

# NORTHEAST RED WATERSHED DISTRICT

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## Board Meeting 2024-5

April 15, 2024

PRESENT BOARD  
Verner Johnson – Chairperson  
Marc Ross – Vice Chairperson  
Elwood Lamont – Lower Cooks Creek S.D.  
Russ Gawluk – Brokenhead River S.D.  
Greg Mandzuk – Catfish Creek /Gull Lake S.D.  
Jack Kowalchuk – Devils Creek S.D.  
Scott Spicer – Red River S.D.  
Brian Chorney – Devils Creek S.D.  
Edgar Scheurer – Red River S.D.  
Jonothon Roskos - Carrs Creek/Lower Seine S.D.  
Brad Ingles - Upper Cooks Creek S.D.

STAFF  
Danica Racicot – Manager  
Starr Harder – Administrator

GUESTS  
Colleen Cuvelier – Watershed Planner  
Jeremy Smith – Public Works RM of Springfield

REGRETS  
Roger Vaags – Carrs Creek Lower Seine S.D.  
Glen Fuhl – Lower Cooks Creek  
David Horbas – Catfish Creek/Gull Lake

## Call meeting to order 8:58 AM

### Resolution No. 2024-21

**Adoption of Agenda** with addition of creating resolutions in subcommittees in 5d.

**Moved:** Jonothon Roskos

**Seconded:** Marc Ross

**CARRIED**

### Resolution No. 2024-22

**Adoption of Minutes Be it resolved** the board approves the meeting minutes from Northeast Red Watershed District (NRWD) Board Meeting March 11, 2024 with the following correction under Regrets: David Horbas instead of *Brian* Horbas.

**Moved:** Elwood Lamont

**Seconded:** Edgar Scheurer

**CARRIED**

## **Finances**

Request for Colleen to look into permitted allocation of remaining IWMP funds of \$8,194.48

### **Resolution No. 2024-23**

**Be it resolved the board** approves expenditures March 8-April 10, 2024. With expenses and pre-authorized debits totaling \$23,797.71.

**Moved:** Edgar Scheurer

**Seconded:** Marc Ross

**CARRIED**

## **Reports**

Provincial Update- April attached and reviewed by Colleen Cuvelier.

Looking for unaudited by April 25<sup>th</sup>, submission required by end of June.

Within 30 day of receipt of provincial funds, budget due for 2024-25.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> Kelly Anne, Colleen & Danica invited to deliver presentation to Town of Beausejour about benefits of joining watershed.

May 2 infrastructure working group meeting.

### **Manitoba Association of Watersheds (MAW) Update-** Marc

PWCP grant continuing, waiting on paperwork. Cheques should be arriving imminently, expect payments for PWCP applications from past year.

### **Manager Report- attached**

Half electrical completed (lights to LED), next looking at Plumber to assess.

Settlers Road cleanout, drain from small culvert plugged once soil was excavated. (John Dubinsky, to be investigated. Talk to Grant Sellen)

Beaver Dam in Cooks creek, should they remove it in this dry year, last year flooding on Oakwood. Go ahead and trap #1, dam removal will be second if feasible.

Jack mention beaver dam culvert, hold water back for ranchers.

Mention of a trapper named Rocky up in Reynolds area interested, might want a list of trappers.

Final budget (as requested by Province) to be ready by next meeting for approval.

Synchena Map for locating self in RM.

Spoke to Wendy Lewick, 2 outstanding applications. One done before work was completed, getting an enforcement letter in the mail.

### **Administrator Report**

GST due end of April, already in communications with Sensus re: upcoming audit, inquiry about bank LOC fee confirmed need to meet for year end review with Access CU, enjoyed participating in the tours completed to date. May require a resolution to renew the line of credit but will inquire about possible removal charge since we are a non-profit, government

funded organization, with audit requirements in place. Charge may be attributed to the annual review/file review.

### **Sub-District Committee Chair Updates**

- i. Carrs Creek/Lower Seine - Jonothon  
Project highlights, no accessible retention to view.
- ii. Upper Cooks Creek - Marc  
Tour booked May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- iii. Lower Cooks Creek - Elwood  
Tour last Friday, identified a few missing traps off culvert, saw Donaldson drain.
- iv. Brokenhead River-Russ, meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Likely plan tour for fall at next meeting. May meet with potential projects/farmers
- v. Catfish Creek/ Gull Lake - Greg  
No tour yet. Contemplating a fall tour as well. More interested in promoting education first before getting into projects. Plan to get second meeting date sorted. New agriculture meeting once seeding is done, get Danica in front of farmers.
- vi. Devils Creek - Jack  
Trying to get together planning for after the seeding.
- vii. Red River – Edgar  
Scott set up meeting with Kevin (director of Public works and bylaw officer Tyler from St Clements). Impressed with work done on drainage. Scott; Christie creek looks like it needs work but we never get any calls, natural retention. Saw Gunns creek quite straight.

### **Old business**

#### **Status of letter of support for Provincial drain maintenance**

Russ made a draft, sent to Ste. Anne with intent to proceed to remaining RM's. Once Brad gets resolution to take to council to pass. Danica will forward Draft to all meeting attendees, to be replied before Friday.

Someone contacted Danica from RM of Brokenhead asked who to contact about Provincial drains. Major concern when AMM met with Brokenhead.

#### **Donaldson Drain Status**

Can't officially get a claim reimbursed until we get an ICIP funding sign installed at site. Sign proof being reviewed by Trisha. Planning to use Quicksilver. Request RM to install. Funding should all be linked through Watershed, not RM because we are the administrators of the funds. Quotes and paperwork must be under our name. Grant will be managing, ready to start clearing but the holdup is the sign.

Standard of practice comes with each project funder.

## **Bridge Settlement**

No reply received to request for more money.

## **Creating Resolution through subcommittees**

Discussion about creating a resolution to allow the infrastructure committee to make the infrastructure budget resolutions without ongoing permission required from the NRWD Board. No, all members of committee are responsible, there can be a drafted recommendation for a resolution which is passed at main board meeting. 'Term of Reference' required for the committee. What happens if tender or quotes come in over, we might build in 10% allowable or the like. Add INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE item NRWD Agenda for oversight. What is the threshold for spending before Manager needs a resolution on surveys, licensing.

Danica will produce a Tier 3 Budget, create an infrastructure subcommittee with the names of the Chair of each subdistrict to be appointed.

**Resolution 2024-24 Be it resolved** to create an infrastructure committee which includes the Chairs from each infrastructure subdistrict; Lower Cooks Creek, Upper Cooks Creek and Carrs Creek/Lower Seine and the Board Chair.

**Moved:** Marc Ross

**Seconded:** Elwood Lamont

**CARRIED**

**Resolution 2024-25 Be it resolved** the board approves the expenditure of 8 surveys discussed at the infrastructure meeting of March 19, 2024.

**Moved:** Russ Gawluk

**Seconded:** Jonothon Roskos

**CARRIED**

## **New Business**

**NRWD Office Inspection** – Jonothon, need to review our asset, determine current condition. Assess cost of house inspection, foundation, roof, windows. Danica looked at MK home inspection \$500. CCCD Moved in here 2006, commercial residence.

**Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM)** Insurance Program policy review  
Can request a visit to ensure valuation is accurate, ensure listing items we still own.

## **13 & 13 A - Marc**

Toured with manager, reviewed conditions since John Lenton stepped down. Cleaning could be done, nothing imminent. Ask for members who can't attend meeting to send a representative. Need to book graders with Ste Anne's.

Russ mentioned Brokenhead considering retention project south of Transcanada hwy, east of Marchand retention pond.

**Haying Permit review**

Call about an application for Cooks Creek from diversion to 212. Two current permits expire before the end of October. June 1- Nov 1, adjust dates used on next application. Need to review applicants before each hay season. Prioritize immediate neighboring property applications.

**45E Update**, cost updated to \$90,000. Pipe already purchased sitting in storage yard. Infrastructure committee to review the budget.

**External Funding Update**

PWCP, received \$600,000 new funding, have some past funding still in the pot. Room in last fiscal year for applications. 12 landowner agreement sent.

RALP, we've been granted carryover 50,000 for wetland and \$70,383 for retention to spend by sept, plus \$93,000 GROW carryover. New GROW application portion of marsh road retention approved, remainder denied. The Marsh Rd project has been declined by NRWD and RM of Springfield due to budget reallocations. NRWD to re-apply in Sept for new funding; Water retention, wetland, riparian areas, streambank stabilization. Site visits ongoing. Recently visited Lower Cooks Creek potential project. Can dedicate program to woodlands along the river per Colleen.

**Next meeting** – May 9, 2024 at NRWD office for 9:00 a.m.

**Adjourned at Noon**

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Verner Johnson, Chairperson

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Starr Harder, Administrator