COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NO. 247
April 4/5, 2025
MINUTES

Meeting No. 247 was held in the Trickle Creek Lodge, Kimberley and via videoconference.

Directors in Attendance:

J. Carver, Chair	S. Clovechok
A. Graeme	K. Hamling
S. Hewat	C. Hoechsmann
R. Oszust	O. Torgerson [remote]
K. Turcasso	B. van Yzerloo

Directors Absent:
B. Marino

Staff and Guests in Attendance:

J. Strilaeff	J. Medlar, Corporate Secretary
A. Ambrosone	M. Williams
J. Woodall	

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order on April 4, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. (MT).

Chair Carver acknowledged that this meeting was being held on the unceded traditional territories of the Ktunaxa, and that the Trust operates within these unceded traditional territories and those of the Lheidli T'enneh, Syilx, Sinixt and Secwepemc Nations. We are grateful for the opportunity to meet, work and live here.

The Chair suspended the Order of Business. For continuity, these Minutes reflect the order of the Agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Attachments:
- Draft Resolutions for April 4/5, 2025
- Minutes: Board Meeting no. 246
- Minutes: In Camera Board Meeting no. 246
- Consent Resolution: 2025/26 – 2027/28 Service Plan
- Report from the CEO
- Trust Governance and Working with Indigenous Peoples
- CBMP Implementation Update
- Board Meeting September Schedule
- Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation Update
- Minutes: CBBC Board Meeting no. 59
- Delivery of Benefits Update
- Basin Business Advisor and RevUp Program Reviews
- Regional Economic Climate
- Minutes: Executive Committee no. 177
- Task Force Membership

13/25 Moved, Seconded and Resolved that:
Agenda No. 247 be and hereby is approved and adopted as amended.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

14/25 Moved, Seconded and Resolved that:
Minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting held January 24/25, 2025 be and are hereby approved and adopted.

15/25 Moved, Seconded and Resolved that:
In Camera Minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting held January 24/25, 2025 be and are hereby approved and adopted**.**

The Corporate Secretary is hereby authorized to apply the electronic signature of the Chair to all approved minutes.

Record of Consent Resolution - 2025/26 – 2027/28 Service Plan

The Board of Directors was presented with correspondence via email on February 7, 2025 which sought approval of the *2025/26 – 2027/28 Service Plan*. The following motion was approved and executed in counterparts to be effective as at February 12, 2025.

16/25 Moved, Seconded and Resolved that:
The Board of Directors hereby approves the 2025/26 – 2027/28 Service Plan in substantially the form in the material provided. The Corporate Secretary is hereby authorized to apply the electronic signature of the Chair to the Service Plan.

BOARD DIRECTED SESSION

Wildfire and Cultural Burning

Marty Williams, an Elder and former elected Council member of the ʔaq̓am community, joined the Board for a professional development session on wildfire and Cultural Burning. The Board learned more about the use of fire as a tool for forestry and environmental protection, its diverse benefits, and its role in safeguarding communities.

Marty Williams left the meeting.

REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR AND CEO

Report from the Chair

Chair Carver provided a verbal report for information.

Report from the President and CEO

The Board was provided a written report for information on general corporate matters not specifically addressed elsewhere on the Board agenda.

CORPORATE MATTERS

Trust Governance and Working with Indigenous Peoples

The Board was provided a memorandum in which Chair Carver summarized the themes that have emerged over the past two years during formal and informal Board, Chair and Director discussions regarding Trust governance and working with First Nations, Metis Chartered Communities and Indigenous Peoples resident in the Basin (Indigenous Peoples).

The Board discussed their commitment to ensure governance oversight of priorities related to working with Indigenous Peoples by:

- identification of a governance oversight framework that supports this priority,
- continued commitment to Board professional development, and
- identifying and developing practices and resources that support governance objectives appropriate for the Trust context.

The Board recognized this aspect of their governance role will involve ongoing development and discussion.

CBMP Implementation: Update on Activities

The Board was provided a memorandum for information on the progress to date for implementation of the 2024-2034 Columbia Basin Management Plan (CBMP).

Board Meeting September Schedule

The Board was provided a memorandum which sought approval to amend the 2025 meeting schedule.

17/25 Moved, Seconded and Resolved that:
The Board of Directors hereby approves an amendment to the 2025 meeting schedule for the Annual General Meeting to be held September 11 and the Board Meeting to be held on September 12/13 in Radium.

DELIVERY OF BENEFITS MATTERS

Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation Update

The Board was provided a memorandum for information on broadband initiatives that included key metrics and milestones for the *Connect the Basin - Universal Broadband Fund* project and other projects, as well as an update on network utilization and operations.

Minutes of the CBBC Board meeting held November 14, 2024 were provided for information.

Delivery of Benefits Update on Activities

The Board was provided a memorandum for information on Delivery of Benefits (DOB) activities that included an update on areas of financial commitment by DOB budget category, funding highlights, community engagement and events, and initiatives and partnerships.

Basin Business Advisors and RevUp Program Reviews

The Board was provided a memorandum that presented findings from a review of the Basin Business Advisors (BBA) and Basin RevUp (RevUp) programs and provided recommendations for areas where there could be programmatic improvements.

The following program revisions were brought forward for approval:

- expand BBA to deliver the services previously offered by RevUp to streamline resource allocation and improve applicant experience,
- explore options for structured post-program supports,
- develop targeted marketing materials for medium to large-scale businesses in the Basin,
- develop tailored service offerings for medium sized businesses preparing to scale up,
- explore advisory opportunities for large-scale food producers/processors in the region.

18/25 Moved, Seconded and Resolved that:
The Board of Directors hereby approves an increase to the 2025/26 Basin Business Advisors budget for a total of $3,150,000 to facilitate three years of expanded delivery of the BBA program in substantially the form provided in the material to this meeting.

Regional Economic Climate

Further to Board discussions in January, the unsettled global economic climate has continued to become exceedingly more unpredictable. The Board was provided a memorandum that outlined current and future trends projected to impact the regional economy and sought feedback on areas for potential refinement within Delivery of Benefits programming for this fiscal year.

The Board held a fulsome discussion. A series of programmatic recommendations will be brought forward for consideration at the May Board meeting.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on January 24, 2025 were provided for information.

Task Force Membership

The Board was provided a memorandum on membership recruitment and next steps for formation of the four new Task Forces for Clean Energy Initiatives, Local Food Initiatives, Housing Initiatives, and Water Initiatives (Task Force).

Following consultation with the Board Task Force Liaisons and Chair Carver, Task Force membership and refinements to Task Force Terms of Reference were brought forward for approval.

The following two friendly amendments to the proposed resolutions were also brought forward:

i. after due diligence, it is recommended that Rochelle Longval be added to the proposed membership for Clean Energy Initiatives Task Force.

ii. Chair Carver and Director Graeme agreed to rescind his appointment as the Clean Energy Initiatives Board Liaison. In discussions with the Chair, Director Marino agreed to be put forward for this appointment.

19/25 Moved, Seconded and Resolved that:
The Board of Directors hereby approves the membership of the Housing Initiatives, Local Food Initiatives and Water Initiatives Task Forces in the form provided in the material for this meeting.

And Further Resolved that:
The Board of Directors hereby approves the membership of the Clean Energy Initiatives Task Force in the form provided in the material for this meeting with the addition of Rochelle Longval.

And Further Resolved that:
The Board of Directors hereby approves the amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Housing Initiatives, Clean Energy Initiatives, Local Food Initiatives and Water Initiatives Task Forces in substantially the form provided in the material for this meeting.

And Further Resolved that:
The Board of Directors hereby rescinds the appointment of Director Graeme and approves the appointment of Director Marino as the Board Liaison to the Clean Energy Initiatives Task Force for a term to end at the first Trust Board Meeting of calendar 2026.

IN CAMERA

Directors and Staff went in camera. Matters to be recorded are in the In Camera minutes for this meeting.

CONCLUSION

The meeting was concluded on April 5, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. (MT).

Certified Correct:

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J. Carver, Chair **J. Medlar, Corporate Secretary**