

**ASSINIBOINE WEST WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
In person and ZOOM**

PRESENT:	
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	Colleen Cuvelier – Regional Manager
Dennis Pedersen – Lower Little SK River	Madeline Dressler – Provincial Planner
Don Huisman – Upper Little SK River	
Matt Terleski – Silver Creek	Regrets:
Rusty Still – Birdtail Creek	Glenda Chescu – Shell River
Mike Shenderevich – Provincial Appointee	

Chairperson Darcy Oliver called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

1. Approval of Agenda

Starzyk – Shenderevich

Resolution#2023-03-01

Motion to adopt the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

Michasiw – Bertram

Resolution #2023-03-02

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended from the February 21, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Financial Statements

Lenderbeck – Huisman

Resolution #2023-03-03

Motion to approve the Financial Report from February 15 to March 16, 2023;

That revenue and transfers in the amount of \$948,626.15 and expenses in the amount of \$241,188.42 including cheques numbering 2121 to 2182, direct deposits numbering DD2753 to DD2774, on-line payments, pre-authorized debits, VISA purchases and transfers are approved for payment.

CARRIED

Pedersen – Still

Resolution #2023-03-04

Motion to approve the February 2023 Bank Statement and the February 2023 Bank Reconciliation as presented.

CARRIED

Starzyk – Shenderevich

Resolution #2023-03-05

Motion to transfer funds from the General Operating Account to the ALUS 2022 23 Account in the amount of \$214,485.50, for funding received.

CARRIED

Bertram – Still

Resolution #2023-03-06

Motion to transfer funds from the GROW Operating Account to the General Account, in the amount of \$17,250.00, for additional establishment payments released.

CARRIED

Lenderbeck – Pedersen

Resolution #2023-03-07

Motion to transfer funds, in the amount of \$52,185.69, from the Board Surplus Account to the General Operating Account to cover the purchase of a 2022 Ram Crew Cab.

CARRIED

4. MAW Report

Mike Shenderevich reported that his term on the MAW Executive has ended, but still holds a position on the MAW Board; August 9 & 10 will be the MAW Board Tour in the St Rose area; More staff is being hired for MAW.

Linda Nicol & Lindsay Perkins attended the meeting via ZOOM at 10:20 am to provide details on the Communications Proposal for GROW. The proposal is to support districts in advertising for GROW so that the districts are not duplicating each other in their advertising. This will keep the message uniform throughout the Province. They are requesting \$2,500/district for advertising expenses. Linda Nicol & Lindsay Perkins left the meeting at 10:30 am.

5. Chairman's Report

Darcy Oliver reported on a seminar he attended in Roblin regarding Crop Aid and Carbon Credits; as well as a PAC Meeting in Shoal Lake.

6. Provincial Report

Madeline Dressler provided information on a new funding opportunity – Manitoba Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP), applications for this program are due April 4th, 2023. Spring Flood Outlook risks are low, more information can be found on the Province of Manitoba News Releases Page <https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=58341&posted=2023-02-28>. Final budgets will be due 30 days after provincial grant notification, and final reports are due April 25th; Audits are due on June 30th.

7. Regional Reports

Attached and form part of these minutes

8. GM Report

Attached and form part of these minutes

Huisman – Pedersen

Resolution #2023-03-08

Motion to accept the reports as presented.

CARRIED

9. Board Member Issues/Opportunities

a. Approve PAC Recommendations

Still – Lenderbeck

Resolution #2023-03-09

Motion to approve the Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) Terms of Reference, as discussed and edited, at the March 7, 2023 PAC Meeting, as recommended by the PAC.

CARRIED

Michasiw – Shenderevich

Resolution #2023-03-10

Motion to approve the Establishment and Annual Payment Rates, as discussed and modified, at the March 7, 2023 PAC Meeting, as recommended by the PAC.

CARRIED

Starzyk – Terleski

Resolution #2023-03-11

Motion to approve the establishment of a Grazing Forward Sub-Committee and a Growing Roots Sub-Committee, as discussed and modified, at the March 7, 2023 PAC Meeting, as recommended by PAC.

CARRIED

Pedersen – Still

Resolution #2023-03-12

Motion to approve the establishment of up to four (4) farmer coaches for the Growing Roots Program, as discussed at the March 7, 2023 PAC Meeting, as recommended by the PAC.

CARRIED

Lenderbeck – Michasiw

Resolution #2023-03-13

Motion to approve the SWIP, Riparian, Upland, and Shelterbelt landowner proposals recommended by PAC at their March 7, 2023 PAC Meeting.

CARRIED

b. AMM Abuse Policy – TABLED

c. 2023 ALUS MOU

Bertram – Starzyk

Resolution #2023-03-14

Motion to approve the signing of the 2023 ALUS MOU.

CARRIED

d. Purchase of Water Line

Lenderbeck – Huisman

Resolution #2023-03-15

Motion to approve the purchase of 9,000 feet of ¾" water line, plus delivery and taxes, in the amount of \$1,988.38, from Heartnut Grove WWT Inc.

CARRIED

e. RALP Overview – Ryan Canart provided a brief overview of the new funding opportunity

g. Summer Students – 3 full time and 1 part time students have been hired

h. Board Member Recognition – The Policy Committee will review

10. In Camera

No In Camera items to discuss

11. Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business to discuss

12. Correspondence

a. Oak Lake Care Centre Inc. – Have decided to withdraw correspondence

b. Agriculture in the Classroom AGM – April 12, 2023

c. MHHC – Notice of Intent to File a Caveat (Ian Dyer, Rivers) – Noted & Filed.

d. Subdivision (Ditch Lake) – No comments

13. Adjournment

Lenderbeck – Michasiw

Resolution #2023-03-16

Motion to adjourn the meeting to meet again on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 at 10:00 am, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

ADMINISTRATOR