



Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

The meeting of the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority's Board of Directors was held in person and remotely via the LTVCA's Administration Office at 100 Thames Street in Chatham, ON at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 18, 2026. The following directors were in attendance: P. Tiessen, H. Aerts, S. Hipple, M. Vink, L. Vogler, S. Bod, P. Van Meerenberg and R. Leatham. K. Loveland, J. Wright, A. Finn and M. Bondy sent their regrets.

1. First Nations Acknowledgement

Mark Peacock read the First Nations Acknowledgement.

2. Call to Order

3. Adoption of Agenda

BD-2026-53 S. Hipple – S. Bod

Moved that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

None Declared.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

BD-2026-54 H. Aerts – R. Leatham

Moved that the Board of Directors minutes of the April 16, 2026, May 29, 2026 and June 9, 2026 meetings be approved as amended.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None Declared.

7. Presentations

- 7.1) LTVCA Key Performance Indicators Plan
- 7.2) Update on LTVCA Transition to WLERCA
- 7.3) LTVCA Section 28 Hearing Guidelines
- 7.4) 2027 Budget Assumptions

BD-2026-55 M. Vink – S. Bod

Moved that Presentations 7.1 through 7.4 be received for information.

CARRIED

8. New Business

- 8.1) LTVCA Mileage Rates

Internal mileage charged to programs right now by the LTVCA is \$0.40/km, and mileage for Board of Directors and staff is currently \$0.54/km, with ALUS staff at \$0.64/km. The current CRA rate for 2026 is at \$0.73/km, with grant funders (Fed/Prov) for specific programs being dictated by the grant.

BD-2026-56 S. Bod – R. Leatham

Moved that the LTVCA mileage rate be set to the CRA approved rate;

And that the mileage rate for granted projects be set at the rate provided for in the grant.

CARRIED

9. Business for Approval

- 9.1) LTVCA Key Performance Indicators Plan

BD-2026-57 P. Van Meerenberg – L. Vogler

Moved that the Board of Directors approves the Key Performance Indicators as outlined in this report.

And Further that these indicators be reported to the Board of Directors and community within the Annual Report of the LTVCA.

CARRIED

- 9.2) LTVCA Section 28 Hearing Guidelines

BD-2026-58 S. Bod – M. Vink

Moved that the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (“LTVCA”) Board of Directors approve the attached Hearing Board Practices and Procedures document and that the document be posted on the LTVCA’s website.

CARRIED

- 9.3) WLERCA Guiding Principles

BD-2026-59 P. Van Meerenberg – S. Hipple

Moved that the Board of Directors approves the guiding principles as presented in this report.

And Further That the representatives on the transition committee use these principles in their deliberations with the province.

CARRIED

9.4) Appointment of LTVCA Member to the Transition Committee

BD-2026-60 L. Vogler – R. Leatham

Moved that the Board of Directors appoints First Vice Chair Sarah Bod as the LTVCA Board representative on the Western Lake Erie Regional Conservation Authority Transition Committee.

CARRIED

9.5) Income and Expenditure vs Budget to April 30, 2026

BD-2026-61 M. Vink – H. Aerts

Moved that the Board of Directors receives the Budget vs Revenue and Expenditures report for the period ended April 30, 2026.

CARRIED

9.6) 2027 Budget Guidelines

BD-2026-62 S. Bod – R. Leatham

Moved that the Board approve the budget assumption of a 4% general apportionment increase,

And That staff bring the preliminary 2027 budget to the regular August Board meeting for review and approval.

CARRIED

9.7) Royal Bank Account – Mount Brydges Branch, Signing Authority

BD-2026-63 P. Van Meerenberg – S. Bod

Moved that the LTVCA Board designate Todd Casier, Manager, Corporate Services and Mark Peacock, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer as signing officers for the RBC Mount Brydges bank account in connection with Longwoods Road Conservation Area operations.

CARRIED

10. Business for Information

10.1) CAO / Secretary Treasurer Report

BD-2026-64 R. Leatham – M. Vink

Moved that the CAO Secretary-Treasurer Report be received for information.

CARRIED

- 10.2) Water Management
- 10.3) Planning and Regulations
- 10.4) Conservation Lands
- 10.5) Conservation Services
- 10.6) Communications, Education and Outreach
- 10.7) Wheatley Two Creeks Association April 2, 2026 Minutes

BD-2026-65 P. Van Meerenberg – S. Bod

Moved that the Board of Directors receive the above reports, 10.2 through to 10.7 for information.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence

- 11.1) Minister's Direction Issued Pursuant to Section 1.14 of the Conservation Authorities Act
- 11.2) Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency
- 11.3) Lake Erie's Eroding Shoreline Raises a Bigger Question: Who Pays for Climate Risk?

BD-2026-66 H. Aerts – M. Vink

Moved that the Board of Directors receive 112.1 through to 11.3 for information.

CARRIED

12. Other Business

None noted.

13. Adjournment

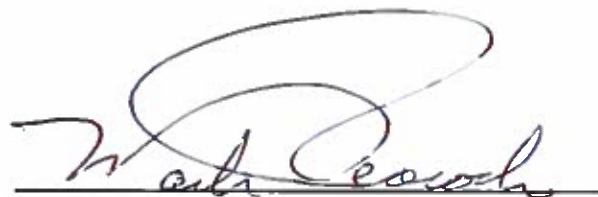
BD-2026-67 P. Van Meerenberg – S. Bod

Moved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Paul Tiessen
Chair



Mark Peacock, P.Eng.
CAO/Secretary-Treasurer