

**FINAL DRAFT**  
**O.S.P.E. LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Friday, June 9, 2006**  
**OMAFRA Tribunal Board Room**  
**1 Stone Road, Guelph, Ontario**

**1.0 Attendance And Call To Order**

Members Present: Jeff Dickson, Chairman; Tim Oliver, Secretary; Ray Dobbin; Chris Allen, Bill Dietrich

Liaison Members Present: Sid Vander Veen, OMAF; Dana Boyter, Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Davin Heinbuck, ABCA; Melanie Prosser, Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph

OSPE Member Present: Brett McDermott, O.S.P.E.

Absent: John Spriet (regrets); Leo Christl, MNR; Art Groenveld, MTO

Chairman Dickson called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**2.0 Approval of Agenda**

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

**3.0 Minutes of Last Meeting**

Motion by Allen, seconded by Dietrich, that the minutes of the January 25, 2006 meeting be adopted. Carried.

**4.0 Business Out Of The Minutes**

Brett McDermott to receive expense sheets.

**5.0 Correspondence**

No items of correspondence.

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

Melanie Prosser

6.1 CD copies of conference proceedings costing about the same as paper copies. End result for last year's conference \$9.00 over budget basically broke even for 2005 Drainage Conference.

6.2 No budget finalized for 2006 Conference awaiting planning decision to be discussed later in Item 13.1.

6.3 Total of 105 attendees at 2005 Conference including 25 engineers.

**7.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Natural Resources**

Leo Christl - absent (no report)

## **8.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Transportation**

Art Groenveld - absent (no report)

## **9.0 Conservation Ontario**

Davin Heinbuck (ABCA)

- 9.1 Concerning Generic Regulations CA's defining land regulations where lands being regulated include wetlands and shore line properties. Restrictions are being put on these lands as part of the regulation. Conservation Ontario setting up "Conservation Authorities Aquatics Group"
- 9.2 More related to ABCA, there are two U of Guelph grad students working on Ph. D projects. One example is Drain Enclosures. Working on Ph. D thesis (paper) looking at air photos. Looking at biological affects on the downstream channel from a drain enclosure at the upper end of a drain. Looking at affects over 15 year period within watersheds within the ABCA jurisdiction. Names of Grad students - Belinda Ward Campbell & Katie Stamler consider them for future Drainage Conference topic. Sid Vander Veen asked to be involved to assist in anyway. Sid also mentioned Belinda Ward Campbell (another U of Guelph grad student) working on a study to see the affects of a drain cleanout and to analyse the recovery rate. LDC members should be involved to be aware of the science backing this up. Jane Sadler Richards produced a paper on the importance of headwater streams to receiving water body sponsored by Huron County Farm Environmental Coalition.
- 9.3 ABCA having a workshop on Drain Classifications since a lot of turnover with Drain Superintendents positions being fulfilled by Engineers.

## **10.0 Department of Fisheries and Oceans**

Dana Boyter

- 10.1 DFO following up with mailing of posters to Engineers.
- 10.2 Drain Biology presentation and demonstration Tour planned for DSAO Chapter 5 Niagara Region June 22, 2006. Considering a presentation in DSAO Chapter 4 (Huron-Bruce Area)
- 10.3 DFO Drain Classification database has been a struggle to get it to work properly with lots of information to organize. DFO is considering the hire of a GIS Geomatics expert (Consultant) to sort it out. DFO recently lost its Geomatics person who was working on it previously.

## **11.0 Liaison Report – Ministry of Agriculture and Food**

Sid Vander Veen

- 11.1 Just released the Tile Loan Program on Monday with maximum loan amount still at \$50,000 and 6% interest rate.

- 11.2 Drainage Grants allocations complete. Some municipalities are under their allocations. Notifications for the que being taken again for this year. OMAFRA would like to know if some projects that are not going ahead in current year that OMAFRA receive notification of this. Up to February 2007, municipalities can submit their allocation request. For the maintenance work requests, the request would be more accurate if based on actual budget numbers from prior year. This way of allocation can start after ADIP policy in 2007 is reviewed. Sid mentioned he is accepting comments on the ADIP policy for consideration in the ADIP policy review in the summer of 2007.
- 11.3 Trees by-laws are no more being replaced by woodlands by-laws. If forest management part of by-law being looked at, make sure the drainage interests are included to make projects under the Drainage Act an exclusion.
- 11.4 Drainage Superintendents Course - 28 attendees very good turnout with 3 attendees from consulting firms.
- 11.5 Urban Drainage and use of the Drainage Act for Urban Drainage. Ron Griffiths (London area MOE review dept) is very anti-drainage saying the Drainage Act cannot be used for an urban drainage system. Sid's view is the Drainage Act can be used as a provincial vehicle to construct the works provided the C of A's under the Water Resources Act are obtained in regards to storm water management.

## **12.0 Old Business**

No old business.

### **12.1 2006 with OSPE; Website; expenses etc.**

Brett McDermott, OSPE (Junior Policy Analyst)

- Brett asked that he be e-mailed the minutes & other correspondence pertaining to this committee.
- Hanan Jibry previously had asked not to be a Liaison member of the OSPE LDC.
- OSPE waiting to obtain a Director in the Government Relations Dept. OSPE members want to see the Advocacy and Government Relations areas expanded.
- Carol Barum looks after financial accounts for OSPE and she indicated the \$1,200 budget allocation for OSPE LDC was approved for 2006.
- On terms of ineligible expenses Brett to send a copy of the OSPE committee's expense claim policy to Jeff Dickson (Chairman) to distribute to LDC members. Mileage expense now set at \$0.45/km up from \$0.42/km.
- OSPE to set up a link for the LDC website info. LDC website currently has mainly contact info, technical papers and minutes of meetings. OSPE

would prefer to change the domain with a matching colour scheme and remove PEO from the web address. OSPE would like the transition to happen within the next 2-3 months timeframe to switch over the website. Last update with ActiveWeb was to include the minutes from the last two meetings. Consider making transition just before 2006 Drainage Conference Registration forms go out. **Motion: Ray Dobbin motions that OSPE proceed with making updates to the logo (surveyor logo), the committee name and revised colour scheme to match OSPE colour scheme. Seconded by: Bill Dietrich. So Moved by All.**

- Brett to look into other links from OMAFRA, DSAO, LICO, U of Guelph Open Learning being linked to the new OSPE LDC web domain on the OSPE website.

### 13.0 New Business

#### 13.1 Agenda for 38<sup>th</sup> Drainage Engineer's Conference

- There is a special rate till Sept 25<sup>th</sup> if rooms booked at Ramada in advance.
- 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm DSAO to hold All Chapters Meeting at same venue as Conference (Ramada Inn, Guelph)
- Agreed to keep Conference registration fee the same as last year \$160 per person & \$70 student rate.
- Exhibitors - maximum of 9 exhibits. \$250 fee (same as prior years). The logos of the exhibitors can go on registration form if received early enough.
- Topics and Speakers for Conference Agenda:
  - Steenstra Drain Case Study - **Jeff Dickson to coordinate**
  - Natural Channel Design - Bob Newbury (hydrologist assisted DFO with projects in Manitoba. - **Dana Boyter to coordinate**
  - Armtec Bridge Design Presentation - Paul Yaremko **Bill Dietrich to coordinate**
  - Heather Auld - Environment Canada IDF curves **Sid Vander Veen to coordinate**
  - Paul Rhodes - Rhodes Consulting topic to be selected **Melanie Prosser to coordinate**
  - CA's & Generic Regulations - Jeff Brick UTRCA **Sid Vander Veen to coordinate**
  - **Other backup topics** - Katie Stamler - Biology & Fish Habitat on Drains; DFO Posters & Supplement forms introduction (Jeff Dickson); Gary Fischer "Beaver Trapper"

#### 13.2 Clean Water Act - update

Jeff Dickson

Jeff attended May 24th meeting LICO/DSAO with Wray Wilson (DSAO) & Don Lobb (LICO). Had some good discussion being chaired by Jamie Bolls.

- General consensus was since CWA is a provincial matter there should be some provincial support financially.
- Regarding definitions and explanation of scope; general consensus was the definitions are too loose. Looking for better definitions and tighter scope.
- Official process of the permits and assignment of permit officials given the right (power) to enter private property to inspect. Consider the use of land use controls through the Planning Act (Expropriation without compensation)
- Concerned about costs and download of responsibilities on to rural municipalities.
- The word “conservation” was omitted from the legislation was somewhat of a concern.
- Brett McDermott noted that OSPE had recommended that specifically a licensed P. Eng. be a member on each Source Water Protection committee developed for one or more municipalities. Sharon Glover is CEO with OSPE as a registered lobbyist with OSPE that could be of assistance to the DSAO/LICO committee regarding the Clean Water Act debate.

## **15.0 New Business - continued**

15.1 Ross Irwin to be inducted into the Agricultural Hall of Fame.

15.2 Latornell Conference is in the planning process usually held in Nov 2006 in Alliston.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, October 26, 2006 at the Ramada Inn (same room as the Practitioner’s meeting later in evening). The time and location is to be confirmed by Melanie Prosser and reported to Chairman Dickson.

## **16.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Jeff Dickson, Chairman

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Tim Oliver, Secretary