

**O.S.P.E. LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
FINAL MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday, Oct 27, 2005
Boardroom
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Guelph, Ontario**

1.0 Attendance And Call To Order

Members Present: Ray Dobbin, Chairman; Tim Oliver, Secretary; Jeff Dickson; David Johnson; Bill Dietrich

Liaison Members Present: Sid Vander Veen, OMAFRA; Melanie Prosser, Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph, Art Groenveld, MTO.

Members Absent: John Spriet; Leo Christl, MNR; member absent, Conservation Ontario; Dana Boyter, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Chairman Dobbin called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion by Dietrich, seconded by Dickson, that the agenda as prepared by the chairman be accepted. Carried.

3.0 Minutes of Last Meeting

Accept minutes of last meeting June 3, 2005 as amended. Motion by Dietrich, seconded by Dickson. Carried.

4.0 Business Out Of The Minutes

An appreciation announcement and certificate will be presented to Referee O'Brien immediately following his presentation at the conference.

Jeff D. noted there is to be additional follow up from the meetings of the Water Action Team for Maitland Valley/Ausable Bayfield on Source Water Protection.

5.0 Correspondence

Cover e-mail from Hanan Jibry of OSPE regarding activities of the OSPE Land Drainage Committee as old business.

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

Melanie Prosser

6.1 104 registrants for 2005 conference & 6 exhibitors.

6.2 Conference proceedings to be available in CD format and paper format upon request this year. The CD format will be a cost savings.

6.3 Melanie will book the Ramada for the venue of the 2006 conference.

7.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Natural Resources

Leo Christl absent.

No report.

8.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Transportation

Art Groenveld

8.1 Climatic Change Report soon to be out in 2006. Professor in the study (using Global modelling) predicts decrease in water flows from storm events from year 2010 to 2020, however intensity of storm events increasing. From year 2020 to 2050, an increase in both flows and intensity by 25%.

8.2 Gravity Pipe Design Guideline completed for circular culverts and storm sewers. The document has support and endorsement from pipe suppliers. Electronically it will be available eventually on the MTO website. Hardcopy edition available soon from Publications Ontario on order (\$450 approx.). Software program to assist with the guideline is being developed. Availability of document Nov/Dec 2005. Implementation @ MTO offices in Jan 2006.

8.3 No comments from engineers on the runoff rates for outlet assessments in drainage reports. Supplementary guide to be out by end of year 2005. The full draft report was in last year's drainage conference proceedings. The draft report has become the final report.

9.0 Liaison Report - Conservation Ontario

No member present.

There was no report.

10.0 Liaison Report - Department of Fisheries and Oceans

Dana Boyter absent

There was no report.

11.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Agriculture and Food

Sid Vander Veen

11.1 Local CA's have Generic Regulations Paper out to become legislation. Major concern is their power is broadened. May require permits for certain maintenance activities. There should be exemptions for drain maintenance. Definition of wetlands is broadened. May impact new drain reports since the regulations inhibit drain widening or altering of the location of the watercourse. All CA's to implement by May 2006.

11.2 ADIP policies meetings completed (10) across the province.

11.3 Deadline for drain maintenance allocations has passed. Approx. 30 municipalities missed deadline. Extending deadline and OMAFRA contacting them in next couple weeks. Maintenance amount (\$3.3 to \$3.8

million approximately) from the allocations expected. Once we know how much of the money is left, OMAFRA will be sending out the notice for the Construction Que (New Reports) with expected amount being the balance (\$2.2 to \$2.7 million approximately). Drain maintenance will get a portion of the \$6 million first.

- 11.4 Supplement petition has gone out to all municipalities and encouraged to be used on a voluntary basis.
- 11.5 Sid requesting suggestions or comments in Jan 2006 from the OSPE Land Drainage Committee on the letter noting the concern of engineers practicing as superintendents. Need to be resolved prior to the next opportunity to review and modify the ADIP policies in 2007.
- 11.6 Following up with LDC response to engineer's costs that AMO made known to the former Minister of Agriculture and Food and Rural Affairs, the expansion of engineer's definition was not accepted. Sid still looking into the possibility of a Tribunal attendance fee for appeals on small assessment amounts.

12.0 Sub-committee Report

12.1 DSAO/LICO

- a) LICO nominating Ross Irwin for the Agricultural Hall of Fame for starting the process.
- b) Working on finalizing LICO Jan 2006 convention.

12.2 Web site review

- a) We are linked to OSPE but not on the site to connect. Elizabeth Armstrong is our website contact at OSPE. Still using ActiveWeb for current website.
- b) Our current balance is \$1,800 approximately.

13.0 Old Business

13.1 Affiliation with O.S.P.E.

- a) OSPE has \$1,200 in budget for 2005. Expenses this year for now on go to new OSPE expense sheet. A copy of the receipts should be sent to the LDC secretary Oliver as a record to keep track of a running total to report at future meetings.
- b) Final draft of June 3, 2005 meeting minutes to be posted on website.
- c) Ray Dobbin to find out milage expense rate per km accepted and used by OSPE.
- d) OSPE will be arranging to send someone to our future meetings.

14.0 New Business

14.1 2005 Practitioners meeting - bring up new "Generic Regulation" from Conservation Authorities Act for open discussion.

14.2 Sid V. asked whether the OSPE LDC would consider being an independent review committee to review drain reports to comment on the grant eligibility. Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Dickson that the OSPE LDC agree to meet after tonight's Practitioners Meeting with new appointed committee to decide whether to review the reports and provide comment on them.

14.3 Jeff D. suggested a picture be taken of the present committee for future posting on the new website. Jeff D. would also like to compile a history record of all past LCD members and the Joint Committee dating back to the beginnings in the 1970's.

14.4 LICO Convention Jan 25-26, 2006

15.0 Next Meeting

Thursday Jan 26, 2006 9:00 - 12:00. Drainage Superintendents have the AGM on the Thurs AM as well. Location to be determined.

16.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. Moved by Dietrich. Seconded by Johnson. Carried.

Ray Dobbin, Chairman

Tim Oliver, Secretary