

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

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Meeting #05/2024

PRESENT:

Arthur Oslach	Member	Town of Aylmer
Scott Lewis	Member	Township of Malahide
Morgaine Halpin	Vice-Chairperson	Municipality of Central Elgin

STAFF:

Dusty Underhill	General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer
Peter Dragunas	Water Management Technician
Brittany Bell	Communications/Program Support Assistant
Gerrit Kremers	Resource Planning Coordinator

ABSENT:

Paul Buchner	Chairperson	Township of South-West Oxford
Gary Clarke	Member	City of St. Thomas
Susan Simmons	Financial Services Coordinator	
Al Bradford	Conservation Area Supervisor	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rob Perry	Reporter, the Aylmer Express
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WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

<u>Motion # 57/2024</u>	S. Lewis	A. Oslach	CARRIED
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THAT, the Agenda for the June 13th, 2024, 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 # 58/2024 A. Oslach S. Lewis CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Full Authority Meeting #04/2024 (May 9, 2024), be adopted as circulated.

Motion # 59/2024 A. Oslach S. Lewis CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Land Management Committee Meeting #01/2024 (May 9, 2024), be adopted as circulated.

Motion # 60/2024 A. Oslach S. Lewis CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Health and Safety Committee Meeting #01/2024 (April 18, 2024), be adopted as circulated.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

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

PUBLIC / SPECIAL DELEGATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Reports FA 33 to FA 36/2024 – Monthly Staff Reports, were presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 61/2024 S. Lewis A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, Staff Reports FA 33 to FA 36 for the month of May, 2024 be noted and filed.

Report FA 37/2024 – May Summary of Revenue and Expenditures, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 62/2024 A. Oslach S. Lewis CARRIED

THAT, Report FA 37/2024 (May Summary of Revenue & Expenditures), be noted and filed.

Report FA 38/2024 – Accounts Paid, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 63/2024 S. Lewis A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, Accounts Paid totaling \$49,612.02, be approved as presented in Report FA 38/2024.

Report FA 39/2024 – Maple Syrup Summary Report was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 64/2024 A. Oslach S. Lewis CARRIED

THAT, the 2024 Maple Syrup Financial and Statistical Summaries be received as information at this time; and further,

THAT, staff be directed to undertake a detailed operational and financial review of the program in consultation with the Jaffa Environmental Education Centre to determine efficiencies and improvements for 2025.

Report FA 40/2024 – Catfish Creek Channel Sounding, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 65/2024 A. Oslach S. Lewis CARRIED

THAT, the channel sounding observations described in Report FA 40/2024, be received as information at this time.

Report FA 41/2024 –Port Bruce Riverine and Coastal Floodplain Mapping Information was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 66/2024 S. Lewis A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, Report FA 41/2024 be received as information at this time.

Report FA 42/2024 –Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 67/2024 A. Oslach S. Lewis CARRIED

THAT, Report FA 42/2024 Draft Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy be received as information;

AND THAT, the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority direct staff to undertake consultation on the draft Strategy from June 17, 2024 to July 26, 2024;

AND THAT, the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority send a letter to participating municipalities, and local Indigenous Communities to advise them of the consultation period on the draft Strategy.

Report FA 43/2024 –Approved Section 28 Regulations Applications was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 68/2024 S. Lewis A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority receive the staff approved Section 28 Regulation Applications Report FA 43/2024, as information.

Report FA 44/2024 –A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 69/2024

A. Oslach

S. Lewis

CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority authorize one delegate to attend the Annual Latornell Conservation Symposium on October 8-9, 2024.

Report FA 45/2024 –July Full Authority Meeting was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 70/2024

S. Lewis

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to discharge the Accounts Payable for July, 2024; and further,

THAT, the Personnel / Finance Committee be given the power to deal with any urgent business matters that may arise prior to the next Full Authority meeting.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT:

- Completed the Draft Water-based Resource Management Strategy, letter of dispersal for members and Indigenous consultation.
- Completed Land Management and May Full Authority meetings
- Sandy, our Intern completed the last three watershed report cards for 2013, 2018, 2023 and presented them to staff for approval. Sandy did an amazing job on these and staff were very happy with the outcome. When the 2028 Report Card is due, staff will have an easy transition to complete necessary updates etc. for completion of the 2028 Watershed Report Card.
- Held a monthly staff meeting to discuss any concerns amongst staff. A monthly roundtable discussion opens up the table to proper communication and keeps everyone in the know. Any issues that arise between meetings, projects or updates are shared amongst staff to encourage healthy dialogue.
- Completed the renewal of my Forest Pesticide License.
- Arranged for a meeting with Elgin County Staff and Malahide staff to discuss the updates to the floodlines for Port Bruce. An information session was held in the CCCA Boardroom and a Public Consultation will occur later in July where residents who may have questions or concerns can have them addressed by Pat Prodanovic, of TRUE Consulting.
- Assisted in the Career Launcher application process.
- Met with Lauren Jones, Stewardship Coordinator for Six Nations Territory. We discussed current issues CA's are facing in regard to consultation and the lack of capacity provincially amongst Indigenous Communities to support these mandatory requirements.
- Continual work on the Conservation Areas Strategy and updates to property management plans to support the work we currently do.
- Submitted the Section 39 2024-2025 Year-Start Budget submission to MNRF.
- Submitted the 2024 – 2025 Conservation Lands Tax Incentive Program information.
- Attended a DFO Webinar, next phase of engagement to discuss fish and fish habitat restoration objectives and actions for the Lake Erie watershed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Copied:

- Brandi Walter and Leslie Rich - Conservation Ontario's comments on the "Proposed Regulatory Changes under the Planning Act Relating to the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 (Bill 185): Removing Barriers for Additional Residential Units" (ERO# 019-8366)
- Brandi Ealter and Leslie Rich – Conservation Ontario's comments on the "Review of proposed policies for a new provincial planning policy instrument" (ERO#019-8462)
- Correspondence Registers May, 2024.

Motion # 71/2024

A. Oslach

S. Lewis

CARRIED

THAT, the Copied Correspondence and Correspondence Register for May, 2024, be noted and filed.

CLOSED SESSION:

None

NEXT MEETING / TERMINATION:

The next meeting of the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2024, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Motion # 72/2024

S. Lewis

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority be terminated at 10:36a.m.


General Manager / Secretary –Treasurer


Authority Chairperson

