

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

Thursday, December 10th, 2020

Meeting #09/2020

The Full Authority Meeting of the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority was held at the Aylmer Legion 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

STAFF:

Christopher Wilkinson	General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer
Susan Simmons	Financial Services Coordinator
Emily Febrey	Community Outreach Technician
Kelsey Oatman	Program Support Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Veronica Reiner	Aylmer Express
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ABSENT:

Sally Martyn	Member	Municipality of Central Elgin
Tony Difazio	Resource Planning Coordinator	
Peter Dragunas	Water Management Technician	
Dusty Underhill	Conservation Areas Supervisor	

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Cerna welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at (10:02 a.m.).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

<u>Motion # 112/2020</u>	P. Buchner	A. Oslach	CARRIED
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THAT, the Agenda for the December 10th, Full Authority 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.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion # 113/2020 A. Oslach P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Full Authority Meeting #08/2020 (November 12, 2020), be accepted as circulated.

Motion # 114/2020 M. Tinlin A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Full Authority Special Meeting #02/2020 (November 26, 2020), be accepted as circulated.

Motion # 115/2020 P. Buchner M. Tinlin CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Land Management Committee Meeting #02/2020 (November 26, 2020), 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 57/2020 – Monthly Staff Reports, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 116/2020 A. Oslach P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, Staff Reports for the Month of November, 2020, be noted and filed.

Report FA 58/2020 – November Summary of Revenue and Expenditures, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 117/2020 M. Tinlin A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, Report FA 58/2020, be noted and filed.

Report FA 59/2020 – Accounts Paid, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 118/2020 P. Buchner M. Tinlin CARRIED

THAT, Accounts Paid totaling \$46,658.62, be approved as presented in Report FA 59/2020.

Report FA 60/2020 – Approved Section 28 Applications, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 119/2020 M. Tinlin P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority receive the staff approved Section 28 Regulation Application Report FA 60/2020, as information.

Report FA 61/2020 – Proposed 2021 Meeting Schedule, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 120/2020 A. Oslach M. Tinlin CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority approve the 2021 Meeting Date Schedule as outlined in Report FA 61/2020, as amended.

Report FA 62/2020 – Year-End Motions, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 121/2020 P. Buchner A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority approve the list of Year-End Motions contained in Report FA 62/2020.

GENERAL MANAGER / SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:

a) Conservation Authorities Act and Bill 229

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer provided members with an update regarding the Conservation Authorities Act including the legislative process which resulted in Bill 229 receiving Royal Assent on December 8, 2020 with no public consultation though the Environmental Registry due to the changes being included in a Budget Bill.

He indicated that to date, the letter sent to Municipalities from Chairperson Cerna expressing the Members concerns with Schedule 6 has been endorsed by Central Elgin, Malahide, St. Thomas, and Oxford County.

He also advised the board about the major change in the new Act which is the ability for landowners to by-pass the Conservation Authority and have the Minister force CCCA to issue permits in hazard areas. A second major change adds additional appeal routes which will add time, cost, and complexity to the permit process. The General Manager displayed a graphic showing the previous process (simple and linear) with the new process (complex and loop backs). Most importantly he indicated that these seismic changes introduce questions of liability for CCCA that need to be researched and addressed.

He concluded by indicating the next step will be working with the Province and other partners to develop the new regulations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

CHAIRPERSON'S / BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

None

NOTICE OF MOTIONS / NEW BUSINESS:

None

Ms. Reiner entered the Meeting at (10:42 a.m.).

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Copied:

- a letter from the Municipality of Central Elgin to the CCCA on November 30th, 2020 regarding Bill 229 support.

b) Not Copied:

- Correspondence Registers for November, 2020.

Motion #122/2020 M. Tinlin P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, the Copied Correspondence and the Correspondence Registers for November, 2020, be noted and filed.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion # 123/2020 M. Tinlin A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority adjourn to Closed Session at (11:06 a.m.).

Motion # 124/2020 P. Buchner A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority rise from Closed Session and report at (11:30 a.m.).

Motion # 125/2020 M. Tinlin P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Personnel/Finance Committee Meeting #PF02/2020 (November 26, 2020), be accepted as presented.

Motion # 126/2020 M. Tinlin A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Employee Performance Appraisal completed for the General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer dated July 10th, 2020, be approved as discussed.

NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting of the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority will be the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, February 18, 2021, commencing at (2:00 p.m.).

Motion # 127/2020 P. Buchner M. Tinlin CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority be terminated at (11:31 a.m.).

General Manager / Secretary –Treasurer

Authority Chairperson