



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, April 16, 2026. The following directors were in attendance: P. Tiessen, H. Aerts, K. Loveland, M. Vink, L. Vogler, P. Van Meerenberg and R. Leatham. J. Wright, A. Finn, S. Hipple, S. Emons 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-2026-27 L. Vogler – K. Loveland

Moved that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

None Declared.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

BD-2026-28 R. Leatham – H. Aerts

Moved that the Board of Directors minutes of the February 19, 2026 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

6. In Camera Session

BD-2026-29 K. Loveland – R. Leatham

Moved that the Board of Directors move into an in-camera session.

CARRIED

For a subject matter being considered related to:

- a) The security of the property of the Authority;

- b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including employees of the Authority;
- c) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Authority;
- d) Labour relations or employee negotiations;
- e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals (e.g. Ontario Land Tribunal), affecting the Authority;
- f) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege;
- g) A matter in respect of which the General Membership, Executive Committee, Advisory Board or committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another act;
- h) Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the Authority by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them;
- i) A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the Authority, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;
- j) A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the Authority and has monetary value or potential monetary value; or
- k) A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Authority.

BD-2026-30 L. Vogler – H. Aerts

Moved that the Board of Directors move out of the in-camera session.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None Declared.

8. Presentations

- 8.1) LTVCA 2025 Financials – Auditors Report
- 8.2) LTVCA Climate Change Strategy
- 8.3) LTVCA Asset Management Plan Update
- 8.4) Request for proposals (RFP) Talbot Creek Flood Plain Mapping Study
- 8.5) Campbell Conservation Area Acquisition

BD-2026-31 M. Vink – K. Loveland

Moved that the Board of Directors move to an in-camera session.

CARRIED

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BD-2026-32 L. Vogler – H. Aerts

Moved that the Board of Directors move out of the in-camera session.

CARRIED

8.6) Bill 97 Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act

BD-2026-33 L. Vogler – M. Vink

Moved that Presentations 8.1 through 8.6 be received for information.

CARRIED

9. New Business

None noted.

10. Business for Approval

10.1) 2025 Audited Financial Statements – Auditors Report

BD-2026-34 P. Van Meerenberg – K. Loveland

Moved that the LTVCA's 2025 Audited Financial Statements be approved as presented.

CARRIED

10.2) LTVCA Climate Change Strategy

BD-2026-35 R. Leatham – L. Vogler

Moved that the LTVCA's Climate Change Strategy be approved as presented.

CARRIED

10.3) LTVCA Asset Management Plan Update Report

BD-2026-36 K. Loveland – H. Aerts

Moved that the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority Asset Management Plan 2024, Updated April 2026, be approved.

CARRIED

10.4) Award Talbot Creek Flood Plain Study

BD-2026-37 R. Leatham – M. Vink

Moved that the Board of Directors approves the award of the Talbot Creek Flood Plain Study to Greck Associates for a total Cost with taxes of \$88,433.80;

And That

The Chair and CAO/Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign a standard engineering contract for these services.

CARRIED

10.5) Campbell Conservation Area Agreement

BD-2026-38 L. Vogler – R. Leatham

Moved that the board approve the LTVCA Staff to proceed with entering into the Land Securement Agreement with Mr. John Stacey for the Campbell Conservation Area to satisfy the Final Will of Keith Campbell for the acquisition of Conservation Lands;

and further that

the Chair and CAO be approved to sign the agreement.

CARRIED

10.6) Income and Expenditure vs Budget to February 28, 2026

BD-2026-39 P. Van Meerenberg – K. Loveland

Moved that the Board of Directors receives the Budget vs Revenue and Expenditures report for the period ended February 28, 2026.

CARRIED

11. Business for Information

11.1) CA Act Changes – Bill 97 Report

BD-2026-40 M. Vink – R. Leatham

Moved that the CA Act Changes – Bill 97 Report be received for information.

CARRIED

11.2) CAO / Secretary Treasurer Report

BD-2026-41 K. Loveland – H. Aerts

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

CARRIED

- 11.3) Water Management
- 11.4) Planning and Regulations
- 11.5) Conservation Lands
- 11.6) Conservation Services
- 11.7) Communications, Education and Outreach
- 11.8) Ska-Nah-Doht Village Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 19, 2026
- 11.9) Wheatley Two Creeks Association February 5, 2026 Minutes
- 11.10) Wheatley Two Creeks Association December Minutes

BD-2026-42 P. Van Meerenberg – H. Aerts

Moved that the Board of Directors receive the above reports, 11.3 through to 11.10, for information.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence

- 12.1) Minister's direction for conservation authorities regarding fee changes

BD-2026-43 K. Loveland – L. Vogler

Moved that the Board of Directors receive 12.1 for information.

CARRIED

13. Other Business

None noted.

14. Adjournment

BD-2026-44 M. Vink – H. Aerts

Moved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Paul Tiessen
Chair



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

