



**Board of Directors Meeting
MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: December 19, 2022

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Teams Meeting

1.

Call to Order

Elizabeth called this special meeting of the Board of Directors for the Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario to order at 9:37 a.m.”

ATTENDANCE:

Board of Directors: Lu-Ann (Lu) Marentette
Elizabeth (Liz) Cummings
Ken McCallum
David Moores
Lorne Franklin
Chris Dunn
Paul MacIntyre
Wray Wilson, Secretary

Frank Jonkman sent his regrets.

Action by:

*Elizabeth
Cummings*

2.

Approval of Agenda

DS-2022-048 Moved: Paul Seconded: Ken

“That the Board approve the agenda, dated December 19, 2022 as printed and circulated and amended.” **Motion Carried**

*Elizabeth
Cummings*

3.

Business

3.1

**Ontario’s Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program – OMAFRA
Request for Comments**

*Elizabeth
Cummings*

Elizabeth and David outlined the information contained in the slide-deck with a request from OMAFRA for comments based on the discussion questions. David offered to submit comments to OMAFRA. Discussion questions and answers are:

► **What are the current challenges and opportunities to the adoption of EG&S best management practices?**

- Funding
 - Continuous commitment
 - long term (beyond 5 year)
- Timing
- Gaining Buy-in from landowners

► **Who are the partners we should be connecting with, to inform delivery across different regions in Ontario (e.g., northern Ontario)?**

- Land Drainage Committee
- All Farm Organizations i.e. OFA, CFA
- ROMA
- AMO

► **Is there existing EG&S programming in Ontario, which could be expanded or enhanced?**

- Healthy Lakes
- Huron Clean Water
- St. Clair CA program?
- ALUS

► **What types of support could overcome the challenges to increase adoption of EG&S BMPs?**

- Advertising to landowners and other stakeholders through concise Factsheets
- Flexible Funding
 - phased in to fund as the program moves through design to cover initial costs
 - operate through existing grant programs
 - OMAFRA Drainage Grant (ADIP)
 - Green Infrastructure Grant
 - Wetland Restoration
 - Phosphorus Reduction

► **What would motivate you to participate in an EG&S program?**

- Funding
- Ease of application program

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3.2	<p><u>Railroad update</u></p> <p>It was noted that the Railway committee last met on December 13th and there was a recommendation that a copy of a letter from CN Rail to the Municipality of Warwick be distributed to municipal Drainage Superintendents. The committee are recommending that municipalities experiencing issues with rail lines send details of concerns to OMAFRA for both rural and urban.</p>	<i>Elizabeth Cummings/Ken McCallum</i>
3.3	<p><u>Secretary Remuneration</u></p> <p>Elizabeth noted that the secretary had provided a copy of his time sheet at the October meeting as requested by the Board. The time sheet indicated the secretary had a total of more than 120 hours in a one-year time frame. A discussion among the Board members regarding remuneration took place resulting in the following motion:</p> <p>DS-2022-049 Moved: Lu-Ann Seconded: Chris</p> <p>“That the Board of Directors for the Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario increase the Secretary’s annual remuneration by an additional \$1,500.00 for 2022 and further that this issue be added to the January 2023 Board meeting agenda.” Motion Carried</p>	<i>Elizabeth Cummings</i>
3.4	<p><u>Membership Survey Update</u></p> <p>Chris informed the Board that as of today there have only been 28 surveys completed. The secretary noted that a reminder had been sent out to the Chapter Secretaries on December 17th.</p>	<i>Chris Dunn</i>
3.5	<p><u>Conference – Final Details</u></p> <p>Lorne discussed a few of the final details and asked for confirmation of who was doing what before and during the conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David confirmed that 24 speaker’s gifts for LICO and DSAO had been ordered• All presenters are to provide a BIO and David will introduce and thank each DSAO speaker• It was noted that room bookings are each board members responsibility	<i>Lorne Franklin</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorne confirmed that he has the DSAO display and will bring it to the conference • Marc Gagne has the McNeely-Taillon Award plaques and Wray will ask Marc to add the 2023 recipient's name and bring the plaque to London. 	
3.6	<p><u>JP Digital Design – Cancellation of hosting the website and email</u></p> <p>Paul informed the Board that on December 30, 2022, JP Digital Design are closing their business and will no longer host dsao@dsao.net for email and the website. Paul informed the Board that he has contacted Brad Saunders, at Pinnacle Design, from London. The price is approximately the same as it was with JP Digital. They are now working at migrating the information over.</p>	<i>Paul MacIntyre</i>
3.7	<p><u>Additional Honourary Member Nomination</u></p> <p>Wray informed the Board that Chapter 2 submitted an Honourary Member nomination on December 19th. Nominations are to be submitted to the DSAO secretary by October 1st each year. Wray asked the Board if they wished to proceed with this request or hold it over until the October meeting in 2023. The Board decided to include this nomination in 2023.</p>	<i>Wray Wilson</i>
3.8	<p><u>January Board Meeting</u></p> <p>Lu-Ann reported that Lindsay Dean had been nominated to represent Chapter 1 on the DSAO board. Lu-Ann inquired about Lindsay attending the January 2023 board meeting. Board members agreed to this request.</p>	<i>Lu-Ann Marentette</i>
4.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p>	<i>Elizabeth Cummings</i>
4.1	<p>DS-2022-050 Moved: Lu-Ann Seconded: Ken</p> <p>“That this meeting of the Board of Directors for the Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario adjourns at 10:59 a.m.”</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	