

**ASSINIBOINE WEST WATERSHED DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
Monday, August 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.  
In person and TEAMS**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	
Darcy Oliver - Arrow River	Ryan Canart – General Manager
Jack Lenderbeck – Lake of the Prairies	Vickie Laite – Administrator
Johnny Michasiw – Oak River	Jeff Howard – Regional Manager
Mervin Starzyk – Arrow River	Adam Kerkowich – Regional Manager
Charles Bertram – Assiniboine River	Madeline Dressler – Provincial Planner
Dennis Pedersen – Lower Little SK River	
Don Huisman – Upper Little SK River	
Glenda Chescu – Shell River	Regrets:
Rusty Still – Birdtail Creek	
Matt Terleski – Silver Creek	
Mike Shenderevich – Provincial Appointee	

Chairperson Darcy Oliver called the meeting to order at 10:04 am

1. Approval of Agenda

**Huisman – Lenderbeck**

Resolution#2023-08-01

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

**Pedersen – Chescu**

Resolution #2023-08-02

Motion to adopt the minutes from the July 17, 2023, regular meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Financial Statements

a. Financial Statements

**Still – Huisman**

Resolution #2023-08-03

Motion to approve the Financial Report from July 15 to August 10, 2023;

That revenue and transfers in the amount of \$576,456.22 and expenses in the amount of \$93,461.80 including cheques numbering 2339 to 2380, direct deposits numbering DD2892 to DD2903, on-line payments, pre-authorized debits, VISA purchases and transfers are approved for payment.

CARRIED

**Starzyk – Terleski**

Resolution #2023-08-04

Motion to approve the July Bank Statement & July Bank Reconciliation, as presented.

CARRIED

b. Audited Financials

**Huisman – Terleski**

Resolution #2023-08-05

We, the Board Members of Assiniboine West Watershed District hereby approve the Audited Financial Statements and take full responsibility for the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2023.

CARRIED

The Board reviewed the Audit Findings Letter, a quarterly Overtime and Vacation Time Report will be reviewed by the Board. The Board will discuss the letter at the next Board Meeting.

c. Transfers

**Still – Pedersen**

Resolution #2023-08-06

Motion to transfer GROW funds from the General Operating Bank Account to the GROW Operating Bank Account in the amount of \$413,806.00, for implementation of the GROW 2023 intake, and the amount of \$173,650.00 for implementation of the GROW 2022 intake;

And to transfer from the General Operating Bank Account to the GROW Annual Payments Bank Account \$116,300.00 for annual payments for the GROW 2023 intake, and \$55,592.00 for annual payments for the GROW 2021 intake.

CARRIED

**Bertram – Terelski**

Resolution #2023-08-07

Motion to transfer \$45,049.53 from the Board Truck Surplus to the General Operating for fuel and repairs; and to transfer \$46,066.96 from the General Operating Account to the Board Truck Surplus for mileage incurred.

CARRIED

4. MAW Report

Mike reported that he attended the MAW Tour in Dauphin, found it very interesting. They met with Manager's to determine if any issues needed to be addressed. The MAW office is relocating to a new office located in the same building.

5. Chairman's Report

Darcy reported that he attended a Policy Meeting.

6. Provincial Report

Madeline reported that their department has limited communications due to the upcoming general election. The Manitoba Government has a new water management strategy. Water availability and drought monitoring can be viewed online on the Government of Manitoba website, as well as information on the Beach Monitoring Program.

## 7. Regional Reports

Inglis – Adam reported that he attended the MAW Tour in Dauphin, and the Roblin Research Station Crop Tour. Shingling of the office roof will begin next week, and the computer towers are ready. Working on programming, survey work for a municipality, concerns regarding drainage of a lake, Shell River IWMP, soil sampling and preparing for well seals.

Miniota – Jeff reported that they are working on programming, verification checks and ground truthing for projects, confirming sites for small dams, maintenance at the ARF site, and pipeline plow projects. The summer students will work their last day on August 25.

## 8. GM Report

Ryan reported that he attended an Advanced Grazing Tour and Woodworth Grazing Tour Sean Buckley Field Tour. He had a meeting with MHHC regarding term lengths and funding strategies, a Policy Meeting, and met with employees whose probation period has been completed. He has had requests from Minnedosa and Hamiota for youth exercises.

### **Michasiw – Starzyk**

Resolution #2023-08-08

Motion to accept the reports as presented.

CARRIED

## 9. Board Member Issues/Opportunities

a. MFGA Regen Ag Conference, Brandon, MB, November 13-15 –  
Darcy Oliver, Dennis Pedersen, Glenda Chescu and Charles Bertram

b. MAW Conference, Brandon, MB, December 4-6 –  
Mervin Starzyk, Darcy Oliver, Dennis Pedersen, Don Huisman (no room), Glenda Chescu, Johnny Michasiw, Mike Shenderevich, Charles Bertram, and Jack Lenderbeck

## 11. Unfinished Business

a. Policy

### **Huisman – Shenderevich**

Resolution #2023-08-09

Motion to accept the Fiscal Management and Board Governance Policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee.

CARRIED

## 12. Correspondence

a. Province of Manitoba Real Estate Services – Easement 75096

b. Province of Manitoba Environment & Climate – Budget approval

## 10. In Camera

**Starzyk – Bertram**

Resolution #2023-08-10

Motion to go in camera at 12:15 pm.

CARRIED

**Lenderbeck – Still**

Resolution #2023-08-11

Motion to exit the in-camera session at 12:34 pm and resume regular meeting.

CARRIED

Discussion:

Staffing

13. Adjournment

**Pedersen – Huisman**

Resolution #2023-08-12

Motion to adjourn the meeting to meet again on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 10:00 am, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

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CHAIRPERSON

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ADMINISTRATOR