

**ASSINIBOINE WEST WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
In person and ZOOM**

PRESENT:	
Darcy Oliver - Arrow River	Ryan Canart – General Manager
Michael Friesen – Lake of the Prairies (ZOOM)	Vickie Laite – Administrator
Johnny Michasiw – Oak River	Madeline Dressler – Sr Provincial Planner
Mervin Starzyk – Arrow River	
Charles Bertram – Assiniboine River	Gail Bridgeman
Nelson Gourlay – Lower Little SK River	
Judy Usunier – Silver Creek	
Wayne Buick – Shell River (ZOOM)	Regrets:
Ted Chastko – Birdtail Creek	Arron Nerbas – Lake of the Prairies
Jeremy Andreychuk–Upper Little SK River	Kathy Bennett – Shell River
Mike Shenderevich–Prov. Appointee (ZOOM)	

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Starzyk – Friesen

Resolution #2026-04-01

Resolved that the Board approve the amended agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

Andreychuk – Usunier

Resolution #2026-04-02

Resolved that the Board approve the minutes from the March 27, 2026 regular meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Financial Statements

a. Financial Reports

Shenderevich – Buick

Resolution #2026-04-03

Resolved that the Board approve the Financial Report from March 21 – April 16, 2026; That revenue, interest, and transfers in the amount of \$244,079.23, and expenses in the amount of \$686,614.31, including cheques numbering 4739 to 4804, direct deposits numbering DD3642 to DD3656 and VP171 to VP173, on-line payments, pre-authorized debits, and VISA purchases are approved for payment.

CARRIED

Friesen – Starzyk

Resolution #2026-04-04

Resolved that the Board approve the March Bank Statement & March Bank Reconciliation, as presented.

CARRIED

4. MAW Report – Mike Shenderevich

5. Chairman's Report – Darcy Oliver

6. Provincial Report – Madeline Dressler

7. GM Report – Ryan Canart

Michasiw – Friesen

Resolution#2026-04-05

Resolved that the Board accept the reports as presented.

CARRIED

8. Unfinished Business

a. Code of Conduct Policy

Andreychuk – Usunier

Resolution#2026-04-06

Resolved that the Board approve the Code of Conduct Policy as circulated.

CARRIED

b. PAC Recommendations

Charles Bertram declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

Starzyk – Michasiw

Resolution #2026-04-07

Resolved that the Board approve the PAC recommendation of the Charles Bertram SWIP project proposal as discussed at the April 17, 2026 PAC meeting.

CARRIED

Charles Bertram returned to the meeting.

Andreychuk – Chastko

Resolution #2026-04-08

Resolved that the Board approve the PAC recommendations for the SWIP landowner proposals as discussed at the April 17, 2026 PAC meeting.

CARRIED

Usunier – Chastko

Resolution #2026-04-09

Resolved that the Board approve the PAC recommendations for the Shelterbelt landowner proposals as discussed at the April 17, 2026 PAC meeting.

CARRIED

Charles Bertram declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

Starzyk – Shenderevich

Resolution #2026-04-10

Resolved that the Board approve the PAC recommendation of the John Bertram landowner project proposal as discussed at the April 17, 2026 PAC meeting.

CARRIED

Charles Bertram returned to the meeting.

Andreychuk – Michasiw

Resolution #2026-04-11

Resolved that the Board approve the PAC recommendation for the Cameron Hodgins landowner project proposal as discussed at the April 17, 2026 PAC meeting.

CARRIED

Usunier – Starzyk

Resolution #2026-04-12

Resolved that the Board approve the PAC recommendations for all the GROW landowner project proposals as discussed at the April 17, 2026 PAC meeting.

CARRIED

c. Health Canada Water Sampling Contract

Andreychuk – Bertram

Resolution #2026-04-13

E-Resolution #2026-01

Starzyk – Andreychuk

I move that the AWWD enter into a contractual agreement with Health Canada to collect water samples at two (2) designated sites within the Oak River watershed for the 2026 sampling season, defined as May through October;

This agreement will be conducted on a cost-recovery basis, with a fee charged per sampling episode to cover all associated expenses;

I further move that the Board authorize the General Manager to finalize and execute the agreement, including specific terms, site selection, sampling schedule, and fee structure, in alignment with organizational policies and applicable regulatory requirements.

CARRIED

9. Board Member Issues/Opportunities

a. Shell River IWMP

Bertram – Michasiw

Resolution #2026-04-14

WHEREAS the Shell River Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP) requires a coordinated project management team to guide plan development and implementation; And WHEREAS the individuals listed possess relevant expertise, representation, and interest in the Shell River Watershed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED tha the Board hereby invites the following members – Mike Shenderevich, William Galloway, Ashley Smith, Lorna Keene, a Shellmouth Liaison Committee member, and a member of the Cottage Owners Association – to serve on the Project Management Team for the Shell River Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP);

And BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that staff or Watershed Planning and Programs be authorized to formally notify the invited members.

CARRIED

b. Survey Equipment

c. Vacation & Overtime

Andreychuk – Michasiw

Resolution #2026-04-15

Resolved that the Board recognize the following accrued vacation and overtime:

Employee	Vacation days as of March 31, 2026	OT hours as of March 31, 2026
EMP001	6.25	-
EMP004	12.50	10.00
EMP007	8.50	-
EMP009	4.00	13.25
EMP008	6.67	-
EMP015	14.83	41.50
EMP010	3.33	-

CARRIED

d. Audit Date

e. SWIP Contract

f. Web Site

g. New Hires

Andreychuk – Bertram

Resolution #2026-04-16

Resolved that the Board hire EMP022 and EMP023, as per Offer of Employment.

CARRIED

10. In Camera

a. HR Recommendations

Andreychuk – Usunier

Resolution#2026-04-17

Resolved that the Board go in camera at 1:41 pm.

CARRIED

Andreychuk – Friesen

Resolution#2026-04-18

Resolved that the Board exit the in camera session at 2:15 pm and resume regular meeting.

CARRIED

Discussion: Staff

11. Correspondence

- a. MAW – Survey
- b. Central Assiniboine Watershed District – MAW Consultant Request

Friesen – Andreychuk

Resolution #2026-04-19

Resolved that the AWWD Board support Central Assiniboine Watershed District in their request to the Manitoba Association of Watersheds to investigate hiring a qualified consulting firm to review Watershed District's wages and benefits.

CARRIED

- c. Inter-Mountain Watershed District – Review of Project Liability Request

Usunier – Bertram

Resolution #2026-04-20

Resolved that the AWWD Board authorize the General Manager to provide a letter of support to Inter-Mountain Watershed District endorsing their efforts to seek policy that removes landowner liability from watershed district projects.

CARRIED

- d. RM of Riding Mountain West – Meeting Questions
- e. RM of Harrison Park – Meeting Questions
- f. Manitoba Real Estate Services Branch – Sale No. 76501

12. Adjournment

Andreychuk – Friesen

Resolution#2026-04-21

Resolved that the Board adjourn the meeting to meet again on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 10:00 am, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

ADMINISTRATOR