, West Elgin

That Tri-County Water Board hereby adopts the Agenda for May 21, 2024, as presented.

Disposition: Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures

4. Minutes

TCWB 10

Moved: Don McCallum, Southwest Middlesex

Seconded: Ryan Statham, West Elgin

That the Tri-County Water Board hereby adopts the minutes of February 6, 2024, as presented.

Disposition: Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

6. Delegations

6.1 Mr. Rodney Bouchard, General Manager and CEO of the Union Water Supply System Inc.

Mr. Rodney Bouchard, General Manager and CEO of the Union Water Supply System Inc. provided a presentation to the Tri-County Water Board, which detailed the restructuring journey to becoming a Municipal Services Corporation, providing independency for the board to operate, borrow, apply for grants and not affect Municipal debt capacity.

The servicing area for UWSS includes Leamington, Kingsville, Essex and Lakeshore. Board composition is based on % ownership interest and readjusted every 4 years. The board consists of 12 municipal councillors.

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Annual Report 2023

Sent to Tri-County Water Board by email March 18, 2024

TCWB 11

Moved: Amarilis Drouillard, Dutton Dunwich

Seconded: Allan Mayhew, Southwest Middlesex

That the Tri-County Water board hereby acknowledge receipt of the Annual Water Report, 2023, previously received by email, March 18, 2023.

Disposition: Carried

7.2 S. Smith - Operations Report Q1

TCWB 12

Moved: Amarilis Drouillard, Dutton Dunwich

Seconded: Darren Galbraith, Chatham-Kent

That the Tri-County Water Board hereby receives the Tri County Drinking Water System Operations Report, First Quarter 2024 dated May 17, 2024, from Sam Smith, Sr. Operations Manager, Ontario Clean Water Agency, Southwest Region

Disposition: Carried

7.3 Financials as of April 30, 2024

TCWB 13

Moved: Amarilis Drouillard, Dutton Dunwich

Seconded: Allan Mayhew, Southwest Middlesex

That Tri-County Water Board hereby acknowledge receipt of the Financials as of April 30, 2024.

Disposition: Carried

8. Discussion - Servicing Moravian on the Thames

Darren Galbraith, Chatham-Kent, advised that Moravian on the Thames is in need of water, as currently they are down to one well, with no other sources of water on the reserve. Indigenous Affairs is currently seeking funding opportunities, to allow connection to a local water distribution system. The board discussed the potential for Moravian on the Thames to connect to the Tri-County Water System via the Bothwell Water Town. This would require grant funding, and a water modeling study, and would allow water from Chatham-Kent to be sold to Moravian on the Thames.

Sam Smith, OCWA, advised that the system has capacity, and a review of the agreement would be required to confirm this route can be taken. This item will be brought back, if Moravian on the Thames has appetite to explore further.

9. Adjournment

Virtual meeting to Approve the Draft Financial Statements - Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 7:00pm.

Regular Meeting, West Elgin Council Chambers, Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 7:00pm.

TCWB 14

Moved: Allan Mayhew, Southwest Middlesex

Seconded: Bill Denning, West Elgin

That the Tri-County Water Board hereby adjourn at 8:04 pm, to meet again at 7:00pm, on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, or at the Call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried

Corey Pemberton, Chair

Terri Towstiuic, Recording Secretary