

Assiniboine West Watershed District (AWWD)

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2020 – @10:00 am

Via Zoom

PRESENT:	
Darcy Oliver - Arrow River (Chairman)	Mervin Starzyk – Arrow River
Jack Lenderbeck – Lake of the Prairies (Vice)	Ray Frey– Vice Upper Little Sk River@11:15
Todd Brown – Oak River	Dennis Pedersen – Lower Little Sk River
Charles Bertram – Assiniboine River	Glenda Chescu – Shell River
Mike Shenderevich – Provincial Appointee	Rusty Still – Birdtail Creek
Ryan Canart – General Manager	Colleen Cuvelier – Regional Manager
	Adam Kerkowich – Regional Manager
Dale Timmerman – Provincial Planner	Jeff Howard – Regional Manager
Lesli Burke - Administrator	Janet Sandstrom – Administrator

REGRETS:	
Barry Lowes – Silver Creek	

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

1. Approval of Agenda

BERTRAM - STARZYK

Resolution #2020-05-01 Motion to Adopt Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes – Distributed the minutes of March 30, 2020

PEDERSON-SHENDEREVICH

Resolution #2020-05-02 Motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of March 30, 2020 as distributed.

CARRIED

3. Financial Statements – Up to and including April 17th, 2020

BROWN - LENDERBECK

Resolution #2020-05-03 Motion to accept the Financial Statements.

CARRIED

4. MCDA Rep Report – Ray and Mike reported on the recent MCDA meeting. \$300 000.00 for Living Labs has been delivered up front. There is some concern that the remaining \$300 000.00 from Ag Canada for programming may be affected by the current economic situation caused by Covid. The remainders is to be reimbursed when invoices are received. MAW is exploring line of credit options with Westoba to offset financial obligations. This will be investigated and reported on at the June meeting.
5. Chairman’s Report. Chairman has been working on policy updates.
6. Provincial Report – Dale reported that so far things are “business as usual”. GROW and Conservation Trust are funded by futurities and the only variable might be the rate of return. Our first installment should be arriving shortly. Sharla Dillabough is leaving the department and he will continue to cover our area. Dale also reports he has now been assigned to the Redboine Watershed District.
7. Managers’ Report –
 Ryan provided a report on the summer hires.
 The GROW applications have been sent.
 Manitoba Hydro has cancelled a 10,000.00 grant that had been earmarked for a tree order for Elkhorn Ag society. The Board felt we might look at a reduced project on a 1:1 basis or possibly putting the project off until next year. Ryan will talk to the Elkhorn Ag Chair and see what her thoughts are.
 We will be supplying apple trees for ten Elkhorn Grade 5 students again this year in conjunction with the Elkhorn Ag Society.
 Ryan has been working with the Carthy Foundation on a regenerating soil project. Another meeting is scheduled for the beginning of May.

STILL/CHESCU

Resolution #2020-05-04 Motion to approve reports as presented.

CARRIED

8. Subdivisions- the board reviewed two subdivision applications and has no objections at this time
9. Board Member Issues/Opportunities
 Ray further explained the Living Labs funding issue. He also asked that we submit an article to the “The Current” magazine. Advertisers are decreasing and there will be a reduction in the number of magazines produced.

10. Other

BERTRAM - STILL

Resolution #2020-05-05 Motion that the Watershed district apply for three credit cards – one for each office. Oak River and Inglis Offices - \$5000.00 limit. Miniota Office 10,000.00 limit. The cards will be in Ryan, Adam and Colleen’s names. Any purchases over \$2,500.00 will require board pre-approval.

CARRIED

11. AMM insurance is to be paid as due and reviewed at a later date.
12. Year end - final financial report and summary of activities for 2019-2020 is due April 25th. Sensus has contacted us about the audit. They will not be coming out and have provided a list of the documents that they need.
13. Logo – on going contest continues on Facebook site.
14. Seed drill – it was the general consensus of the not all members were familiar with field equipment issues. Therefore

FREY /CHESCU

Resolution #2020-05-06 Motion that the Watershed District create a sub-committee comprised of Dennis Pedersen, Mervyn Starzyk and Mike Shenderevich to set up seeder operation plan and fee schedule. As the Chair, Darcy Oliver will preside over meetings.

CARRIED

15. Correspondence - Nil
16. Adjournment

STARZYK - LENDERBECK

Resolution #2020-05-07

Motion to adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, May 19th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Location to be determined.

CARRIED

Chairperson

Administrator