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## November 20 2016 General Membership Meeting



Terms of Reference  
- OPSRRA 2016-17.d

**Date:** November 20 2016

**Time:** 1:30 PM

**Place:** JDF Local Area Services Building

**Directors Present:** Debb Read, Bill Dushenko, Sandy Barta, Brenda Mark

**Government Officials Present:** JDF EA Regional Director Mike Hicks

**OPSRRA Members and Public Present:** 10

### 1 Adoption of Agenda

**Moved:** Arnie Campbell

**Second:** Bob Phillips

**Approved**

### 2 Appointment of Recorder

Brenda Mark

### 3 Introductions and Announcements

Vice President Debb Read assumed the Chair, introduced the Directors and the guest speakers, Gayle Hatchard and Emily Rudderham. There were no announcements at this time from the Board or the audience.

### 4 Assessment of Water resources Report

Bill Dushenko introduced the report *Assessment of Water Resources Sustainability in Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River*. The assessment was a major project conducted for OPSRRA by the Royal Roads University BSc Environmental Sciences Program student group *Pacific Priority Solutions*. Bill outlined and displayed some of the

findings of the report, specifically the Information Gaps, Conclusions and Recommendations.

## **5 Presentation of the GIS Database by Gayle Hatchard**

Gayle presented the GIS Database aspect of the report (**Power Point attached**) and explained the ArcGIS program and why it had been chosen for the database.

Regional Director Mike Hicks wished to take questions from the audience at this point. There was discussion and questions for him. Mike informed the audience of the live stream of the CRD Board Meeting on Wednesday November 23 at 1:30, concerning the Regional Growth Strategy. Mike left the meeting at 2:30.

Gayle continued with her presentation and demonstrated the ArcGIS database that had been created by the student group for the project. Displayed was the base map, with layers showing registered wells, water licences, dams, hydrometric stations, aquifer vulnerability graphing to name a few. Questions were taken from the audience.

## **6 Presentation of the Water Act Summary by Emily Rudderham**

Emily presented the Summary of the 2016 Water Sustainability Act from the report (**Power Point Attached**) She indicated the importance of the new act (WSA) in developing a legal framework for the protection, utilization and regulation of water usage. Of importance to residents of JDF EA was the requirement to register all wells.

Questions were taken from the audience.

## **7 Break**

## **8 OPSRRA Royal Roads University Major Project Proposal for 2016/17**

Bill presented the Terms of Reference for an OPSRRA Major Project proposal for the 2016/17 Royal Roads University BSc Environmental Science Program term. (**Terms of Reference attached**) OPSRRA expects to hear by the end of November if the proposal is accepted.

## **9 Final Questions/Comments**

A potential host for the OPSRRA ArcGIS database was discussed, with the possibility of OPSRRA purchasing a subscription, at a cost of approximately \$150.00. Currently the database is on Brenda's computer with an ArcGIS trial package, which is not very accessible to the OPSRRA membership. Sandy Barta spoke about iMapBC, the provincial mapping service, you can use to find data and information on water-related resources. She also spoke about QGIS, a free and easy to set up mapping program that can be customized with links to provincial, federal and other information. Sandy offered to give tutorials in QGIS to anyone who is interested.

## **10 Adjournment**

**Moved:** Bill Dushenko

Adjourned at 3:45