

**ASSINIBOINE WEST WATERSHED DISTRICT (AWWD)
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
In person and Zoom**

PRESENT:	
Darcy Oliver - Arrow River (Chairman)	Lesli Burke – Administrator
Jack Lenderbeck – Lake of the Prairies (Vice)	Ryan Canart – General Manager
Rusty Still – Birdtail Creek	Jeff Howard – Regional Manager- Zoom
Mervin Starzyk – Arrow River	Adam Kerkowich – Regional Manager
Charles Bertram – Assiniboine River	Colleen Cuvelier – Regional Manager
Dennis Pedersen – Lower Little SK River	Vickie Laite - Administrator
Ray Frey– Upper Little SK River	
Todd Brown – Oak River	Regrets:
Mike Shenderevich – Prov. Appointee	Barry Lowes – Silver Creek-Zoom
Madeline Dressler – Provincial Planner	Glenda Chescu – Shell River

Chairperson Darcy Oliver called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

1. Approval of Amended Agenda

Frey/Lenderbeck

CARRIED

Resolution #2022-08-01

Motion to Adopt Agenda

2. Adoption of July 2022 Minutes

Starzyk/Shenderevich

CARRIED

Resolution #2022-08-02

Motion to adopt July 19 Board Meeting Minutes.

3. Financial Statements

Still/Bertram

CARRIED

Resolution #2022-08-03

Motion that the August 2022 Financial Report from July 12, 2022, to August 5, 2022

and the July 2022 bank statement be accepted as circulated with the amendments to the cheque log.

That the deposits of \$ 339992.04 and the payables in the amount of \$ 292074.25,

including on-line payments, pre-authorized debits, transfers, and cheques numbered 1590-1636 are approved for payment.

4. Reports

Reports presented included MAW Rep, Chairman, Provincial, Regional offices, and GM report.

Bertram/Still

CARRIED

Resolution #2022-08-04

Motion to approve the reports as presented.

5. Board Member Issues and Opportunities

TB2 program: ALUS Canada has applied for the Two Billion Tree Program and has invited AWWD to enroll 2022 shelterbelt projects under this program. The Board and staff discussed what annual payments may be acceptable and how we would navigate the delivery and monitoring of such a program. Staff were directed to use \$50/acre for annual payments and contact 2022 shelterbelt participants to gauge their interest in signing up.

Carbon and Ecological offset clause in funding contracts: Staff brought forward landowner concerns that projects have been declined by the producers based on the funding sources and conditions (carbon and ecological offsets). Multiple landowners are deciding not to sign GROW and/or ALUS contracts because of the carbon and ecological credit clause in the contract. Some of the issues are as follows:

- Funder pay 50 % of costs and request 100% of the potential carbon and ecological offsets.
- Manitoba shall receive the credits for the life of the project, in which the duration is not specified
- Other feel projects that deliver EGS and provide little to no personal benefit should not be stripped of potential benefits
- Others had issue with the corporate funders specifically, paying small amounts and trying to maximize corporate benefit.

RM of Yellowhead: Mervin Starzyk mentioned that a local businessman had approached the municipality with a water purification unit for the purposed of demonstration in Shoal Lake. Council agreed to install the unit and maintain it for a time in the north end basin.

Watershed District Tours: 4 tour dates were confirmed, and tour stops were discussed.

Frey/Lenderbeck **CARRIED**

Resolution #2022-08-05

Motion to have Rute Salemon enrol in Remote Sensing, and that AWWD pay for the training fee of \$613.50.

6. In camera

Starzyk/Bertram

CARRIED

Resolution #2022-08-06

Motion to go in camera at 11:25 am.

7. Out of camera

Still/ Starzyk

CARRIED

Resolution #2022-08-07

Motion to exit the in camera session at 11:55 and resume normal meeting.

8. Unfinished Business/ Housekeeping

Frey/Shenderevich

CARRIED

Resolution #2022-08-08

Motion to grandfather North Manager's vacation entitlement to be equivalent to 6 weeks of paid vacation.

Brown/Lenderbeck

CARRIED

Resolution #2022-08-09

Motion to pay prior GROW Co-ordinator for the 32.2 hours that she worked, assisting staff while on maternity leave, at her hourly rate of pay.

Frey/Still

CARRIED

Resolution #2022-08-10

Motion to purchase 8 registrations and rooms (which include breakfast) for the MFGA Regen Ag conference in Brandon November 14 and 15, 2022 for the purposes of watershed District tour prizes.

Lenderbeck/Brown

CARRIED

Resolution #2022-08-11

Motion to transfer \$40,260.36 from the Board Surplus Account to the General Operating Account, for the purchase of a 2021 Ford F-150 XL Truck; and to transfer \$1,797.34, being the GST portion of the purchase, from the General Operating Account to the Board Surplus Account.

Shenderevich/Pedersen

CARRIED

Resolution #2022-08-12

Motion to transfer \$245,650.00 from the General Operating Account to Grow Operating 2020-2021 Account, and \$98,837.50 from the General Operating Account to the Grow Annual Payments Account.

13. Adjournment @ 12:20

Starzyk/Still

CARRIED

Resolution #2022-08-13

Motion to adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, or at the call of the chair.

Chairperson

Administrator