NORTHERN TERRITORIES WATER & WASTE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of FEBRUARY 9, 2011 BOARD MEETING

LOCATION: Conference Call - Various

PRESENT:

Justin Hazenberg	President
Bhabesh Roy	Vice President
Alan Harris	Director
Gary Maksagak	Director
Aaron Randall	Director
Robert Rondeau	Yukon Water and Waste Association
Wes Wirth	Yukon Water and Waste Association
Olivia Lee	Executive Director
Pearl Benyk	Administration

PURPOSE: Regular meeting of the NTWWA Board of Directors

DISTRIBUTION TO ALL ABOVE AND: Billy Qaqasiq, Jean Soucy

REGRETS: Bill Westwell, Doug Steinhubl, Ken Johnson, Sudhir Kumar Jha

WRITTEN BY: Pearl Benyk

ITEM	• DESCRIPTION	ACTION BY
1. Call to Order	• President Justin Hazenberg called the meeting to order without a quorum. • Justin welcomed Robert Rondeau and Wes Wirth, both from Yukon Water and Waste Association, to the meeting and explained that they were in attendance to explain the YWWA's interest in joining NTWWA.	
2. Agenda	• Approval of agenda by consensus, noting lack of quorum.	
3. Adoption of Minutes Jan 12/11	• Approval of minutes of January 12, 2011 put over until there is a quorum of the board in attendance.	
4. 0	**Correspondence**	
4.1 Report on WCW meeting	• Ken Johnson's report on recent WCW meetings was provided.	
5.0	**Standing Items**	
5.1 Conference proceedings CD ROM and WCW's DVD of YouTube videos	• NTWWA CD ROMs will be ready next week and will be sent out to all NTWWA members. The WCW DVDs with YouTube advertising videos promoting careers in water and wastewater operations will be sent out to all members in the same mailing. • Both of these disks will also be sent out to all communities. • Short discussion took place about problem of people being interested in taking water and waste operations training, but t the financial support is not readily available in many communities.	Pearl
5.2 Board Member Bios for website	• Board members were reminded that they should submit their short (3 to 4 sentences) bios to Pearl for uploading onto the NTWWA website.	Board Pearl
5.3 Planning 2011 conference	• Board members were encouraged to let Olivia know which areas of planning the 2011 conference they are interested in being involved with.	

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5.3 Continued	• As the flights out of Iqaluit on Mondays leave in the very early afternoon, and the next flights out are on Wednesday, and as there have been calls for more operator-specific presentations, the idea of expanding the operator workshop to two days (full days on Monday and Tuesday) this year. • Board members at the meeting agreed with this plan and made suggestions of topics which could be covered in the extended workshop. Board members agreed that, for liability reasons, this would not be training provided by NTWWA. • When there is a quorum, this topic, as well as costs of carrying it out and how this may impact the present conference fees, will be discussed more thoroughly and decisions will be made them. • Bhabesh Roy will discuss this issue, and how it should be done in order not to cut into training done by the Nunavut's Municipal Training Organization (MTO), with board member Bill Westwell.	Bhabesh Bill
5.4 Yukon Water and Wastewater Association	• Robert Rondeau provided information on the history of YWWA and its relationship with British Columbia Water and Waste Assoc (BCWWA) and Yukon College. • YWWA is interested in joining NTWWA and beginning in April will get operators in Yukon to join NTWWA. • Yukon College has been developing water and waste management courses since January 2009 and would like to partner with GNWT's School of Community Government on training. • Robert Rondeau will take part in the NTWWA 2011 conference. • Olivia Lee said that NTWWA can add a link to the YWWA to the NTWWA website. • At this point Robert Rondeau and Wes Wirth left the conference call meeting and the NTWWA board discussed the issue of YWWA joining NTWWA. • Board members present said they would like YWWA to provide a formal written presentation about their request and expectations so that this can be circulated to all NTWWA board members. Justin will make this request. • Question of what YWWA would benefit from membership in NTWWA was considered. It was thought that YWWA being linked to WCW through NTWWA would be a benefit to them. • A problem for YWWA joining NTWWA would be the issue of where the annual conference is held. Having only one out of three conferences in Nunavut, and similarly one in NWT (because of one in three being held in Yukon) would be a real problem because of travel costs. NWT and NU members would have less ability to attend NTWWA conferences due to greater travel distances. • Olivia will look at bylaws of BCWWA and WCW and see whether YWWA being a chapter of NTWWA is a possibility.	Pearl Justin Olivia

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5.4 Continued	• Another concern is the likelihood of NTWWA's Operators Workshop presentations becoming less valuable to NWT and NU operators because of the higher level of training presently held by YWWA operators.	
	• **Moved by Gary Maksagak, Seconded by Alan Harris, that Robert Rondeau be invited attend, as a non-voting observer, all NTWWA board member meetings.** • All board members in attendance voted in favour of this motion, but as there is no quorum, Pearl will pass this motion on to board members not in attendance to gather their votes. If any members want more information on this topic, they can contact Justin or Olivia.	Pearl
6.0 Other Business	•	
6.1 Board Pledge	• Both new board members should sign and return the NTWWA board pledge to Pearl .Alan has already done so, Bill W's pledge is coming.	Bill
6.2 Possible resignation of board member Wayne Thistle	• Because of his workload, it has been difficult for Wayne Thistle to participate in board meetings. Olivia has contacted him to ask if he sees any likelihood of his workload decreasing sufficiently to allow him to participate regularly. She has received no answer to her email. • Bhabesh will contact Wayne to find out what he would like to do about this. • This will be dealt with at the next board meeting, after we hear from Wayne.	Bhabesh
7.0 Next Meeting	• **Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 12 Noon MST.**	
8.0 Adjournment	• Meeting was adjourned by consensus.	
	These minutes are in the writer's best interpretation of discussions held at the meeting. Please inform the writer of any noteworthy omissions or errors.	