

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CATFISH CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Meeting #04/2015**

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**PRESENT:**

Sally Martyn	Chairperson	Municipality of Central Elgin
Arthur Oslach	Vice-Chairperson	Town of Aylmer
Rick Cerna	Member	Township of Malahide
Mark Tinlin	Member	City of St. Thomas

**ABSENT:**

Anne Vanhoucke	Member	Township of South-West Oxford
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**STAFF:**

Kim Smale	General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer
Susan Mann	Financial Services Coordinator
Ed Pietrzak	Conservation Areas Supervisor
Tony Difazio	Resource Planning Coordinator

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Craig Bradford	Reporter, The Aylmer Express
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**WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Martyn welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at (10:00 a.m.).

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

<u>Motion # 45/2015</u>	R. Cerna	A. Oslach	CARRIED
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THAT, the Agenda for the May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Full Authority meeting be adopted as circulated.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

No one had a pecuniary Interest to declare at this time.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

<u>Motion # 46/2015</u>	A. Oslach	M. Tinlin	CARRIED
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THAT, the Minutes of Full Authority meeting # 03/2015 (April 9, 2015), be accepted as circulated.

<u>Motion # 47/2015</u>	M. Tinlin	A. Oslach	CARRIED
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THAT, the Minutes of Interview Committee meeting # IC 01/2015 (April 28, 2015), be accepted as circulated

<u>Motion # 48/2015</u>	A. Oslach	R. Cerna	CARRIED
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THAT, the Minutes of Land Management Committee meeting # 01/2015 (May 7, 2015), be accepted as circulated.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

No one reported any outstanding business to discuss from the previous Minutes.

**PUBLIC / SPECIAL DELEGATIONS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

Report FA 16/2015 – Monthly Staff Reports, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 49/2015 M. Tinlin A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, Staff Reports for the month of April, 2015, be noted and filed.

Report FA 17/2015 – April Summary of Revenue and Expenditures, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 50/2015 R. Cerna A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, Report FA 17/2015, be noted and filed.

Report FA 18/2015 – Accounts Payable, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 51/2015 M. Tinlin R. Cerna CARRIED

THAT, Accounts Payable totaling \$32,897.95, be approved for payment as presented in Report FA 18/2015.

Report FA 19/2015 – Monthly Plan Review, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 52/2015 R. Cerna A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority approve the Monthly Plan Review Report for the months of March & April, 2015.

Report FA 20/2015 – Southwestern Regional Envirothon Competition, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 53/2015 M. Tinlin A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, Report FA 20/2015, be noted and filed.

Report FA 21/2015 – Biennial Tour, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Vice-Chairperson Oslach expressed an interest in attending the tour.

Motion # 54/2015 R. Cerna M. Tinlin CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority authorize one (1) delegate to attend the 2015 Conservation Authorities Biennial Tour on September 20-23, 2015.

Report FA 22/2015 – Summer Employment Programs, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 55/2015 R. Cerna A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority acknowledge receipt of the information on the 2015 Summer Employment Programs as outlined in Report FA 22/2015.

Report FA 23/2015 – Environment Canada Weather Bulletin, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 56/2015 M. Tinlin R. Cerna CARRIED

THAT, the Environment Canada weather information attached to Report FA 23/2015, be noted and filed.

**GENERAL MANAGER / SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:**

a) National Recreational Fisheries Award:

The General Manager Secretary-Treasurer circulated a copy of a newspaper article from The Aylmer Express showing the East Elgin Secondary School Environmental Leadership Program students accepting a National Recreational Fisheries Award from Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The Award was presented on April 16<sup>th</sup> in recognition of the efforts of the Environmental Leadership Program to help preserve and restore the freshwater fisheries in the Catfish Creek watershed.

b) Conservation Ontario 2014 Annual Report:

Copies of the 2014 Conservation Ontario Annual Report were distributed to each member for their review and information.

c) Watershed Tour:

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer took the General Manager of Conservation Ontario on a tour of the watershed. She mentioned what an interesting watershed we have in comparison to the ones with flatter topography and less forest cover.

d) Photo Field Guide:

The members were shown a copy of the new Photo Field Guide to the Reptiles and Amphibians of Ontario published by the St. Thomas Field Naturalist Club. The Guide can be purchased for \$15.00 per copy at the local Conservation Authorities and Nature Clubs.

e) Palmer Estate Donation:

The General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer informed the members that the CCCA has received a financial donation from the Estate of Dorothy Fay Palmer in the amount of \$35,000.00. The donation will help rebuild the main observation platform at Springwater, construct an environmental education deck at the Yarmouth Natural Heritage Area and purchase equipment to support environmental education programming.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**CHAIRPERSON'S / BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT:**

Chairperson Martyn mentioned that the native vine maze located in the Municipality of Central Elgin at Union will be transformed into a vine pavilion. She thanked the Conservation Areas Supervisor for his help with the project itself and the surrounding tree planting.

Vice-Chairperson Oslach thanked the staff for providing him with literature on the CCCA to distribute at the Aylmer and East Elgin Home and Garden Show held on April 24-26, 2015. He mentioned that the Town was promoting the benefits of composting and planting Butterfly Milkweed during the event.

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS / NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) Not Copied:

- Correspondence Register for April 1-30, 2015.

b) Copied:

- None

Motion # 57/2015

M. Tinlin

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, the Correspondence Register for April, 2015, be noted and filed.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

There were no personnel, property, or legal matters to be discussed in the Committee of the Whole.

**NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting of the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority will be held on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, commencing at (10:00 a.m.).

Motion # 58/2015                      A. Oslach                                      R. Cerna                                      CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority be adjourned at (10:43 a.m.).

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General Manager / Secretary –Treasurer

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Authority Chairperson