

Tri-County Water Board of Management

Minutes

Date: December 17, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Electronic Participation Meeting via Zoom

- Present:** Allan Mayhew, Southwest Middlesex
Mike Hentz, Dutton Dunwich
Amarilis Drouillard, Dutton Dunwich
Corey Pemberton, Dutton Dunwich
Don McCallum, Southwest Middlesex
Mike Sholdice, Southwest Middlesex
Darren Galbraith, Chatham-Kent
Heather Dougherty, West Elgin
- Regrets:** Taraesa Tellier, West Elgin
Bill Denning, West Elgin
Kevin Derbyshire, Newbury
Ryan Statham, West Elgin
Richard Leatham, West Elgin
- Staff Present:** Cathy Case, Clerk/Treasurer, Newbury
Sam Smith, OCWA
Tracey Johnson, CAO/Treasurer, Dutton Dunwich
Terri Towstiuc, Recording Secretary/Clerk, West Elgin
Sam Sianas, OCWA
Magda Badura, CAO/Treasurer
- Regrets:** Dale Le Britton, OCWA
Maegan Garber, OCWA
Robin Trepanier, OCWA
- Also Present:** Amanda Gubbels, CAO, Southwest Middlesex
Mack Meloche, Treasurer, Southwest Middlesex

1. Call to Order

Chair Corey Pemberton called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved: Mike Sholdice, Southwest Middlesex

Seconded: Allan Mayhew, Southwest Middlesex

That Tri-County Water Board hereby adopts the Agenda for December 17, 2024, as presented.

Disposition: Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures

4. Minutes

Moved: Darren Galbraith, Chatham-Kent

Seconded: Amarilis Drouillard, Dutton Dunwich

That the Tri-County Water Board hereby adopts the minutes of November 19, 2024, as presented.

Disposition: Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

6. Staff Reports and Items of Discussion

6.1 2025 Tri-County Insurance Renewal

The board discussed insured amounts for the infrastructure and feel that it is not in line with today's dollar. The board asked for a valuation report to be brought back in the new year.

Mr. Mayhew asked about cyber insurance, which is not included on the current policy. This will be brought back for review in the year.

Moved: Allan Mayhew, Southwest Middlesex

Seconded: Amarilis Drouillard, Dutton Dunwich

That Tri-County Water Board proceed with acceptance of the insurance policy and request staff make inquiry to insurance representatives in regard to proper asset value, question cyber security insurance, and bring back to the board.

Disposition: Carried

6.2 2025 Tri-County Budget

Moved: Allan Mayhew, Southwest Middlesex

Seconded: Mike Hentz, Dutton Dunwich

That Tri-County Water Board hereby approve the 2025 Budget and Multi-Year Forecast, as presented.

Disposition: Carried

6.3 2025 Meeting Schedule

Quarterly meetings scheduled for January 28, April 15, July 15 and October 21. Additional budget meeting scheduled for November 18.

Moved: Allan Mayhew, Southwest Middlesex

Seconded: Darren Galbraith, Chatham-Kent

That Tri-County Water Board hereby acknowledge receipt of the 2025 Meeting Schedule.

Disposition: Carried

6.4 Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair, 2025

Deferred until January 2025.

7. Announcement - Southwest Middlesex

Mr. Mayhew advised that Southwest Middlesex hired Watson and Associates to complete a water and wastewater rate study, which has resulted in an increase to water and wastewater rates. Mr. Mayhew is confident that the vast majority of residents will understand the rationale, to provide sustainable water distribution plan and address infrastructure.

Mr. Mayhew also advised the board that he would like to see Tri-County Water Board become a corporation in 2025, and the benefits far outweighs the disadvantages, and the board would like to see a legal opinion, to pursue this route.

8. Adjournment

Moved: Allan Mayhew, Southwest Middlesex

Seconded: Amarelis Drouillard, Dutton Dunwich

That the Tri-County Water Board hereby adjourn at 9:52 pm, to meet again at 7:00pm, on Tuesday, January 28, 2024, or at the Call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried

Corey Pemberton, Chair

Terri Towstiuc, Recording Secretary