

Membership Meeting #7-2026

July 15, 2026

Members Present: Ed McGugan, Alvin McLellan, Matt Duncan, Anita van Hittersum, Alison Lobb, Sharen Zinn, Ed Podniewicz

Members Absent: Andrew Fornier, Megan Gibson, Evan Hickey, Vanessa McMillan

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Planning & Regulations Supervisor
Jeff Winzenried, Supervisor of Flood Forecasting
Michelle Quipp, Executive Assistant

Others Present: Denny Scott, Midwestern News Media

1. Call to Order

Chair Ed McGugan, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

3. Minutes

Motion FA #76-26

Moved by: Anita van Hittersum

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #6-2026 held on June 17, 2026, be approved.
(carried)

4. Business Out of the Minutes

- a) Sediment Bypass Project-Timing for Approval of Contract: Report #43-2026

Report #43-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #77-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT the Members delegate the awarding of the contract to the Chair and Vice Chair and report back to the full membership at the August Members Meeting.
(carried)

5. Business Requiring Direction and/or Decision:

- a) Summary Pre Transition Committee Meeting held on July 6: Report #44-2026

Report #44-2026 was presented for the members consideration.

- b) Minister's Direction 2027 Work Plan & Budget: Report #45-2026

Report #45-2026 was presented for the members' consideration.

- c) Awarding of Contract-Watershed Hydrology Model: Report #46-2026

Report #46-2026 was presented to members for their consideration.

Motion FA #78-26

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT the Members award the MVCA Flood Forecasting Hydrology Model project to Heron Hydrologic Ltd. for the development of the HEC-HMS watershed hydrology model in the amount of \$69,653.20 (including HST) and authorize staff to proceed with additional project components within the approved project budget.
(carried)

- d) Purchasing Policy Amendment: Report #47-2027

Report #47-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #79-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Matt Duncan

THAT an amendment is made to MVCA's Purchasing Policy and Procedures to allow the General Manager Secretary Treasurer and Admin. Finance Coordinator to authorize cheques over \$20,000 until a new Chair and Vice Chair are elected by the Members.
(carried)

6. Consent Agenda

The following items were circulated to the Members for their information:

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report for June: Report #48-2026
- b) Agreements Signed: Report #49-2026

Motion FA #80-26

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT Report #48-2026 to Report 49-2026 along with the respective motions as outlined in those reports be approved.
(carried)

7. Chair and Member Reports

Anita van Hittersum reported that MVCA Supervisor of Flood Forecasting , Jeff Winzenried, attended the North Huron council to discuss the updated flood mapping of Wingham, and it was well received.

Alvin McLellan reported that he and Ed McGugan attended the Huron County Council meeting and discussed the amalgamation.

The members discussed a request from a member of the public to continue to advocate against amalgamation, the members identified the need to develop a communication strategy that focuses on what we think is needed to have a healthy resilient watershed going forward.

Motion FA#81-26

Moved by: Anita van Hittersum

Seconded by: Matt Duncan

THAT a communication strategy is to be developed regarding what is needed to have healthy and resilient watersheds and the design of the new regional conservation authority.
(carried)

8. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date, Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Administration Centre in Wroxeter.

Motion FA#82-26

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 8:06pm.
(carried)

Ed McGugan
Chair

Phil Beard
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer