

FINAL DRAFT
O.S.P.E. LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday, January 20, 2011
Best Western, Lamplighter Inn, Summit Room
London, Ontario

1.0 Attendance and Call to Order

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

Liaison Members Present: Sid Vander Veen, OMAFRA; Davin Heinbuck, Conservation Authorities (ABCA)

Absent Members: Gina VandenBurg, O.S.P.E.; Tom Hoggarth, Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Pat Shaver, Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph; Art Groenveld, MTO

Chairman Chris Allen called the meeting to order at 10:10 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 Pridham, seconded by John Kuntze that the minutes of the Thursday October 21, 2010 of the O.S.P.E. Land Drainage Committee Meeting be accepted. Carried.

4.0 Business Arising From the Minutes

4.1 Tom Hoggarth will be the contact for DFO. There has been major cuts in this ministry. Tom was unable to attend today's meeting.

4.2 The Ministry of Natural Resources contact may be Jeremy Downe.

4.3 Mike DeVos, P.Eng to be our representative at the DAWG committee meetings. Davin Heinbuck will report to LDC if Mike is unable to.

4.4 Pat Shaver from the office of Open Learning, University of Guelph continues to update the website. Technical papers have been added to the site. Del O'Brien's presentation at

the conference should be on the website. Other information that could be included on the website is: 1) ADIP policies 2) Changes to the Drainage Act 3) Link to current Farm Class Tax Rates 4) MPAC parcel mapping 4) Chair's message

- 4.5 Urban Drainage Sessions: We will continue to participate and facilitate future sessions. 74 attended the October session. The Drainage Act is a vehicle to solve Urban Drainage problems. The LDC would provide a venue for future sessions.

5.0 Correspondence

- 5.1 There was nothing to report.

6.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Natural Resources

Chris Allen will follow up to get a representative for the LDC.

7.0 Liaison Report – Conservation Authorities Report

Davin Heinbuck

- 7.1 Drainage Act and Section 28 Regulations Team (DART)

Draft of the Best Management Protocols for Maintenance of Municipal Drains is currently under review by the Provincial Ministries, then to committee for review. As mentioned previous, this document will be released as phase one in the protocols document. The Construction and Improvement document will follow. Next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2011

- 7.2 Drains Action Working Group (DAWG)

No DAWG meeting since October 21, 2010 Land Drainage Meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2011.

- 7.3 Davin to present on Conservation Authorities Act on behalf of Conservation Ontario at the 2011 Drainage Superintendents Course. Davin will also be taking the course this year.

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

Sid VanderVeen

- 8.1 The Drainage Superintendent's Course will take place in Guelph on February 28 to March 4. 35 people attended the course last year.

- 8.2 Brochures have been sent out for the clerk's course.
- 8.3 An email has been sent regarding grant applications.
- 8.4 There is a link on the OMAFRA website to show all properties eligible for the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program .
- 8.5 Forms: Mutual Agreement Drain and Registration. OMAFRA will try to make it more user friendly to register Mutual Agreement Drains.

9.0 Liaison Report – Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph

Pat Shaver

- 9.1 An email was received by Pat Shaver. The budget was not finalized. 75 people attended the Thursday session and 95 plus 5 exhibitors attended the conference on Friday.

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

John Kuntze

- Maintenance Document is going through ministries and then posted on EBR.
- Final draft will be presented to DART committee in June 2011.

12.0 New Business

- 12.1 Change of time for next year's January meeting to 1:00 pm in the afternoon. The motion was brought forth by John Kuntze and seconded by Tim Oliver.
- 12.2 John Kuntze talked about a case study in the Union Marsh Drain, Niagara. Lisa Campbell, Environmental Consultant would make a presentation. It is a 12km drain with sensitive fish habitat. Grass pickerel is now present. Chris Allen will contact Belinda Ward Campbell before the June meeting.
- 12.3 Lateral Conference – Jack Imhof, an aquatic ecologist – Natural Stream design. Innovative uses of the Drainage Act.
- 12.4 Calculate Economic Value of Drainage Infrastructure in Ontario. 45% land in Ontario is tile drained.
- 12.5 LICO Standards and Specifications – Chris Allen talked about missed tile connections to Lico and they will include our recommendations. Tile end fittings – further research being done. Cuts and crushing at the end of tile, is this a reasonable replacement for end caps.

13.0 Drainage Industry Meeting

No meeting arranged.

14.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Friday June 3, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the OMAFRA office in Guelph.

15.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. Moved by Tom Pridham and seconded by Tim Oliver.

Chris Allen, Chairman

Bill Dietrich, Secretary