

**ASSINIBOINE WEST WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
In person and ZOOM**

PRESENT:	
Darcy Oliver - Arrow River (Chairman) 11:20 am	Ryan Canart – General Manager
Jack Lenderbeck – Lake of the Prairies (Vice)	Vickie Laite – Administrator
Todd Brown – Oak River	Jeff Howard – Regional Manager
Mervin Starzyk – Arrow River - ZOOM	Adam Kerkowich – Regional Manager - ZOOM
Charles Bertram – Assiniboine River	Colleen Cuvelier – Regional Manager
Dennis Pedersen – Lower Little SK River	Madeline Dressler – Provincial Planner
Don Huissman – Upper Little SK River	
Rusty Still – Birdtail Creek	
Glenda Chescu – Shell River	Regrets: Barry Lowes – Silver Creek
Mike Shenderevich – Provincial Appointee	

Vice Chairperson Jack Lenderbeck called the meeting to order at 10:10 am

1. Approval of Agenda

Bertram/Chescu

Resolution#2022-11-01

Motion to adopt the agenda as circulated with additions under Board Member Issues/Opportunities.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

Shenderevich/Starzyk

Resolution #2022-11-02

Motion to adopt the minutes, as amended, from the October 18, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Financial Statements

Bertram/Still

Resolution #2022-11-03

Motion to approve the Financial Report from October 13 to November 14, 2022; That revenue in the amount of \$73,318.69 and expenses in the amount of \$465,250.01 including cheques numbering 1768 to 1817, direct deposits numbering DD2656 to DD2676, on-line payments, pre-authorized debits, VISA purchases and transfers are approved for payment.

CARRIED

Bertram/Brown

Resolution #2022-11-04

Motion to approve the October 2022 Bank Statement and the October 2022 Bank Reconciliation as presented.

CARRIED

4. MAW Report – Currently hiring more staff for the MAW Office, 60 applications were received, 30 of which are potential prospects.

5. Chairman's Report – Nothing to report

6. Provincial Report – Financial Reports are due from the Watershed Districts by November 15, 2022, Assiniboine West submitted their report on November 2; Mileage and meal rates have increased; Municipal elections have taken place, watershed districts should reach out to their municipalities to request appointments; Highway signs are in progress, one has been installed on Highway 5 east of Roblin; Andrea McLean has resigned from her position, Kelly Ann Richmond is covering her position until it has been filled; There is an information session at the MAW Conference for new members.

7. Regional Reports

Miniota – 12 Shelterbelts have been applied for, for the 2023/24 season; Rute has sent an email blitz for SWIP it has increased interest in the program; Plett, Chapman & Alexander dams have been completed – gates still need to be installed; Several small dams from prior years have required maintenance; PWCP projects are being processed by Holly.

Inglis – attending meetings; Maintenance has been required on trails; Robinson watering system project has been completed; Working on several end of project reports for Ag Action and Carthy; Discussing SWIP and GROW with landowners; Confirming ALUS projects have been completed; Looking into a water retention project for future Ag Action projects; Last year for FLIPPR DO Testing.

Oak River – attending meetings; several upcoming deadlines for ALUS and GROW reporting; Working on contracts for PAC project approvals; Processing establishment and annual payments; AGR-1 Statements need to be completed and sent out; Colleen/Elisha submitted a photo for the ALUS Jamboree photo contest and won.

8. GM Report – attended a Living Labs meeting, Living Labs will now be province wide instead of restricted to certain areas, as well as more funding will be available; A letter has been sent out to Councils in the Watershed District, to provide information on what we do and to set up presentations; There is a Regen Ag meeting on November 30th would like to extend an invite to Board, PAC, and Subdistrict Members; Still having producers not participating in GROW because of the carbon credit clause; There has been movement on the Kerr & Braniuk Lakes.

Pedersen/Starzyk

Resolution #2022-11-05

Motion to accept the reports as presented.

CARRIED

9. Board Member Issues/Opportunities

a. Proven Lake Project – This is a DU Project that is looking for funding for maintenance on site. Ryan will invite Shawn to provide more information at the January meeting.

b. Oak Hammock Marsh Request

Pedersen/Still

Resolution #2022-11-06

Motion to provide funding to Oak Hammock Marsh, in the amount of \$2,500.00, for presentations in schools located within the Assiniboine West Watershed District.

CARRIED.

c. 2023 Strategic Planning – this will have to be a separate meeting from the regular Board meeting. If Leanne Tibbats is unavailable for January/February meeting date, we will source out professional services for the Strategic Plan.

d. Municipal Planning and Community Relations will only be directing subdivisions for the Board to approve/deny that are near water bodies or have an impact on our Watershed District.

e. There is a project west of Elkhorn that has a runway that the landowner would like funding for. Staff has reviewed a progression of photos of the quarter section from 1995 on. Trees have been removed from the land, and drainage licenses exist for the property. In the past we have not provided assistance for property that has extensive drainage on the property. The Board is inclined to not support this project unless a number of stipulations are met.

f. Convention – confirmed attendance: Chescu, Pedersen, Huissman, Frey, Shenderevich, Starzyk, Bertram & Oliver. Our voting members for the Manitoba Association of Watersheds Annual General Meeting will be Charles Bertram, Darcy Oliver, and Mike Shenderevich.

g. Tablets and computers are needed for the office in Miniota.

Starzyk/Huissman

Resolution #2022-11-07

Motion to purchase tablets and computers for the Miniota Office, not to exceed \$5,000.00.

CARRIED

h. There is funding dollars in GROW for advertising. Lesli has been looking into the costs to place signage in rinks within the District.

Brown/Pedersen

Resolution #2022-11-08

Motion to advertise in rinks within the Watershed District, with signs purchased by the District, to an amount not exceeding \$15,000.00.

CARRIED

i. PAC Meeting Resolutions

Still/Shenderevich

Resolution #2022-11-09

Motion to approve the ALUS Regen Ag projects, the ALUS Grazing Forward pilot program project, and the landowner proposals discussed at the October 25, 2022 PAC meeting.

CARRIED

j. Lesli has been working on the policy manual, the Policy Committee will meet to discuss the policies at a meeting in January/February.

10. In Camera

Starzyk/ Bertram

Resolution #2022-11-10

Motion to go in camera at 11:55 am

CARRIED

Pedersen/Huissman

Resolution #2022-11-11

Motion to exit the in camera session at 12.11 pm and resume normal meeting.

CARRIED

Discussion: Staff

Chescu/Starzyk

Resolution #2022-11-12

Motion rescind Resolution #2022-10-12.

CARRIED

Bertram/Oliver

Resolution #2022-11-13

Motion to increase the Miniota Technician's wage by \$1.00/hr, effective September 8, 2022.

CARRIED

11. Unfinished Business

a. MAW Conference – donation for silent auction

Bertram/Brown

Resolution #2022-11-14

Motion to have staff purchase \$400.00 worth of donations to the Manitoba Association of Watersheds Auction being held at their annual conference.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence

13. Adjournment

Darcy Oliver adjourned the meeting to meet again on Tuesday, December 20th at 10:00 am, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

ADMINISTRATOR