

Assiniboine West Watershed District (AWWD)

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 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
Todd Brown – Oak River	Dennis Pedersen – Lower Little Sk River
Charles Bertram – Assiniboine River	Glenda Chescu – Shell River
Dale Timmerman – Provincial Planner	Barry Lowes – Silver Creek
Ryan Canart – General Manager	Colleen Cuvelier – Regional Manager
	Adam Kerkowich – Regional Manager
	Jeff Howard – Regional Manager
	Janet Sandstrom – Administrator
	Lesli Burke - Administrator

REGRETS:	
Rusty Still – Birdtail Creek	
Mike Shenderevich – Provincial Appointee	

Chairperson Darcy Oliver called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

BERTRAM - CHESCU

Resolution #2020-06-01

Motion to Adopt Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes – Distributed the minutes of April 21, 2020

PEDERSON-STARZYK

Resolution #2020-06-02

Motion to adopt the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of April 21, 2020 as distributed.

CARRIED

3. Financial Statements – Up to and including April 30, 2020 as per bank statement.

BROWN - CHESCU

Resolution #2020-06-03

Motion to accept the Financial Statements.

CARRIED

- 4 MCDA Rep Report – Ray polled the group about their feelings regarding the MCDA convention and the possibilities of attending in person. The board felt that it would be better if the convention went forward if possible, but understands that the current situation may not allow this.
5. Chairman’s Report. Darcy has been monitoring the seed drill. He’s also been keeping an eye on the Covid 19 situation. The Watershed office in Miniota has been working on the premise that as long as everyone is non-symptomatic and continues to social distance as advised that there is no reason not to work/travel together. Employees who prefer to work alone are accommodated.

Darcy asked for motions to formally recognize sub-committees. Therefore:

CHESCU - BERTRAM

Resolution #2020-06-04

Motion to strike a Finance Committee, Policy Committee, Equipment Committee and a Human Resources Committee

CARRIED

At this time the committees will be comprised of:

Finance Committee - Merv, Rusty and Glenda

Policy Committee – Charles, Dennis and Todd

Equipment Committee - Dennis, Merv and Mike

Human Resources Committee (formerly Transition Committee) Dennis Ray and Mike.

6. Provincial Report – Dale reported that things continue to be “business as usual” and that the Provincial Manual will be distributed shortly. There will be some local GROW training workshops coming in the future for board and committee members. Dale also took the opportunity to remind the Board that they need to keep their municipal partners apprised of the work we are doing in their areas.
7. Managers’ Report – see appendix
8. Ryan explained the advantage of having a fleet tracker for our watershed district. It could be moved from truck to truck, and also be installed on the seed drill.

PEDERSON-BROWN

Resolution #2020-06-04

Motion for GM to purchase a fleet tracker.

CARRIED

9. Ryan advised the board that we are almost out of rain barrels and as with the combined area there should be no problem getting rid of them. Stickers have been placed on barrels in the past indicating they were purchased from the CDs.

CHESCU-BERTRAM

Resolution #2020-06-05

Motion to purchase 300 rain barrels. Price to be determined, but must be harmonized between offices and must recover cost.

CARRIED

STARZYK/LOWES

Resolution #2020-06-06

Motion to approve reports as presented.

CARRIED

10. Subdivisions- the board reviewed three subdivision applications and has no objections at this time

11. Board Member Issues/Opportunities

- a. Staffing
- b. Projects – last years/this years
- c. Tree order
- d. Wish lists of former CD's
- e. Budget

Discussion took place on several topics. It was agreed that it would be more beneficial to resume to an in face meeting as opposed to ZOOM if possible. If possible, under the social conditions, a meeting will be arranged at the call of the Chair to discuss the issues at hand.

12. Other -

- a. Credit card progress – Adam is to meet with the bank this week.
- b. AMM insurance – paid. Requested new drill be added.
- c. Year End – deadline has been pushed back. Report is on track
- d. Logo – Facebook contest over – Option #1
- e. Seed drill report – addressed by Ryan and Darcy in previous reports
- f. Audit – deadline also pushed back. No auditors will be in the building – will be requesting info online

13. Correspondence – Nil

14. Adjournment

LENDERBECK - PEDERSON

Resolution #2020-06-07

Motion to adjourn to meet again at the call of the Chair. Location to be determined.

CARRIED

Chairperson

Administrator