

FINAL DRAFT
O.S.P.E. LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
Friday June 3, 2011
OMAFRA Office, Boardroom 205
1 Stone Road
Guelph, Ontario

1.0 Attendance and Call to Order

Members Present: Chris Allen, Chairman; Bill Dietrich, Secretary; John Kuntze, Tom Marentette, Tim Oliver

Liaison Members Present: Sid Vander Veen, OMAFRA; Davin Heinbuck, Conservation Authorities (ABCA), Pat Shaver, Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph

Absent Members: Tom Pridham, Edwina McGroddy, O.S.P.E.; Tom Hoggarth, Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Art Groenveld, MTO; Jeremy Downe, MNR

Chairman Chris Allen called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion by John Kuntze, seconded by Tom Marentette, that the agenda as prepared by the Chairman be accepted. Carried.

3.0 Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion by Tom Marentette, seconded by John Kuntze that the minutes of the Thursday January 20, 2011 of the O.S.P.E. Land Drainage Committee Meeting be accepted. Carried.

4.0 Business Arising From the Minutes

4.1 Received an email from Jeremy Downe. He does not feel he is the appropriate person from MNR. He will remain as a contact for the committee. Leo Christl's name to be removed from the website since he has retired.

4.2 Sent a letter to Mike DeVos. OMAFRA will report on DAWG.

5.0 Correspondence

5.1 No correspondence received.

6.0 Liaison Report – Conservation Authorities Report

Davin Heinbuck

6.1 Drainage Act and Section 28 Regulations Team (DART)

Best Management Protocols for Maintenance of Municipal Drains has been distributed to CA's with most comments back.

Currently addressing Standard Compliance Requirements (similar to DFO Operational Statements)

Next DART meeting to be in June. Date not determined.

6.2 Davin presented on Conservation Authorities Act on behalf of Conservation Ontario at the 2011 Drainage Superintendents Course.

Davin will also complete the course.

7.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Sid VanderVeen

7.1 “Cropland Drainage”, the first of two drainage BMP (Best Management Practices) books is complete. The Land Drainage Committee will be sent a copy once printing is complete.

7.2 Work on the “Communal Drains” BMP is set to begin this year. This book will cover best management practices on municipal drains as well as award drains, private ditches, etc. The team involved in this BMP may be over 15 people.

7.3 Courses: 35 people attended the Drainage Superintendent Course. Rural Municipal Drainage Courses and Calculating Drainage Assessment workshops were held in Ridgetown, Renfrew, Stratford and Fort Frances.

7.4 A drainage session was proposed for the Latornell Conference that is held annually in November in Alliston. Content generally will be:

- Can Drainage Be Green? Yes! (Brett Ruck and Jacqui Laporte)
- Using GIS in the Beaver Creek Drainage Project (Ian Smith)
- Ten Things You Didn't Know About Drainage (Sid VanderVeen)

7.5 The Drainage E-Reference tool is now posted on our website. There will be a more official announcement about this initiative in the near future.

7.6 The Rural Drainage Mapping website is now the Agricultural Information Atlas. While municipal drains and tile drainage is still shown on this site, it has become much broader in scope. The link is: www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/landuse/gis/map_drain.htm.

7.7 Through the Open for Business initiative, last year we were able to get some changes made to the Drainage Act. Through this same initiative, various industry sectors were asked to identify barriers to their business. Among others, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture identified Fisheries Act and Conservation Authorities Act regulations as a barrier to performing drainage work. The province committed to moving forward with the DART committee's work and to encourage Fisheries and Oceans Canada to complete the guidance document.

8.0 Liaison Report – Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph
Pat Shaver

8.1 The 43rd Drainage Engineers Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Centre in Guelph on Friday October 21, 2011.

8.2 The conference fees are as follows: Friday Conference only - \$175 + HST
Friday Conference Student fee - \$30 + HST
Printed Proceedings - \$20 + HST
Exhibit Fees - \$275

8.3 Accommodations – A block of rooms will be reserved at \$115/night + taxes

8.4 Some of the topics are: Union Marsh Drain - Case Study; Highway 93 Drain - Case Study; Innovative uses of the Drainage Act; Section 15, Challenges of incorporating structures into modelled watercourses; Belinda Campbell – Fish Recovery Alter Drain Maintenance; Climate Change; New Technologies for Surveying.

9.0 Sub-Committee Report – Drainage Act and Section 28 Regulations Team (D.A.R.T)
John Kuntze

9.1 Land Drainage Committee has no issues with this protocol. This is a positive document . The document clarifies the roles. June 6th deadline for comments.

9.2 Document relates to work done by Drainage Superintendents. There was no comment by the Land Drainage Committee since this doesn't apply to Engineers.

9.3 Next step is to post it on the EBR.

9.4 The next DART meeting will be in June 2011 to review comments and get it ready for EBR.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday October 20, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Guelph. The Practitioners meeting will be held on Thursday October 20, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the same location.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Moved by Tim Oliver and seconded by Tom Marentette.

Chris Allen, Chairman

Bill Dietrich, Secretary