



01-23-AAC Minutes
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
March 30, 2023 at 10:00 AM EST

Attendance

Members Present:

Dave Ritchie, Simcoe County Federation of Agricultural
Ted Woods, Christian Farmers Assoc.
Dave Spring, Simcoe County Federation of Agricultural
Chair, Donna Jebb, Simcoe County Federation of Agricultural
Jody Mott, Holland Marsh Muck Farmers
Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren, NVCA Member
Vice-Chair, Cllr. Kevin Eisses, NVCA Member
Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink, NVCA Member

Members Absent:

Hugh Simpson, Grey County FA
Colin Elliot, North Simcoe Soil and Crop Assoc.
Andy Vanniekerk, North Simcoe Soil and Crop Association

NVCA Staff:

Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer
Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services
Byron Wesson, Director, Conservation Services
Meagan Kieferle, Senior Regulations Officer
Sarah Campbell, Aquatic Biologist
Kerry Jenkins, Administrative Assistant/Recorder

1. Call to Order

Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer called the meeting to order at 10:16am. He asked that everyone present introduce themselves.

Dave Ritchie put forth a motion to vote Donna Jebb in the committee.

Recommendation:

RES: 01-23

RESOLVED THAT: Previous member, Donna Jebb (Simcoe County Federation of Agricultural) be voted in as a member of the 2023 Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren
Seconded by: Dave Ritchie
Carried;

2. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Recommendation:

RES: 02-23

Moved by: Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink

Seconded by: Ted Woods

RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for the Agricultural Advisory Committee 01-23-AAC dated March 30, 2023 be approved.

Carried;

3. Declaration of Pecuniary and Conflict of Interest

None declared.

4. Approved Minutes

Approved by Consent

(Board of directors approved the minutes during the 11-22-BOD meeting)

5. Elections

Chair

Dave Ritchie nominated Donna Jebb for the position of Chair.

Donna Jebb accepted.

Donna Jebb nominated Cllr. Kevin Eisses for the position of Chair.

Cllr. Kevin Eisses accepted.

Donna Jebb was declared as Chair

Vice-Chair

Donna Jebb nominated Cllr. Kevin Eisses for the position of Vice-Chair.

Cllr. Kevin Eisses accepted.

Cllr. Kevin Eisses was declared as Vice-Chair

Recommendation:

RES: 03-23

RESOLVED THAT: Donna Jebb be declared as Chair and Cllr. Kevin Eisses be declared as Vice-Chair.

Moved by: Dave Ritchie

Seconded by: Jody Mott

Carried;

6. Administration

Chair Donna Jebb briefly went over the AAC Terms of Reference. It was noted that there is a vacant spot for Dufferin County Federal Agricultural.

7. Presentations

7.1 Permitting Process including Agricultural Drain Cleanout

Megan Kieferle, Senior Regulations Officer conducted a presentation regarding NVCA's Permitting Process including Agricultural Drain Cleanout.

Discussion:

NVCA staff informed members that permits are valid for 2 years. If a permit holder is requiring a renewal or amendment, kindly let staff know prior to the 30 day mark. The fee is ½ the original price of the permit and will be valid for another 2 years. If the permit is expired, the permit holder will need to re-apply and pay the full fees again.

It was noted from NVCA staff, that if farmers would like to put in their own drainage system and clean it every year, they would require a permit from the NVCA if it's regulated, even for the clean outs.

Questions were asked regarding the initial 21 days after permit applications get submitted. NVCA staff informed the members that permit applications do not go to a Regulations Technician/Officer right away. The Development Review Coordinator reviews all permits applications that get sent in to ensure the permit applications have all the necessary documents that the NVCA requires. If not, the Development Review Coordinator will reach out to the Applicant. Once the application is deemed complete, the Development Review Coordinator will then send the application to the appropriate Regulations Technician/Officer.

It was highly noted from NVCA staff to request a pre-consultation. Pre-Consultations can help prevent any bumps on the road as well as a potential faster application process.

7.2 NVCA's Role in Invasive Species

Sarah Campbell, Aquatic Biologist, conducted a presentation regarding NVCA's Role in Invasive Species.

Discussion:

Questions were asked regarding if people should burn infested wood. NVCA staff are asking to help generalize the infested wood by leaving it where it is.

Members mentioned which invasive species affecting their farms:

Gypys Months (Lymantria Dispar Dispar)

Spotted lanternfly (Lycorma delicatula)

Canada Flea (Spiny Waterflea)

8. Tentative 2023 Meeting Dates

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the meeting dates for 2023 will be as follows:

2nd Quarter Date: Thursday June 29, 2023

3rd Quarter Date: Thursday September 28, 2023

4th Quarter Date: Thursday December 7, 2023

subject to change - majority vote is required

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Adjourn

Recommendation:

RES:04-23

Moved by: Jody Mott

Seconded by: Dave Ritchie

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting adjourn at 12:12pm, to meet again on June 29, 2023 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried;