

**ASSINIBOINE WEST WATERSHED DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
Monday, September 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.  
In person and TEAMS**

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| <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 – Prov. Planner (TEAMS) |
| Dennis Pedersen – Lower Little SK River | Elisha Johnson-Jensen (TEAMS)             |
| Don Huisman – Upper Little SK River     | <u>Regrets:</u>                           |
| Glenda Chescu – Shell River (TEAMS)     | Matt Terleski – Silver Creek              |
|   | Rusty Still – Birdtail Creek              |
|   | Mike Shenderevich – Provincial Appointee  |

Chairperson Darcy Oliver called the meeting to order at 10:03 am

1. Approval of Agenda

**Huisman – Pedersen**

Resolution#2023-09-01

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

**Michasiw – Lenderbeck**

Resolution #2023-09-02

Motion to adopt the minutes from the August 15, 2023, regular meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Financial Statements

a. Financial Statements

**Starzyk – Bertram**

Resolution #2023-09-03

Motion to approve the Financial Report from August 11 to September 14, 2023;

That revenue and transfers in the amount of \$474,746.42 and expenses in the amount of \$1,039,391.14 including cheques numbering 2381 to 2437, direct deposits numbering DD2904 to DD2939, on-line payments, pre-authorized debits, VISA purchases and transfers are approved for payment.

CARRIED

**Chescu – Huisman**

Resolution #2023-09-04

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

CARRIED

b. Transfers

**Lenderbeck – Pedersen**

Resolution #2023-09-05

Motion to transfer ALUS funds from the General Operating Bank Account to the ALUS 2023 2024 Bank Account in the amount of \$354,981.50, for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the 2023/24 funding.

CARRIED

4. MAW Report

No Report

5. Chairman's Report

No Report

6. Provincial Report

Madeline reported that we are still in communication blackout period due to Provincial election. Two new planners have been hired – Colleen Cuvelier and Andrés Lozano; Daniel Phalen has moved to another position & Lacy Kontzie has been promoted to senior planner.

7. Regional Reports

Inglis – Adam reported that new cleaner started; new computer towers arrived and are waiting installation; working on the completion of applications and projects; Daniel is coordinating well seals and teaching the process to newer staff members; 10 acre lake – details below

Miniota – Jeff reported that shelterbelts had an average 62% survival rate; contracts are being completed and processed; working on dam licenses and construction; Seed Drill – used for a total of 2,650 acres; Pipeline Plow – several projects completed; Crimper – used by 3 producers so far; attended a demo of MHHC deep core soil sampler

Oak River – Elisha reported that applications, annual site checks and database updates are being worked on; PAC meeting held on Sept 15; ALUS Jamboree October 4 & 5; attended ALUS & GROW meetings

8. GM Report

Ryan reported that he will be attending a breakfast meeting with Rolling River FN to discuss joint programming activities through NRAC; there will be funding from PWCP for administration and mileage; MFGA will submit the joint application for cover crop funding for upcoming FY; GROW intake deadlines – LOI-October 4, Application-November 29; completed a Grazing Forward promotional video; 18,600 feet of waterline has been installed-training new staff

**Michasiw – Lenderbeck**

Resolution #2023-09-06

Motion to accept the reports as presented.

CARRIED

**Huisman – Michasiw**

Resolution #2023-09-07

Motion to support DU Ecovan courses for 2023-24 up to \$2,500.00.

CARRIED

**Bertram – Pedersen**

Resolution #2023-09-08

Motion to sell the 2011 Ram 1500 4WD Crew Cab Truck on GovDeals for \$5,000.00.

CARRIED

9. Board Member Issues/Opportunities

a. PAC Recommendations

**Pedersen – Starzyk**

Resolution #2023-09-09

Motion to approve the Growing Roots acre cap increase, as discussed at the September 15, 2023 PAC Meeting, as recommended by the PAC

CARRIED

**Bertram – Lenderbeck**

Resolution #2023-09-10

Motion to approve the Grazing Forward landowner project proposals, as discussed at the September 15, 2023 PAC Meeting, as recommended by the PAC

CARRIED

**Pedersen – Bertram**

Resolution #2023-09-11

Motion to approve the landowner project proposals, as discussed at the September 15, 2023 PAC Meeting and via email exchange between August 18 to 25, 2023, as recommended by the PAC

CARRIED

b. Truck Purchase

Staff will continue to look for a suitable truck to pull equipment.

c. Audit Findings Letter

**Michasiw – Huisman**

Resolution #2023-09-12

Motion to pay invoice #B230851, in the amount of \$17,696.00, to Sensus for the 2022/23 audit.

CARRIED

d. Conservation Award (Farm Family)

**Bertram – Starzyk**

Resolution #2023-09-13

Motion to nominate Green Beach Farm & Food for the Watershed District Award, and pay for their related Conference costs.

CARRIED

e. Riparian Forest Kiosk

Reviewed illustrations for kiosk

f. Staff Overtime

**Huisman – Michasiw**

Resolution #2023-09-14

Motion to pay out approved staff overtime, as of September 15, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

10. In Camera

None

11. Unfinished Business

a. RM of Roblin – 10 acre Lake

Adam discussed in his report that the license request for the draining the lake has been terminated.

12. Correspondence

a. Manitoba Municipal Relations – Hebert Subdivision – No Comment

b. Manitoba Municipal Relations – Boulanger – No Comment

13. Adjournment

**Starzyk – Johnny**

Resolution #2023-09-15

Motion to adjourn the meeting to meet again on Tuesday, October 17<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