

Assiniboine West Watershed District (AWWD)

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2020 – @ 10:20 am

Miniota Council Chambers

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| PRESENT: | |
| Darcy Oliver - Arrow River (Chairman) | Rusty Still – Birdtail Creek |
| Jack Lenderbeck – Lake of the Prairies (Vice) | Mervin Starzyk – Arrow River |
| Barry Lowes – Silver Creek | Ray Frey – Upper Little Sask River |
| Charles Bertram – Assiniboine River | Dennis Pedersen – Lower Little Sask River |
| Todd Brown – Oak River | Glenda Chescu – Shell River |
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| Ryan Canart – General Manager | Janet Sandstrom – Administrator |
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| REGRETS: | |
| Mike Shenderevich – Provincial Appointee | |
| Adam Kerkowich – Regional Manager | Colleen Cuvelier – Regional Manager |

Chairperson Darcy Oliver called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

LENDERBECK-BROWN

Resolution #2020-02-01 Motion to Adopt Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes – November 5, 2019, November 21, 2019, December 17, 2019 and Inaugural Board Meeting Minutes.

STILL-PEDERSEN

Resolution #2020-02-02 Motion to adopt the minutes of the January 21, 2020 Inaugural meeting, November 5, 21, December 17, 2019 as distributed.

CARRIED

3. Financial

(a) Statement – January 20, 2020

STILL-PERDERSEN

Resolution #2020-02-03 Motion to accept the Financial Statements.

CARRIED

(b) Budget 2020-2021

FREY-LENDERBECK

Resolution #2020-02-04 Motion to accept the draft budget for AWWD.

CARRIED

(c) Levy Request

BERTRAM-LENDERBECK

Resolution #2020-02-05 Motion to accept the levy request as discussed.

CARRIED

(d) Motion to merge chequing accounts for UARCD, LSRCD, LPCD

STARZYK-CHESCU

Resolution #2020-02-06 Be it resolved that the general chequing accounts of the LPCD, LSRCD and UARCD can be merged.

CARRIED

(e) Credit card – Inglis Office

FREY-BROWN

Resolution #2020-02-07 Motion to investigate options for credit card: ie LPCD's credit card, to change the name to AWWD, and to add cards under for the other two offices, or other options.

CARRIED

(f) Audit Tender

BERTRAM-LOWES

Resolution #2020-02-08 Motion to approve the three-year audit tender for AWWD as provided by Sensus.

CARRIED

4. Amalgamation

Personnel Committee Recommendations

(a) Benefits Contract (Mervin Starzyk abstained from discussion and resolution)

STILL-PEDERSEN

Resolution #2020-02-09 Motion to provide applicable staff AWWD with a Blue Cross Plan II.

CARRIED

(b) MEBP

STILL-PEDERSEN

Resolution #2020-02-10 Motion to continue our membership in the Manitoba Employee Benefit's Plan.

CARRIED

BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 11:40

(c) Personnel Contracts

PEDERSEN-STILL

Resolution #2020-02-11 Motion to go in camera to discuss contracts.

CARRIED

STARZYK-FREY

Resolution #2020-02-12 Motion exit the in camera session and resume normal meeting.

CARRIED

(d) Policy Committee Recommendations

PEDERSEN-LENDERBECK

Resolution #2020-02-13

Motion to adopt the Policy Committee Recommendations.

CARRIED

The board suggested keeping a record on monthly mileage on trucks.

5. MCDA Rep Report
- Ray provided an update on the MCDA, Next meeting February 6th in Portage.
6. Chairman's Report
- Chairman provided a report on the amalgamation progress.
7. Provincial Report – Dale was unable to attend – sends regrets

8. Managers' Report

Past meetings/presentations

- Jan 7 personnel committee meeting
- Jan 7 presented to Woodworth Conservation Club – re AWWD programming/ALUS & GROW
- Jan 8 discussion with Carthy Foundation (Calgary)
- Jan 9 hosted EFP workshop in Miniota 12 producers attended
- Jan 13 interviewed 5 individuals for administrator position (Darcy, Dennis, Janet)
- Jan 14 meeting with Adam, Colleen, Dale and Andrea (AWWD 2020-21 budget and grow proposal)
- Jan 15 presented to Livestock producers at Binscarth (beef and forage week)
- Jan 16 presented programs to Band Chief, Jennifer Bone of Sioux Valley Dakota First Nation

Upcoming meetings/presentations

- Jan 23 EPLL Pollinator workshop Winnipeg
- Jan 27 Host Regen ag workshop in Shoal Lake
- Jan 30 present to RMBR AGM re: grow program, Erickson
- Jan 31 Meet with regional ALUS staff (Colleen, Adam, Jeff, Ryan) Miniota
- Feb 19-20 ARBI annual conference, Minot ND
- Feb 26-28 Managers meeting, Hecla, MB, Adam and Colleen to attend

Survey / GIS Activity

- Examined one site for producer in Lenore
- Examining many potential sites for water retention on Sioux Valley FN
- Assisted with DU survey near Shoal Lake (Dutkewich/Fleming Marsh)
- 2015 Yellowhead survey details sent to Jay Toews
- Wilson Project as built data to Patsy Michels at Ag Canada
- Search, locate and improve AWWD GIS layers
- Couple of large maps printed Sioux Valley, Miniota Centennial map
- Heaman potential retention by Kenton (Cormack Lake) lidar analysis
- Update and renew ESRI charity licenses on Jeff and Steph's computers

- Culvert inventory data to DU

Dams

Tree Planting

- Combined LSRCD, LPCD and UARCD tree orders, to date 6000

Pipe plow

Crossings & erosion control

Gully stabilization / grassed runways

Soil Health

Staff

- Finalized 2020 staff contracts - submitted for signatures
- Working with Kayla in Miniota on grant reporting

Water protection

- Sealed well in Miniota and Shoal Lake (*First AWWD Projects!!*)

Living Laboratories Program

- Purchased water and fence materials \$8000.00
- Contacted numerous producers to attend workshop on Jan 27
- Sold sponsorship to MFGA for \$500.00

External funding

- Submitted Building sustainable communities grant for effluent irrigation at Miniota Golf course 25,000.00
- Discussion with Carthy Foundation, sent concept paper - submission regarding regenerative AG demo sites
- UARCD, LSRCD, LPCD all submitted hometown green team grants for 2 summer positions each
- Developed RBC grant (RBC Tech for Nature) Feb 3 deadline

CT/GROW

- Merged LSRCD and UARCD accounts into AWWD for Conservation Trust, LPCD didn't have an account
- Call for letters of intent Jan 10th, deadline for submissions Feb 14 (\$750,000.00 ask target)
- AWWD partnering on two CT proposals lead by MFGA/DU
- Perennial spot sow down, AWWD contribution \$5000 (in-kind – labour) \$7500 cash (transporting drill)
- AWWD Receives \$11,000 cash
- Soil Health trails (cover crops- extend growing season) AWWD to receive \$20k in cash for seed purchases. AWWD contribution time and travel to monitor sites, report etc.

Ag Action

- LSRCD water retention and runoff management project decided
- LPCD Water retention and runoff management and Soil Health project declined
- UARCD soil health project declined
- UARCD water retention and runoff management project approved - \$99,900.00

Account Updates

- Cell phone contracts
- Office phones.
- E-mail

- Website

STILL-STARZYK

**Resolution #2020-02-14 Motion to provide \$500 for AWWD's annual membership.
CARRIED**

STILL-LOWES

**Resolution #2020-02-15 Motion to approve reports as presented.
CARRIED**

9. Subdivisions

10. Board Member Issues/Opportunities

11. Other

-Discussion regarding remuneration rates. Agreed to use the provincial mileage rate.
Clarified that a regular meeting is 10-3, an extra-long is anything more.

STARZYK-FREY

**Resolution #2020-02-16 Motion to use the provincial mileage rate for AWWD expenses.
CARRIED**

Surplus – The board agreed to pay out of LSRCD's surplus as per the spreadsheet provided, with the exception of the rain garden, as it is not ready yet. Also agreed that once AWWD's audit is complete, the remaining UARCD surplus will be set aside for projects in the original UARCD boundaries, as per the UARCD resolution.

12. Correspondence

- Letter of explanation of amalgamation from province

-Copy of final AWWD proposal

-Inglis School fundraiser – Birthday calendar

-MEBP – Info

-Blue Cross – Info

13. Adjournment

PEDERSEN-STILL

**Resolution #2020-02-17 Motion to adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at
10:00 a.m. at the Council Chambers in Miniota.**

CARRIED

Chairperson

Administrator