

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Meeting SM #01/2021

A Special Meeting of the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority was held by Teleconference to accommodate social distancing.

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Christopher Wilkinson General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion # SM 01/2021 L. Baldwin-Sands P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, the Agenda for the February 23rd 2021 Special Meeting be adopted as circulated.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

No one had a pecuniary interest to disclose at this time.

DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO AUDIO / VIDEO RECORD MEETING:

The Chairperson asked for disclosures of intentions to audio or video record the meeting. No one indicated any such intentions at this time.

REPORTS:

Report SM 01/2021 – Application for an exception to s. 17 of the Conservation Authorities Act.

S. Martyn indicated the representative from St. Thomas was intending to be Chairperson however the anticipated Chairperson was unable to perform the duties at the last moment and the Board agreed to leave the current Chairperson for one year to allow the Board to get ready for next year.

A. Oslach agreed with S. Martyn

P. Buchner agreed that leaving the current Chairperson in place will give the Board some room and time to determine next steps.

L. Baldwin-Sands advised the members that she came on CCCA as a request by the immediate past member and is willing to fill committee and board positions as required.

R. Cerna indicated a combination of the new legislation coming into effect on February 2nd 2021 and the anticipated Chairperson being unable to perform the duties at the last moment affected the plan that had been put in place. R. Cerna indicated the rule seems to be intended for larger organizations and with only 5 members this rule should not apply to the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority. R. Cerna concluded his statements by indicating he is happy to continue serving as Chairperson for another year.

Motion # SM 02/2021

A. Oslach

S. Martyn

WHEREAS the CCCA Board has limited capacity in current members for the time required to complete the duties of the Chairperson; and

WHEREAS a one year extension will enable the CCCA Board of Directors with the time necessary to determine if a bylaw amendment is required; and

WHEREAS the individual was going to be Chairperson was unable to perform the duties at the last moment; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, the Full Authority request the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks to grant a one year exemption to the Term of the Chairperson as per s. 17 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Recorded Vote on Motion # SM 02/2021

Board Member	Municipality	Motion # SM 02/2021
R. Cerna	Township of Malahide	Yes
S. Martyn	Municipality of Central Elgin	Yes
A. Oslach	Town of Aylmer	Yes
L. Baldwin-Sands	City of St. Thomas	Yes
P. Buchner	Municipality of South-West Oxford	Yes

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NOTICE OF MOTIONS / NEW BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Copied:

- none

b) Not Copied:

- none

NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting of the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority will be the Annual General Meeting held on March 11th, 2021, commencing at (10:00 a.m.).

Motion # SM 03/2021

L. Baldwin-Sands

CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority be terminated at (10:21 a.m.).

General Manager / Secretary –Treasurer

Authority Chairperson