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**SASKATCHEWAN ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR THE 2016 FISCAL YEAR
APRIL 25, 2017**

DIEFENBAKER CANADA CENTRE, PRAIRIE ROOM, U OF S CAMPUS

Members present: Julia Adamson, Margret Asmuss, Bob Brad, Peter Brad, Allyson Brady, Angie Bugg, Jim Bugg, Hayley Carlson, Ken Coutu, Ann Coxworth, Ewen Coxworth, Jennifer Coxworth, Felicitas Egunyu, Jenna Gall, Sarina Gersher, Branimir Gjetvaj, Pam Groat, Bob Halliday, Jason Hanson, David Henry, Michael Horvath, Richard Huziak, Beth Johnson, Dennis Johnson, Rod Johnson, Nathan Jones, Ronn Lepage, Holly Ann Knott, Peter Krebs, Troy Mamer, Margaret McKechney, Jeff Montgomery, Judy Montgomery, Bob Paisley, Jason Praski, Sheri Praski, Peter Prebble, Tony Sorensen, Megan Van Buskirk, Garth van der Kamp, Bill Wardell, Bert Weichel, Margaret Woloshyn, Glenn Wright

Guests: Ashgan Aledeloria, Martin Boucher, Abegael Hickson

Guest Speaker: Brett Dolter

Presentation: "Greening the Grid: Pathways for Decarbonizing Electricity in Saskatchewan and Canada"

Business Meeting: SES President Bert Weichel called the business meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

a: Approval of the Agenda: It was moved to approve the agenda.

Jeff Montgomery/Ronn Lepage CARRIED

b: Approval of previous year's Annual General Meeting minutes: It was moved to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2016 meeting.

Allyson Brady/Sarina Gersher CARRIED

c: Financial Report and Appointment of the Auditor: SES Treasurer, Bob Paisley, provided an overview of the audited financial statements. Revenue and expenses are higher this year than last year. Reserves haven't changed much from 2015 to 2016. Unrestricted reserves can be used at the board's discretion, but are not designated at this time. Other external/internal reserves are restricted for specific uses. It was moved to accept the financial statements of December 31, 2016.

Bob Paisley/Ronn Lepage CARRIED

It was moved to appoint James Stinn, CPA as SES's 2017 auditor.

Bob Paisley/Holly Ann Knott CARRIED

d: Renewable Rides and loan approval request: SES Executive Director, Allyson Brady, described the Renewable Rides Program to the membership. Partners include: Saskatoon Car Share Co-op, University of Saskatchewan, Sun Country Highway, the SES Solar Co-operative, City of Saskatoon (Saskatoon Light and Power), and the Saskatchewan Research Council. SES submitted an application to the Western Diversification Fund (WDF), who



would pay for 50% of the Renewable Rides Program, if approved. SES has to own all capital assets for the term of the project, rather than the various partners, as originally proposed. Once the program is complete, SES can turn the ownership of the assets over to the respective partners. In order to manage cash-flow for the purchase and payback of the assets, we are asking for approval from the SES membership to take out a line of credit/loan. The loan would not be used on other operations within the organization. \$238,940 would likely be the most that we would need for a line of credit/loan. The program has not been approved for funding by WDF yet.

Motion that the SES may obtain a line of credit or loan to be used for expenditures of the Renewable Rides program, under the condition that the funds are confirmed to be re-paid by the program funder and program partners in a timely manner.

Allyson Brady/Peter Prebble

Amendment to the motion as follows: The loan or line of credit will have an upper limit of \$300,000.

Ken Coutu/ Holly Ann Knott CARRIED

Amendment to the motion as follows: After the time frame of the project, the line of credit would be terminated.

Ken Coutu/Holly Ann Knott NOT CARRIED

The original motion as amended: "Motion that the SES may obtain a line of credit or loan with an upper limit of \$300,000 to be used for expenditures of the Renewable Rides program, under the condition that the funds are confirmed to be re-paid by the program funder and program partners in a timely manner." was CARRIED. One abstention noted.

e: Election of President, Treasurer, and Board Members: Nomination Committee Chair, David Henry, presented the slate of nominees. Up for election this year, first term: Margret Asmuss; board members up for re-election: Sarina Gersher, Margaret McKechney, Sheri Praski, Bill Wardell, president: Bert Weichel. The slate was voted in. Kathryn Green did not stand for re-election, and Nomination Committee Chair, David Henry, recognized her for her contribution and involvement over the years.

f: Volunteer Recognition: SES is full of dedicated volunteers with a wealth of experience and skills. Megan Van Buskirk, SES Office Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, recognized SES Board Member, Peter Prebble, and SES Treasurer Bob Paisley for their dedication to SES.

g: Announcement of Upcoming Events: SES regularly sends out upcoming environmentally-themed events to all members.

h: Adjournment: It was moved to adjourn the April 25, 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Angie Bugg/Rod Johnson