

NORTHEAST RED WATERSHED DISTRICT

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Board Meeting 2024-7

June 20, 2024

PRESENT BOARD	Verner Johnson – Chairperson, Provincial appointee Marc Ross – Vice Chairperson, Upper Cooks Creek S.D. Elwood Lamont – Lower Cooks Creek S.D. Jonothon Roskos - Carrs Creek/Lower Seine S.D Greg Mandzuk – Catfish Creek /Gull Lake S.D. Jack Kowalchuk – Devils Creek S.D. Scott Spicer – Red River S.D.
PHONE IN VIRTUALLY	Brad Ingles - Upper Cooks Creek S.D Russ Gawluk – Brokenhead River S.D
STAFF	Danica Racicot – Manager Starr Harder – Administrator
GUESTS	Colleen Cuvelier – Watershed Planner
REGRETS	Glen Fuhl, Lower Cooks Creek S.D. Roger Vaags- Carrs Creek/Lower Seine S.D Edgar Scheurer – Red River S.D. Brian Chorney – Devil’s Creek S.D. Dave Horbas – Catfish Creek /Gull Lake S.D.

Call meeting to order 9:00 AM

Resolution No. 2024-34

Adoption of Agenda

Be it resolved the board approves the agenda with the addition of update on AMM Letter as 5b.

Moved: Jonothon Roskos

Seconded: Greg Mandzuk

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-35

Adoption of Minutes

Be it resolved the board approves the meeting minutes from Northeast Red Watershed District (NRWD) Board Meeting May 9, 2024.

Moved: Marc Ross

Seconded: Scott Spicer

CARRIED

FINANCES

Resolution 2024-36

Be it resolved the board approves Income Statement and Expense to May 31, 2024 reconciled. Expenses listed for month of \$ 23,219.57. YTD budget report with monthly program delivery progress.

Moved: Jonothon Roskos

Seconded: Elwood Lamont

CARRIED

Move to 5b. Gave floor to Brad on phone and Russ online.

AMM Resolution update: 2 resolutions presented. Level 1 (goes to convention) resolution: Request Province to upkeep & maintain their own drainage system that is preventing municipal drains from operating freely. No action on our end.

Level 2 (goes to AMM board) resolution: Update to extend the Eastern Boundary of the Northeast Red Watershed District to include the entirety of RM of Reynolds. Both passed.

Looking for letter of support from NRWD and SRRWD as well.

Request for all 14 watersheds to contribute letters of support.

Danica will send contact for Lynda Nicols at MAW to introduce Russ. Marc could request her attendance at future NRWD board meeting in effort to gather support of watersheds.

Russ will forward details for us to create initial support.

Resolution 2024-37

Be it resolved the NRWD board agrees to provide a letter of support requesting to extend the eastern boundary of Reynolds.

Moved: Jonothon Roskos

Seconded: Marc Ross

CARRIED

REPORTS

May Provincial Update by Colleen Cuvelier, provincial communication blackout ended with Tuesday byelection, reports will resume next month.

Manitoba Association of Watersheds (MAW) Update, Marc Ross

Shared chart itemizing past year district payments from PWCP. Lead to discussion about promotion of programming.

MAW close to completing a MAW policy template which will eventually be available to all Watershed Districts to serve as a template.

Update on Envirothon, in Gimli for 2025, The Pas in following year.

Redboine Watershed District Tour on Aug 14 & 15. Recommend every Chair and Vice Chair attend the tour, Marc's expenses covered by MAW. We need to get information out, June 30th deadline and we would register on their behalf.

Manager Report attached

Discussion regarding request to re-seed hay in drain. Drill overseed would be okay, nothing with till or disc, remind them no guarantee of commitment following 2 year permit application.

RM of Springfield drainage report provided for information, Jonothon mentioned we were waiting on this report to find out policy on Tile drainage.

Administrator Report

Payroll update required move away from mymts email, completed in time.

HR Committee, my review on May 21.

Admin meeting in Gimli May 22 & 23. Escribe presentation approx. \$7,000 annually requires additional investment laptops.

Sensus visit for audit May 27th received advice about streamlining Financials for board meeting to include reconciled month with Bank statement. Not necessary to create individual resolutions for signature as long as everything is well represented in the minutes.

Plan to prepare current remuneration for board members during July.

Colleen came May 29th to work with myself and Danica, reviewing past audit statements and other reporting requirements.

Appraisal quote from Red River Mutual \$2,695+ GST. Review tax appraisal attached. Use replacement value for insurance purposes. Formation of Building committee to be included in future agenda. Pursue land use restrictions relating to donation through titles.

Sub-District Committee Chair Updates

- i. Carrs Creek/Lower Seine – Jonothon Roskos
Nothing to report.
- ii. Upper Cooks Creek – Marc Ross
Water complaints from resident, Joyce Vaags to be included in future infrastructure meeting to present and allow board to ask questions. Verner has plans for a site visit. Weir in Cooks Creek Diversion has been both brought down and increased by 1 foot from prior discussions.
- iii. Lower Cooks Creek –Elwood Lamont, inquired about possible complaints from Hwy 12. A spot where pumping is happening. Potential candidate for retention project between Park road and Melrose road. Jack recalls Randy gave a presentation about Brokenhead and Springfield working together to deal with ongoing problem there. Danica mentioned Beavers on Boundary road.

Brad ends call, departs meeting at 10:40 AM

- iv. Brokenhead River- Jack Kowalchuk and Russ Gawluk
Tour to be planned for October. Hutterite colony representatives attended last sub-district meeting and are willing to participate in NRWD programming and be as green as possible. Preparation of resolution to expand the Eastern boundary of the NRWD to East to include the entire RM of Reynolds including the Whitemouth River, the Birch River, the Boggy River and the agricultural community into District. Request for letter of support from NRWD.

- v. Catfish Creek/ Gull Lake - Greg Mandzuk
Planning a July meeting for Ag producers, coordinate with Danica for attendance\advertising. Suggest a small subcommittee meeting same morning in advance, chance to meet administration.
- vi. Devils Creek - Jack Kowalchuk- field tour June 13th had to be rescheduled because of weather and farmer cropping, not yet met, trying to meet.
- vii. Red River – Scott Spicer
Nothing to report.

Short break 10:45-11:00 AM

OLD BUSINESS

a. Revisit Crossing Application Decision from 2023 at 28086 Park Rd. Crossing application previously denied but since brought forward by landowner to the RM of Springfield. Board retained decision to deny application in conjunction with infrastructure mandate to limit crossings on priority drains in the Watershed District.
Scott brings up the question of developer responsibility to complete road within sub-division that appears to be incomplete. Completing the missing portion would allow for in and out access for road maintenance. Councilor Mark Miller would have to go back to the original agreement between the Watershed District and the developer. Board ok with a road if RM of Springfield and developer put it in. Danica to provide crossing application decision to CAO of RM of Springfield.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Human Resource Committee Update

Administrator Wage Recommendation Decision Paper (attached) following one year review to be added to HR file.

Resolution 2024-37

WHEREAS The Board of the Northeast Red Watershed District (NRWD) instructed the HR Committee to evaluate the job performance of the Financial Administrator and a wage recommendation; AND WHEREAS The HR Committee has completed the evaluation and provided a wage recommendation; THEREFORE **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board accept and approve the recommendation of the HR Committee.

Moved: Marc Ross

Seconded: Jack Kowalchuk

CARRIED

Evaluation of manager ongoing per Scott Spicer, using same process but without wage component, as 3-month probationary period performance appraisal currently overdue.

b. Hay Permit Review – John Moroz

Danica presented map of proposed hay permit area. Verner will contact Matt Brown, working in area. Courtesy call necessary to all farmers in area as permit application areas appear to be currently cut despite not having a permit. Decision to grant John Moroz the section up to centerline (his historical area) as we need time to review the area all the way up to floodway, can't confirm remainder all in one shot. We are approaching first cut. Discussion to advertise requirement for hay permit in the fall leading into 2025. \$50 application seems low for large areas, should we limit the area? Confer with Roger Vaags.

c. MAW Conference 2024 - Session Topics Vote

Greg suggest top priority is effective indigenous engagement as important with the upcoming development of Brokenhead IWMP. Reminder that our Board has ability to appoint up to two persons, potential to add members of Brokenhead First Nation. Second topic governance and policy followed by HR and then IT.

Russ request topic about crownland and municipal land interactions in WD projects.

d. Spruce Rd Water and Waste Line NRWD Drain Permission

Respond on behalf of district to RM to discuss drainage maintenance standards following forcemain installation. Agreement for remediation, return to preexisting standard or updated standard, opportunity for maintenance. What happens if they have to repair, will they notify us, will they restore to preexisting standard or better.

Danica presented information on RM of Springfield water treatment plant upgrades with proposed concentrate water to be discharged into Cooks Creek Diversion. Request to respond to Environmental Approvals Branch to inquire about quantity and quality of discharge as well as the type of treatment system in use. What time of year do they plan to discharge if we already have flooding, with notice.

Russ Gawluk departs online at 12:10 PM

Next meeting – possible virtual meeting for YE Audited Financial Statements by June 30th, Sensus advised extension may be necessary. Regular meeting schedule Thursday July 18, 2024 9:00 AM.

Motion to adjourn 12:15 PM

Verner Johnson, Chairperson

Starr Harder, Administrator

