

Minutes of the Special meeting of the Board of the Cowichan Valley Regional District held in the Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan BC, on Friday, November 30, 2012 at 4:02 pm.

**PRESENT**

Chair R. Hutchins  
Director L. Iannidinardo <4:16 pm>  
Director M. Walker  
Director B. Fraser  
Director G. Giles  
Director L. Duncan <4:09 pm>  
Director I. Morrison  
Director M. Dorey  
Director P. Weaver  
Director T. McGonigle  
Director R. Hartmann  
Director J. Lefebure

**COWICHAN  
WATERSHED  
BOARD  
MEMBERS**

A/Chair Tim Kulchyski, Natural Resource Consultant  
Mayor Ross Forrest, Town of Lake Cowichan  
David Slade, Past President, BC Groundwater Association  
Andrew Thomson, Area Director – South Coast, DFO  
Darin George, Councillor, Cowichan Tribes  
David Anderson, Former Federal Cabinet Minister of the Environment, Retired MP  
Dr. Lorna Medd, Public Health Consultant

**ALSO  
PRESENT**

Warren Jones, Chief Administrative Officer  
Kathleen Harrison, Deputy Corporate Secretary  
Brian Dennison, General Manager, Engineering & Environmental Services  
Tom Anderson, General Manager, Planning & Development  
Kate Miller, Manager, Environmental Policy  
Rodger Hunter, Coordinator, Cowichan Watershed Board  
Craig Sutherland, Kerr Wood Leidal Consulting Engineers  
Craig Sutherland, ADM, Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO) <4:25 pm>  
Brian Houle, Catalyst Paper  
Tracy Michalski, MFLNRO  
Brian Symonds, MFLNRO (via telephone)  
Parker Jefferson, One Cowichan  
Mike Stalberg, MFLNRO

**ABSENT**

Director P. Kent  
Director B. Lines  
Director M. Marcotte

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**12-564** It was moved and seconded that agenda be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**SR1** Staff report from the Chief Administrative Officer re: Cowichan River Water Flow and Weir Management was received for information.

The Chair provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the history of the process for requesting a flexible rule curve/rule band for the management of the Cowichan Lake Weir and provincial operating rules.

Craig Sutherland, Kerr Wood Leidal, provided a PowerPoint presentation that included a comparison from 1962 to 2012 of the current rule curve vs. the proposed rule band and the expected improvement for management of the Cowichan Lake Weir and water levels with implementation of the rule band.

**12-565** It was moved and seconded that:

**WHEREAS on May 23, 2012 the CVRD Board resolved that the CVRD endorse a return to past spring and summer approach to operating the weir at Lake Cowichan for a three year period as a pilot project with the goal of maintaining a minimum summer and early autumn flow of 7 cms below the weir;**

**AND WHEREAS climatic, land use and ecological conditions necessitate a more flexible Cowichan Lake Weir management protocol to ensure that ecological, cultural, environmental, social and economic values attributable to a healthy Cowichan River are maintained;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CVRD Board support a decision by the Province of British Columbia, or an application to the Province of British Columbia, to implement a "rule band" protocol consistent with the plan prepared by Kerr Wood Leidal entitled "Cowichan Lake Weir Proposed 2012 Provincial Operating Rules".**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**12-566** It was moved and seconded that the Special Board meeting adjourn.  
**5:25 pm**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Special Board meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Certified Correct:

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Chairperson

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Corporate Secretary

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_