**ASSINIBOINE WEST WATERSHED DISTRICT**
**BOARD MEETING**
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**
**In person and ZOOM**

| **PRESENT:** | |
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| **Darcy Oliver - Arrow River** | **Ryan Canart – General Manager** |
| **Jack Lenderbeck – Lake of the Prairies** | **Vickie Laite – Administrator** |
| **Johnny Michasiw – Oak River** | **Bobby Bennett – Provincial Planner** |
| **Mervin Starzyk – Arrow River** | |
| **Charles Bertram – Assiniboine River** | |
| **Dennis Pedersen – Lower Little SK River** | |
| **Don Huisman – Upper Little SK River** | |
| **Glenda Chescu – Shell River (ZOOM)** | **Regrets:** |
| **Matt Terleski – Silver Creek** | **Ted Chastko – Birdtail Creek** |
| **Mike Shenderevich – Provincial Appointee** | |

Chairperson Darcy Oliver called the meeting to order at 10:09 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

**Lenderbeck – Michasiw**
Resolution #2024-12-01
Resolved that the Board approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

**Starzyk – Huisman**
Resolution #2024-12-02
Resolved that the Board approve the minutes from the October 15, 2024 regular meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Financial Statements

a. Financial Reports

**Bertram – Terleski**
Resolution #2024-12-03
Resolved that the Board approve the Financial Report from November 13 to December 9, 2024; That revenue, interest, and transfers in the amount of $25,789.08 and expenses in the amount of $950,021.96 including cheques numbering 3316 to 3650, direct deposits numbering DD3267 to DD3284 and VP84 to VP88, on-line payments, pre-authorized debits, and VISA purchases are approved for payment.

CARRIED

**Huisman – Lenderbeck**
Resolution #2024-12-04
Resolved that the Board approve the November Bank Statement & November Bank Reconciliation, as presented.

CARRIED

b. Transfers

**Pedersen – Chescu**

Resolution #2024-12-05

Resolved that the Board authorize the transfer of the following amounts to the General Operating bank account to cover ALUS Annual Payments:

ALUS 2015-16 - $19,619.27
ALUS 2016-17 - $4,875.00
ALUS 2017-18 - $3,265.50
ALUS 2018-19 - $1,379.00
ALUS 2020-21 - $11,684.50
ALUS 2021-22 - $10,245.42
ALUS 2022-23 - $68,035.00
ALUS 2023-24 - $125,382.09
ALUS 2024-25 - $69,515.12

AND that the Board authorize the transfer of the ALUS 2024-25 Establishment payments to the General Operating bank account in the amount of $112,398.52.

CARRIED

**Starzyk – Michasiw**

Resolution #2024-12-06

Resolved that the Board authorize the transfer of the GROW and SWIP Annual Payments to the General Operating bank account in the amount of $270,318.46.

CARRIED

4. MAW Report – Mike Shenderevich

5. Chairman's Report – Darcy Oliver

6. Provincial Report – Bobby Bennett

7. GM Report – Ryan Canart

**Michasiw – Shenderevich**

Resolution#2024-12-07

Resolved that the Board accept the reports as presented.

CARRIED

8. Unfinished Business

a. Clear Lake Stakeholders Report – Don Huisman

b. LSR Ecological Corridor

**Huisman – Pedersen**

Resolution #2024-12- 08

Resolved that the Board authorize a letter be sent to the Manitoba Land Stewards Inc. in response to the meeting held on December 13th seeking input and suggested modifications to the project activities included in the project outline, including omissions of lands to the project area;

Whereas project activities identified within the project will provide measurable benefits to the landowners in the Watershed;

And whereas no factual evidence has been provided to the contrary;

Therefore be it further resolved that the Assiniboine West Watershed District will proceed with the Ecological Corridor Program, unless unanimous consent is reached across the Watershed to withdraw from the project.

CARRIED

9. Board Member Issues/Opportunities

a. PAC Recommendations

**Bertram – Lenderbeck**

Resolution #2024-12-09

Resolved that the Board accept the PAC recommended the Tree Conservation annual payment rates and the changes to the ALUS Growing Roots annual payment rates, set at their November 20, 2024 meeting

And that the Board accept all of the GROW and ALUS landowner project proposals as recommended by PAC at their November 20, 2024 meeting.

CARRIED

b. Subdivision – No comment

10. In Camera

**Starzyk – Huisman**

Resolution#2024-12-10

Resolved that the Board go in camera at 11:50 am.

CARRIED

**Lenderbeck – Chescu**

Resolution#2024-12-11

Resolved that the Board exit the in camera session at 12:20 pm and resume regular meeting.

CARRIED

Discussion: Staff Wages

Huisman – Bertram

Resolution#2024-12-12

Resolved that the Board approve the HR Committee wage recommendations.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence

a. DUCS – Caveat Agreement (Dowsett)

12. Adjournment

**Huisman – Michasiw**

Resolution#2024-12-13

Resolved that the Board adjourn the meeting to meet again on Tuesday, January 21st, 2024, at 10:00 am, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

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CHAIRPERSON ADMINISTRATOR