

**ASSINIBOINE WEST WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 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	Vickie Laite – Administrator
Johnny Michasiw – Oak River	Kylie Plett – Provincial Planner
Mervin Starzyk – Arrow River	Madeline Dessler – Sr Prov Planner (ZOOM)
Charles Bertram – Assiniboine River	
Nelson Gourlay – Lower LSK River (ZOOM)	
Judy Usunier – Silver Creek	
Kathy Bennett – Shell River (ZOOM)	Regrets:
Ted Chastko – Birdtail Creek	Arron Nerbas – Lake of the Prairies
Jeremy Andreychuk–Upper Little SK River	
Mike Shenderevich–Prov. Appointee (ZOOM)	

Chairperson Darcy Oliver called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

Starzyk – Andreychuk

Resolution #2026-07-01

Resolved that the Board approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

Michasiw – Shenderevich

Resolution #2026-07-02

Resolved that the Board approve the minutes from the June 16, 2026 regular meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Financial Statements

a. Financial Reports

Bertram – Usunier

Resolution #2026-07-03

Resolved that the Board approve the Financial Report from June 10 – July 14, 2026; That revenue, interest, and transfers in the amount of \$282,932.33, and expenses in the amount of \$271,859.55, including cheques numbering 4849 to 4909, direct deposits numbering DD3704 to DD3729 and VP179 to VP181, on-line payments, pre-authorized debits, and VISA purchases are approved for payment.

CARRIED

Michael Friesen joined the meeting representing Lake of the Prairies Sub-district at 10:15 am.

Starzyk – Usunier

Resolution #2026-07-04

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

CARRIED

b. Set up new ALUS account

Michasiw – Friesen

Resolution #2026-07-05

Resolved that the Board authorize the Administrator to open an ALUS 2026-2027 bank account at Fusion Credit Union.

CARRIED

c. Transfers

Andreychuk – Usunier

Resolution #2026-07-06

Whereas the Board used district funds to cover deficiencies, in the amount of \$13,943.47, in the ALUS 2015-2016 bank account;

And whereas ALUS has allowed Assiniboine West Watershed District to recover the district funds from the interest earned on ALUS bank accounts;

Therefore be it resolved that the Board authorize the Administrator to close, and transfer the interest, from the ALUS 2016-2017 and the ALUS 2021-2022 bank account to the General Operating bank account; and

Be it further resolved that the remaining amount required to reimburse AWWD be transferred from the ALUS 2022-2023 bank account.

CARRIED

Friesen – Bertram

Resolution #2026-07-07

Resolved that the Board authorize the Administrator to transfer \$203,259.20 from the General Operating bank account to the ALUS 2025-2026 bank account; and

Be it further resolved that the Board authorize the Administrator to transfer \$273,564.17 from the ALUS 2025-2026 bank account to the General Operating bank account, for the establishment, program and annual payments incurred in the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

CARRIED

Kathy Bennett attended the meeting by ZOOM.

4. MAW Report – Mike Shenderevich

5. Chairman's Report – Darcy Oliver

6. Provincial Report – Kylie Plett

7. GM Report – Ryan Canart

Michasiw – Andreychuk

Resolution#2026-07-08

Resolved that the Board accept the reports as presented.

CARRIED

8. Unfinished Business
a. Code of Conduct Policy

- b. E-resolution – Approval of Bids

Andreychuk – Michasiw

Resolution #2026-07-09

Resolved that the Board recognize e-resolution #2026-02.

Andreychuk – Michasiw

E-Resolution #2026-02

The Board approves the hiring of Rick Cooper and Parish Backhoe Service to complete the Horner and Riverdale Rd. water retention projects based on 2026 rate sheets and contractor availability, to a maximum cost of \$58,000.00.

CARRIED

- c. E-resolution – Removal of Cost Share

Bertram – Starzyk

Resolution #2026-07-10

Resolved that the Board recognize e-resolution #2026-03.

Bertram – Starzyk

E-Resolution #2026-03

That the Board approve the removal of the Cost Share Statement from the annual audited financial statements, as it is no longer a requirement of the Province.

CARRIED

9. Board Member Issues/Opportunities

- a. Tender Policy

Ununier – Michasiw

Resolution#2026-07-11

Resolved that the Board approve the Tender and Procurement Policy as presented.

CARRIED

- b. Policy Committee Policy

Bertram – Usunier

Resolution#2026-07-12

Resolved that the Board approve the Policy Committee Policy as amended.

CARRIED

- c. Routledge Allegations – a letter will be sent from the Board to the member municipalities.

Darcy Oliver left the meeting.

- d. PAC Recommendations

Starzyk – Bertram

Resolution#2026-07-13

Resolved that the Board approve the Shelterbelt, SWIP, GROW, & RALP landowner project proposals as discussed at the July 10, 2026 PAC meeting.

CARRIED

Darcy Oliver returned to the meeting.

Kathy Bennett left the meeting.

10. In Camera

Usunier – Starzyk

Resolution#2026-07-14

Resolved that the Board go in camera at 12:08 pm.

CARRIED

Friesen – Michasiw

Resolution#2026-07-15

Resolved that the Board exit the in camera session at 12:25 pm and resume regular meeting.

CARRIED

Discussion: Legal matters

Starzyk – Andreychuk

Resolution#2026-07-16

Resolved that the Board authorize the GM to obtain professional legal advice regarding the correspondence received from Raven Law.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence

- a. RM of Oakview – Community Wells – GM will request more information
- b. Manitoba Real Estate Services Branch – File Reference 10-10-28W LS 3
- c. Manitoba Real Estate Services Branch – File Reference 10-10-28W LS 11
- d. DUCs – Salmon Farms No break no drain
- e. DUCs – Routledge No break no drain
- f. Subdivisions

Michael Friesen left the meeting.

12. Adjournment

Andreychuk – Michasiw

Resolution#2026-07-17

Resolved that the Board adjourn the meeting to meet again on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 10:00 am, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

ADMINISTRATOR