

NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WELLAND

APRIL 18, 2012

7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Maves (Chairman)
D. Barrick
B. Baty
S. Beattie
C. D'Angelo
D. DiFruscio
T. Easton
D. Eke
A. Jeffs
D. Joyner
D. Ransom
B. Sharpe
B. Steckley
B. Timms (Vice-Chairman)

MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Dalimonte (with regrets)

STAFF PRESENT: T. D'Amario, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
D. Gullett, Recording Secretary
J. Kukalis, Director, Water Management
D. Baker, Director, Land Management
M. Stack, Director, Communications
C. Kaufmann, Accounting Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT: Tara Blaszyński
John Blaszyński
Lennie Aarts
John Sonneveld
Gerry Prentice
Norm Johnson
Bev Lepard
Len Pennachetti
Nadia Kobylka
Randy Momot

BUSINESS:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m., welcomed all in attendance and requested anyone who had a conflict of interest to declare it.

(1) MINUTES - FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – MARCH 21, 2012

There were no errors or omissions in the minutes. The following resolution was presented.

FA-44-12

MOVED BY: D. Eke
SECONDED BY: D. Barrick

THAT: the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held March 21, 2012, be received and approved as printed.

"CARRIED"

(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Brian Baty asked if the Director, Land Management contacted the Nature Conservancy with regard to the proposed development adjacent to the Lathrop Property. Darcy Baker followed up with them and they have no issue with the development.

(3) CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman announced prior to this, was the first meeting of the Welland River Floodplain Implementation Committee, and they only covered the first item on the agenda.

The Chairman reminded everyone of the upcoming Foundation golf tournament, and would appreciate any support from the committee members.

A copy of the planting schedule for "Canopies for Kids" was distributed, and the Chairman requested representation would be greatly appreciated. If anyone is available talk to Mary Stack and she will contact the applicable school.

He also suggested attending "Earth Day" at Ball's Falls on Sunday, April 22, 2012. This event runs from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

The Chairman thanked Douglas Joyner for representation at the War of 1812 ceremony.

April Jeffs had concerns with the floodplain meeting earlier, and the Chairman responded this would be better placed further on the agenda under other business.

(4) CAO'S REPORT

The CAO announced the fishing derby to be held at Binbrook Conservation Area on May 12, 2012. A donation is forthcoming from the Fonthill Lions Club for re-stocking trout at St. Johns Conservation Area.

(5) DELEGATION

The Chair introduced Mr. John Blaszyński and gave him ten minutes to address the board. He explained to the board he has been cooperating with the Authority since purchasing the property. The first request he had was to ask the board that he may continue the work on his property. He informed the board that reconstruction of the retaining wall is very expensive. A lengthy discussion took place concerning permits, legal matters, personnel and in-camera issues. The CAO indicated staff will prepare a report for the next meeting. The following resolution was presented.

FA-45-12

MOVED BY: B. Timms

SECONDED BY: A. Jeffs

THAT: this Board receive the presentation by Mr. Blaszyński for information purposes.

"CARRIED"

The Chairman requested we go to item 8 on the agenda as the representatives from MacGillivray Chartered Accountants were not present yet.

(6) (8) BUDGET STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 20-12

There were no significant variances to this report, the following resolution was presented.

FA-46-12

MOVED BY: D. Barrick

SECONDED BY: D. Eke

THAT: the Budget Status Report for the period ending March 31, 2012 be received.

"CARRIED"

(7) (9) PFOS COMPONENTS AT THE BINBROOK RESERVOIR (UPDATE) – REPORT NO. 21-12

The Director, Land Management informed the report update included sediment sampling and it shows reduced levels of PFOS in the reservoir. If anyone has any questions on this report, please contact Darcy Baker. The website is being updated accordingly and literature is available at the park. The following resolution was then presented.

FA-47-12

MOVED BY: B. Baty

SECONDED BY: B. Sharpe

THAT: Report 21-12 regarding PFOS Compounds at the Binbrook Reservoir be received.

"CARRIED "

(8) (12) OTHER BUSINESS

April Jeffs commented the Welland River Floodplain Implementation Committee should include public representatives. Since there were no parameters for the scope of their work, it should be the committee's decision. It was suggested establishing a "Terms of Reference" to bring back for approval.

Brian Baty cautioned our communication asking citizens to have power over the board, as this may cause a disruption with our partners. Barry Sharpe mentioned the purpose of the committee in the press release is to develop a process for implementing new

Regulatory levels for the entire Welland River when they are available. Open public information sessions are something for the working committee to establish. Also, need to look at a way to have the public involved as part of the implementation committee.

The Welland River agenda tonight included a recommendation to be presented to this board leading to the structure and makeup of committee appointees. The presentation by the consultant was the only item accomplished in the time allotted for this meeting.

Barry Sharpe liked the idea of having a public liaison, and Brian Baty suggested when the next meeting is scheduled invite floodplain landowners to keep the conversation open.

David Barrick made a motion the board endorse the principal there be public members on the floodplain implementation committee, seconded by April Jeffs and carried by a recorded vote.

The above motion doesn't show how many public will be involved. The committee will meet and come back with the terms of reference and how to choose the members involved. First we have to establish the principal of having public representation on the committee.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Bart Maves, Chairman	X	
Bruce Timms, Vice-Chairman	X	
David Barrick	X	
Brian Baty		X
Tony Dalimonte	absent	
Carmen D'Angelo		X
Dominic DiFruscio	X	
Trevor Easton		X
Dave Eke	X	
April Jeffs	X	
Douglas Joyner	X	
Douglas Ransom	X	
Barry Sharpe	X	
Bob Steckley	<u>X</u>	
TOTALS	11	<u>3</u>

"CARRIED"

(9) (11) PROJECT / PROGRAM STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 23-12

April Jeffs questioned where to find the Municipal Drain Maintenance review on the EBR, and the Director, Water Management replied he will circulate this information to the board and the municipalities may get it from the link.

Bob Steckley inquired what kind of reimbursement does the NPCA receive for filming at Binbrook. The Director, Land Management informed him it varied depending on the scope of work. The insurance and damages are the responsibility of the user.

April Jeffs asked about the impact on the day use at Long Beach with the water restrictions last year. Staff believed it was pretty substantial, but it varies from year to year. The following resolution was presented.

FA-48-12

MOVED BY: B. Steckley

SECONDED BY: D. Barrick

THAT: Report No. 23-12 outlining the status of Authority projects / programs be received.

"CARRIED"

(10) (7) 2011 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Randy Momot from MacGillivray Chartered Accounts presented the financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2011. He presented highlights of the report and requested that members ask questions if they had any concerns. He noted that the information contained on page 2 approximately the middle of the page, left hand column the numbers show effectively the authority broke even mainly due to land acquisitions and things are quite stable at this point.

Doug Joyner asked what the deferred Welland River Restoration / Ontario Power Generation means? The CAO explained the NPCA received approximately 3 million dollars from OPG 6 or 7 years ago, and this money was allocated for project improvements, not floodplain mapping.

David Barrick questioned the Region of Niagara debt charges, and the accountant responded this is included in the notes on page number 7, item 8. The following resolution was presented.

FA-49-12

MOVED BY: D. Ransom

SECONDED BY: D. Eke

THAT: the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Financial Statements dated December 31, 2011 be approved.

"CARRIED"

(11) (10) CAVE SPRINGS MASTER PLAN – UPDATE – REPORT NO. 22-12

An update of the Cave Springs Conservation Area Master Plan and a copy of the concept is attached to the agenda for reference. Concerns pertaining to the residence being used as a rental property or interpretive centre on this property were brought up at the open house. Staff inspected the structures for a second time and confirmed the investment would be too significant to maintain them in habitable conditions. NPCA staff are currently working on a submission for the Master Plan approval. The following resolution was presented.

FA-50-12

MOVED BY: B. Baty

SECONDED BY: S. Beatty

THAT: Report No. 22-12 regarding the Cave Springs Conservation Area Master Plan be received.

"CARRIED"

(12) **IN-CAMERA**

The following resolutions were presented.

FA-51-12

MOVED BY: D. Eke
SECONDED BY: B. Timms
THAT: this meeting do now move in-camera.

Received 9:55 at p.m. **“CARRIED”**

FA-52-12

MOVED BY: T. Easton
SECONDED BY: M. DiFruscio
THAT: this meeting do now move back into open session.

Received at 10:37 p.m. **“CARRIED”**

As a result of the in-camera session, the following resolution was presented.

FA-53-12

MOVED BY:
SECONDED BY:
THAT: the recommendation brought forth in the In-Camera session be approved.

"CARRIED"

(13) **(6) STRATEGIC PLAN**

This was deferred to a special meeting as time did not allow for the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the following resolution was presented.

FA-54-12

MOVED BY: D. Ransom
SECONDED BY: B. Timms
THAT: this meeting do now adjourn.

Received at 10:45 p.m. **“CARRIED”**

"D. Gullett, Acting Recording Secretary

Bart Maves, Chairman”