

**ASSINIBOINE WEST WATERSHED DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**

<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:
Matt Terleski – Silver Creek	Rusty Still – Birdtail Creek
	Mike Shenderevich – Provincial Appointee

Chairperson Darcy Oliver called the meeting to order at 10:02 am

1. Approval of Agenda

**Michasiw – Chescu**

Resolution#2023-05-01

Motion to adopt the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

**Starzyk – Terleski**

Resolution #2023-05-02

Motion to adopt the minutes from the April 18, 2023 regular meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Financial Statements

**Huisman – Lenderbeck**

Resolution #2023-05-03

Motion to approve the Financial Report from April 14 to May 12, 2023;

That revenue and transfers in the amount of \$997,122.93 and expenses in the amount of \$140,777.95 including cheques numbering 2221 to 2257, direct deposits numbering DD2798 to DD2821, on-line payments, pre-authorized debits, VISA purchases and transfers are approved for payment.

CARRIED

**Chescu – Bertram**

Resolution #2023-05-04

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

CARRIED

a. Final Budget

**Huisman - Michasiw**

Resolution #2023-05-09

Motion to approve the final budget as presented.

CARRIED

Delegation Wayne & Judy Reid attended the meeting at 10:15 to discuss a project UARCD, Shoal Lake Enhancement Committee and the Municipality of Shoal Lake undertook in 2003. UARCD provided funding to replace the existing wooden stock blocks with aluminum stock blocks. The water levels in Shoal Lake were higher after this project took place. The Reid's are looking for assistance to repair the property that they are renting from the Municipality of Shoal Lake. They have a meeting tomorrow, April 17, with Manitoba Water Stewardship to look at the water levels in Shoal Lake and invite Watershed Staff and Board Members to attend.

Wayne & Judy Reid left the meeting at 10:35 am.

Staff was instructed to issue a letter and let the Reid's know that if we come across a funding grant that would be appropriate for this project that it will be passed on to them to assist in their efforts of repairing the shoreline.

#### 4. MAW Report

No report

#### 5. Chairman's Report

The Board Chair reported that in April/May he attended a PAC Meeting, HR Committee Meeting, and a Policy Committee Meeting.

#### 6. Provincial Report

- Audited Financial Statements are due June 30, with inventory report and audit adjusted financial report and audited financial statements due July 15
- The Minister sent out the Provincial Grant Allocation letter on May 1, the Final Budget is due on May 31
- Watershed District Regulations were amended to include amended boundaries
- There is a Water Rights Licensing Process Webinar being held on Tuesday, May 9 at 9:30 am via Microsoft Teams
- Provincial mileage rate has been decreased to \$0.46/km effective April 1, 2023

#### 7. Regional Reports

Are attached and form a part of these minutes

#### 8. GM Report

The General Manager reported that he had:

- a meeting with Growing Roots Committee;
- meetings with Dan from MAW to discuss PWCP funding for 2023;
- no word from RALP yet regarding funding; MB Beef producers are upset with the Watershed Districts, as their producers have to go through their designated watershed districts otherwise they do not get the funding, and not all districts applied for RALP;
- Getting new hires exposed to all that the watershed projects.

#### **Huisman – Michasiw**

Resolution #2023-05-05

Motion to accept the reports as presented.

CARRIED

9. Board Member Issues/Opportunities

a. Wayne Reid, Delegation – Delegation was presented at 10:15 am

b. PAC Presentations

**Starzyk – Lenderbeck**

Resolution #2023-05-06

Motion to approve the PAC recommendations from the Grazing Forward Sub-Committee landowner proposals reviewed on April 17<sup>th</sup> and approved by PAC on April 28, 2023.

CARRIED

**Pedersen – Bertram**

Resolution #2023-05-07

Motion to approve the PAC recommendations from the Growing Roots Sub-Committee landowner proposals reviewed on April 25<sup>th</sup> and approved by PAC on April 28, 2023.

CARRIED

Charles declared a conflict at 11:35 am

**Michasiw – Lenderbeck**

Resolution #2023-05-08

Motion to approve the Shelterbelt, SWIP, Upland, and Riparian landowner proposals recommended by PAC at their April 28, 2023 PAC Meeting.

CARRIED

Charles returned to the meeting at 11:39 am

c. Don Huisman reported on the Clear Lake Stakeholders – Zebra Mussel DNA was found in August last year, this remains inactive when under +10, never found any DNA all winter. Ottawa would like to close clear lake this year, Parks Staff has to inspect boats. Any coming into the park have to be presented and inspected, and can't have been in the water in 2023, if it passes the inspection they will seal the boat to the trailer if that seal brakes, without the park cutting it, the boat will not be allowed on the lake. After June 15 no other boats will be allowed into Clear Lake. Clear Lake has a decontamination station of canoes, kayaks, beach toys, etc. This year boats that are wanting to go to other lakes have to go to Headingly to have their boats decontaminated.

10. In Camera

**Starzyk Lenderbeck**

Resolution #2023-05-10

Motion to go in camera at 11:56 am.

CARRIED

**Chescu – Starzyk**

Resolution #2023-05-11

Motion to exit the in camera session at 12:36 pm and resume regular meeting.

CARRIED

Discussion:

Staffing

11. Unfinished Business

a. DUCS – Proven Lake Marsh

**Lenderbeck – Huisman**

Resolution #2023-05-12

Motion to bring up motion #2023-04-09 to support DUCS Proven Lake Marsh project \$500 annually to hire a local landowner to operate the gate.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence

a. Minister of Environment & Climate – Grant Notification – Noted & Filed

b. MHHC – Intent to File Caveat – Noted & Filed

c. DUCS – Intent to File Caveat – Noted & Filed

d. Commercial Application Prairie View Municipality – Ryan has the information – respond that it has nothing to do with the Watershed District.

13. Adjournment

**Michasiw – Pedersen**

Resolution #2023-05-13

Motion to adjourn the meeting to meet again on Tuesday, June 20<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