



SEVERN SOUND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION
Agriculture Advisory Committee (AAC) Meeting
Tuesday April 27, 2021 9:02 a.m. – 9:41 a.m.
Online – Zoom

Present:

Paul Maurice (Chair)	North Simcoe Soil and Crop Improvement Association (NSSCIA)
Colin Elliott	Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture (SCFA)
Dave Ritchie	Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture (SCFA)
Deputy Mayor Steffen Walma	Chair, SSEA Board; Township of Tiny

Regrets:

Staff:

Julie Cayley	SSEA Executive Director
Melissa Carruthers	SSEA Risk Management Official/Risk Management Inspector
Morgan Gillies	SSEA Healthy Soils = Healthy Watersheds Program Coordinator
Tamara Brincat	SSEA Invasive Species Program Coordinator

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Maurice called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

MOTION: 09-21

Moved by: D. Ritchie Seconded by: C. Elliott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The agenda of the SSEA Agricultural Advisory Committee dated April 27, 2021 be approved.

Carried;

Chair Maurice asked that an update on the agricultural signs and weather stations be added under other business.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

4. APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of February 25, 2021 SSEA Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting

MOTION: 10-21

Moved by: C. Elliott Seconded by: D. Ritchie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The SSEA Agricultural Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the February 25, 2021 SSEA Agricultural Committee meeting.

Carried;

5. UPDATES

5.1 Healthy Soils Healthy Watersheds – project update – Julie Cayley – SSEA ED

MOTION: 11-21

Moved by: D. Ritchie

Seconded by: C. Elliott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the update of the Healthy Soils = Healthy Watersheds project in Severn Sound be received for information.

Carried;

Ms. Cayley introduced Morgan Gillies to the committee and that he would be working as the Healthy Soils = Healthy Watersheds Program Coordinator, reviewed project summary and updated group on soft launch of program with some of the local farmers in the Issue Contributing Area within the Township of Tiny.

5.2 SSEA Invasive Species – Tamara Brincat, Invasive Species Coordinator

MOTION: 12-21

Moved by: C. Elliott

Seconded by: D. Ritchie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: that the SSEA Invasive Species presentation be received for information.

Carried;

Ms. Brincat provided a presentation on the status of the SSEA Invasive Species program and asked the group if there were any invasive species issues or needs they have. Species voiced included; fleabane, purple strife, water hemp, and in general road side ditch maintenance to control new weeds.

5.3 Additional Members – Agricultural Advisory Committee Discussion

MOTION: 13-21

Moved by: C. Elliott

Seconded by: D. Ritchie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The SSEA Agricultural Advisory Committee members and SSEA staff will approach the individuals whose names had been voiced as well as advertising to elicit interest for additional members to sit on the committee.

Carried;

General discussion was had around names of people that could be approached to join committee. Suggestion to post for interest, and reach out to municipalities and local agricultural groups to reach a broader range of individuals was voiced.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Agricultural Signs

Chair Maurice provided an update that they are working on finalizing the signs before submitting to the Township of Tiny and that the intent is to have signs across the watershed, but for now only in the Township of Tiny.

6.2 Weather Stations

Chair Maurice provided an update that he has approached a local farm supply store to gain interest of having a weather station on their property. Interest is there and currently looking into cost and options. Ms. Cayley asked Chair Maurice to provide the contact information so that SSEA staff could connect with them as well.

Action Item:

- Chair Maurice to provide farm supply contact information to Ms. Cayley

7. ADJOURN

MOTION: 14-21

Moved by: D. Ritchie Seconded by: C. Elliott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The SSEA Agricultural Advisory Committee held on April 27, 2021 adjourn at 9:41 a.m. to meet again at the call of the chair.

Carried;

Original signed by

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Chair, Paul Maurice

Executive Director, Julie Cayley

Approved this 6th day of April 2022