

NORTHEAST RED WATERSHED DISTRICT

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Board Meeting 2024-11

August 22, 2024

PRESENT Verner Johnson – Chairperson, Provincial Appointee

BOARD Marc Ross – Vice Chairperson

Russ Gawluk – Brokenhead River S.D

Elwood Lamont – Lower Cooks Creek S.D.

Jack Kowalchuk – Devils Creek S.D

Scott Spicer – Red River S.D.

PHONE IN: Brad Ingles - Upper Cooks Creek S.D.

STAFF Danica Racicot – Manager

Starr Harder – Administrator

GUESTS Colleen Cuvelier – Provincial Watershed Planner

REGRETS Jonothon Roskos - Carrs Creek/Lower Seine S.D

Roger Vaags – Carrs Creek/Lower Seine S.D

Greg Mandzuk – Catfish Creek /Gull Lake S.D.

Edgar Scheurer – Red River S.D.

Brian Chorney – Devil’s Creek S.D.

Dave Horbas – Catfish Creek /Gull Lake S.D.

Glen Fuhl – Lower Cooks Creek S.D.

Call meeting to order at 9:03 am

Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-49

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the agenda with the addition of New Business 6e. Settlers Road Bridge.

Moved: Scott Spicer

Seconded: Marc Ross

CARRIED

Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No. 2024-50

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves meeting minutes from Northeast Red Watershed District (NRWD) Board Meeting July 18, 2024 and the Special Board Meeting July 31, 2024.

Moved: Russ Gawluk

Seconded: Elwood Lamont

CARRIED

FINANCES

Resolution 2024-51

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the Income Statement and Expenses to July 31, 2024 reconciled. Expenses listed for month in the amount of \$ 79,078.45.

Moved by: Marc Ross

Seconded by: Scott Spicer

CARRIED

Review of the YTD 2024-25 budget produced by manager.

REPORTS

Provincial Update by Colleen Cuvelier -attached, highlighted a delegation is booked with RM of Alexander in October to discuss joining Watershed District. Lacy, Colleen and Danica to attend.

Manitoba Association of Watersheds (MAW) Update, Marc Ross

Meeting during the MAW tour in September was a financial review, MAW in great shape. Up to 2026 guaranteed federal funding, GROW and PWCP funding going well. Tour of Redboine with Glen Fuhl and Russ Gawluk attended.

Invitation to PWCP field tour next Thursday Sept 29th at 1:15 pm showcasing local farmers using BMP's.

Manager Report attached

Administrator Report

Bank requested updated signature documents for Verner and Elwood.

Current rates for accounts 2.85% and 2.90%. May need a resolution to open another account to earn on chequing, look at option of renaming IWMP account if online permissions and transfer authorizations straight forward.

Discussion of MAW convention invitations to subcommittees and available funds, need to received interest to attend prior to September 19th NRWD board meeting for board review and approval.

Alarm test on house, all contacts updated with Alarm provider.

AMM insurance rebate received for removal of surveying equipment from file.

Sub-District Committee Chair Updates

Carrs Creek/Lower Seine – not in attendance, spray map submitted.

Upper Cooks Creek – Marc Ross, started on 45E no update, Danica requested update. Marc will visit site. Brad had update from Kevin by email, they haven't started because of water levels, some locates sent to Grant.

Lower Cooks Creek –Elwood Lamont

Donaldson is started, hasn't visited yet. Suggested mowing program should be could due to dry fall weather, RM is responsible. For anything over and above normal program we can contact JMS brothers.

Spray map submitted.

Brokenhead River- Russ Gawluk

1. Fall tour date adjusted past September, plan to tour Greenwald Colony Community site, riparian setback and retention pond to discuss, Colony has own watershed board (3 members) looking to set up a date in October once harvest slows.
2. Moved eastern boundary initiation with Kelly-Anne Richmond. No, they won't move the boundary, they are planning an additional watershed East of NRWD boundary. Questions about how the levy is calculated, but support expansion.

Catfish Creek/ Gull Lake – not present

Devils Creek - Jack Kowalchuk

Need to plan a tour, if no fall tour we should still have a meeting. Jack suggested waiting until after the harvest in October. Danica to reach out again to St Clements public works.

Red River – Scott Spicer

Had an open house. Turnout was not as big as hoped for, some people took information printouts.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Drinking Water Testing Program

Reached out to Horizon Lab, other districts pick a sampling date in spring or fall, advertise and call Horizon to get # of bottles need for sampling, landowners would collect them from us and or close RM office. The sample must be taken within 24 hours of delivery to Horizon; \$30 e coli and coliform, full sample could be an additional cost paid by landowner.

Sample results go directly to landowner but we get a report.

The budget amount is for advertising, not paying for the test.

Flooding would make this all free. Spring a good time because you would know by then if government will pay and they can reimburse landowner directly.

Could be a good program to run in June with summer staff.

Drinking Water Testing Program

Resolution 2024-52

Be it resolved that the board approves the Drinking Water Testing Program as reviewed.

Moved: Scott Spicer

Second: Marc Ross

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resource Committee Update

Four interviews from 12 applications, hired Makayla Baldwin starting September 3, 2024.

Program Coordinator Hire

Resolution 2024-53

Be it resolved the Board approves the hiring of the new Program Coordinator Makayla Baldwin as per agreed upon contract.

Moved: Jack Kowalchuk

Seconded: Scott Spicer

CARRIED

ii. HR Recommendation Report given by Scott Spicer- attached

Item 2: Confirm contract with Grant, and any other contracted workers proof of liability insurance. Seek copy of the contract with Springfield. Consider reviewing with lawyer [Greg Tramley or Orville Curry potential lawyers from Springfield].

BRAD DEPARTS 11:10am.

Conservation Programming Presentation – Colleen Cuvelier, available by request

Within programs individual projects are completed.

Tree programs are not restricted to ag only, also community based.

Drinking water protection

Watershed ed and awareness; youth, board, lake wpg found partnership.

Grow; priority outcomes, co-benefits. Funding, competitive process.funding to support IWMPs

Discuss 50% of your grow committee must be local producers, that meeting is where the projects are presented. It can be a separate standing committee. Can user scoring sheets for applications, incentives (establishment cost, etc).

Role of the Watershed planner.

Planning for late fall Annual meeting in December

Include all members, lunch, presentation and elections. Elect Board, and possibly special committees. Take into account we often don't get RM appointment until January. Send a letter to RM to let them know we want to have an election Dec 12, and need new appointments a month in advance (request by October to have by November). Brokenhead does appointments in October but St Clements in January. Reach out to Joey at SRRWD about how they organize their annual meeting, once details are settled send out invites.

Policy Manual Update Committee

Need to address conflicting and outdated policy manual. Manager to review the policies requiring updates, send item under review in advance to board and then they can be prepared to add opinion at coming meeting.

Scott depart 12:30pm

Settlers Road Bridge

Grant provided Vern with an estimate, \$116,000 for 3000x 24 metre culverts

Demo quote ...

Total \$206,000 add another 10% contingency.

We could take to the RM and try to split. Danica will research use of contingency amount. Resolve within the next month.

For this quote do we need quotes, no its not a general contractor its being priced out in portions, materials, destruction, culvert, operator hours est. Essentially we are the general contractor, we only pay the bills submitted, the contingency doesn't get spent necessarily.

Need to determine the details of the infrastructure so there is no question of freedom to allocate spending. Attempt to backwards calculate the program and tier one levy used for additional RMs and use remainder to determine the infrastructure amount remaining.

Next meeting Thursday September 19, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Adjourned 1:00 PM

Verner Johnson- Chairperson

Starr Harder, Administrator