

**Annual General Meeting
Red Deer River Watershed Alliance
July 10^h 2020, 9:30 am -12:00 pm
Virtual Webinar**

WELCOME

Josée Méthot (Interim Executive Director, RDRWA) made welcoming remarks to the approximately 60 attendees and RDRWA staff for the RDRWA's first virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) held via Zoom.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Municipal Natural Assets Initiative (MNAI):** Roy Brooke provided a keynote presentation about natural asset management and opportunities for municipalities.
- **Alberta Conservation Association (ACA):** Kevin Gardiner provided a presentation about the Raven River, the history of local conservation efforts, and potential threats to the system.

RDRWA UPDATE

Josée Méthot and Rosemarie Ferjuc (RDRWA Communications and Engagement Manager) provided an update on RDRWA activities in 2019/20, plans for 2020/21, and acknowledged the outgoing RDRWA Directors and previous Executive Director Jeff Hanger. The update complemented the 2019/20 Annual Report that was circulated as part of meeting materials.

BUSINESS PORTION OF THE AGM

Kent Dyck (Board Chair, RDRWA) provided an update on the RDRWA's organizational transition, and thanked the previous Executive Director for his years of service. Kent shared that the Board of Directors is developing a reorganization strategy and a formal recruitment process for the Executive Director position is expected to start in late July.

Quorum: 25 current RDRWA members are required to meet quorum and each member has one vote. Members typed their full name and organization into the chat feature and quorum was reached.

Kent Dyck outlined the process for AGM business and how to use the polling and chat functions in Zoom. All attendees received an email with all of the documents for this portion of the meeting.

AGENDA

Motion: Al Campbell moved to approve the agenda for the 2020 Annual General Meeting, Seconded by JoAnne Volk. All in favour. **Motion Carried**

1. MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A spelling error was noted under *Item 4.2: The Board of Directors shall consist op no less than nine (9) and no more than (17) Members, as follows*". The error will be changed from op to of.

Motion: Christine Moore moved to accept the minutes of the RDRWA AGM 2019 as amended.
Seconded by Bob Mills. All in favour.

Motion Carried

2. FINANCIALS AND BUDGET

JoAnne Volk (Treasurer) provided a presentation on the final 2019-2020 financial report and spoke to the financial position of the Alliance. She acknowledged and thanked Swainson Alexander LLP for the external professional review.

Motion: Dan Karran made a motion to accept the Financial Report of the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance Society for the year ended March 31, 2020, seconded by Murray Welch. All in favour.

Motion Carried

Motion: Christine Moore made a motion to approve the *2020-21 RDRWA Budget*, seconded by Dianne Wyntjes. All in favour.

Motion Carried

Motion: Al Campbell moved to appoint the accounting firm of Swainson Alexander to conduct a review of the financial statements of the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance Society for the year ended March 31, 2021, seconded by Anne Marie Philipsen. All in favour.

Motion Carried

3. ELECTION OF THE RDRWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Christine Moore (Vice Chair, RDRWA) introduced herself and thanked the members of the Board Recruitment Committee. She acknowledged and thanked four outgoing RDRWA Directors: Dale Christian, Michael Daw, Amy Jin, and Cornel van't Klooster.

Christine reviewed the elections process, and referenced the Nomination Committee Report. All nominations for candidates had been received by the deadline of June 26th. It was explained to the members that under each category the nominees present would introduce themselves and say a few words.

Municipal: This category is for Municipal Councillors, or senior staff from municipalities that can represent their municipalities. We have two positions and three nominees, so there will be a vote. The three nominees are: Al Campbell with the Town of Stettler, Dianne Wyntjes with the City of Red Deer and Lee Fryberger with Special Areas Board. All candidates introduced themselves and a vote was conducted through the Zoom polling feature. Election results were announced at the end of the AGM.

Environmental and Stewardship: This category includes not-for profit environmental organizations and local stewardship groups that have a demonstrated interest in one or more aspects of watershed or

water use management. There are two positions and two nominees: Tjarda Barratt representing the Alberta Wilderness Association and Alia Snively from the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Candidates introduced themselves and Alia Snively and Tjarda Barratt were both acclaimed.

Agriculture, Business & industry: This category includes industry groups, associations, companies and corporations. We have two positions and one nominee. Kent Dyck (Nova Chemicals) introduced himself. Kent Dyck is acclaimed.

Aboriginal & First Nations: This category is for anyone that could participate as an Indigenous, First Nations or Métis person. We have two positions and one nominee. Ashley Patterson with the Red Deer Native Friendship Centre has put her name forward in this category. She introduced herself to the members. Ashley Patterson is acclaimed.

Federal, Provincial & Academic: This category consists of people that can represent either their federal or provincial department, or a current lecturer/academic with a recognized educational establishment. We have two positions and two nominees. Mike Iwanyshyn (Natural Resources Conservation Board) and Robert (Bob) Mills. They introduced themselves and both candidates are acclaimed.

Individual: This category allows for two people from the general public. We have one open position and one nominee. Adam Minke introduced himself. Adam Minke is acclaimed.

Municipal Results: The results of the election in the municipal category were announced, with Dianne Wyntjes (City of Red Deer) and Lee Fryberger (Special Areas Board) elected to the RDRWA Board. Thank-you to Al Campbell for running in this category and for his ongoing contributions to the RDRWA. The members welcomed the elected board members.

Motion: Murray Welch made a motion to welcome all of the Directors to the board, seconded by Dan Karran. **All in favour.** ***Motion Carried***

There was no need to destroy the ballots from the Municipal election poll as it was conducted confidentially through the Zoom webinar platform. No digital records of poll results were kept.

CLOSING REMARKS

Josée Méthot thanked everyone for attending the 2020 Annual General Meeting, and invited the attendees to take a few minutes to complete the evaluation survey that would appear on their screen when they exit the webinar.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.