

NORTHEAST RED WATERSHED DISTRICT

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Board Meeting 2025-02

February 20, 2025

PRESENT

BOARD

Scott Spicer – NRWD Board Vice Chairperson, Red River S.D. Chair
Brad Ingles – Upper Cooks Creek S.D. Chair
Elwood Lamont – Lower Cooks Creek S.D. Chair
Russ Gawluk – Brokenhead River S.D. Chair
Jack Kowalchuk – Devils Creek S.D. Chair, Brokenhead S.D. Vice chair
Brian Chorney – Devils Creek S.D. Vice chair
Wil Heather - Carrs Creek/Lower Seine SD Vice chair

VIRTUAL

Verner Johnson – NRWD Board Chairperson, Provincial Appointee

STAFF

Danica Racicot – Manager
Starr Harder – Administrator
Makayla Baldwin – Program Coordinator

GUESTS

Colleen Cuvelier – Provincial Watershed Planner

REGRETS

Greg Mandzuk– Catfish Creek /Gull Lake S.D. Chair
Dave Horbas – Catfish Creek /Gull Lake S.D. Vice chair
Ed Scheurer – Carrs Creek/Lower Seine S.D. Chair
Rene Grift – Upper Cooks Creek S.D. Vice chair
Ashley Rawluk – Red River S.D. Vice chair

Call meeting to order at 9:00 am

Scott Spicer asked to chair meeting by Verner Johnson.

INTRODUCTIONS

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 2025-11

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the agenda as provided.

Moved: Brad Ingles

Seconded: Jack Kowalchuk

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 2025-12

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves meeting minutes from the Northeast Red Watershed District (NRWD) Board Meeting January 23, 2025.

Moved: Russ Gawluk

Seconded: Elwood Lamont

CARRIED

3. FINANCIAL

3.1. Approval of financials reconciled to January 31, 2024

Resolution No. 2025-13

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves financials reconciled to January 31, 2025.

Moved: Russ Gawluk

Seconded: Brad Ingles

CARRIED

3.2. Review of the year to date 2024-25 budget

PWCP expenses increased significantly since last meeting, no changes within Tier 1 or Tier 2 expenses.

4. REPORTS

- 4.1. **NRWD Chair Report** -Verner Johnson has been in weekly contact with Manager and Administrator, attended recent infrastructure meeting. A couple of infrastructure items to plan, met with RM of Springfield to resolve joint issues.
- 4.2. **Staff Report** – Report attached
- 4.3. **Sub-District Committee Chair Updates**

Upper Cooks Creek

Meeting planned for 13&13A agreement February 24th.

Lower Cooks Creek

Planned some infrastructure cleanouts, culvert replacement on Swede drain, further east, to be attended to by Blaine at RM of Springfield.

Brokenhead

Word out to Molson & Ste. Rita if small lot owners could get some participation for remainder of Reynolds.

Interest in participation in programs through partnership agreement mentioned by Kelly Anne and Lacy Kontzie (at province) while development underway of future Winnipeg Watershed District.

April subcommittee meeting to be planned.

Devils Creek

Plan on spring tour to revisit flow of water and see the culvert set up during spring melt. Projects need to be highlighted as there is no infrastructure in that district.

Red River

Nothing new from last meeting

Catfish Creek/ Gull Lake – no report

4.4 Provincial Update – Report attached

Watershed Planner highlighted the appointment of new minister Mike Moyes. Q3 was submitted by Manager with Carry Over Request and Interim budget to be submitted following today's meeting. Reminder that Manitoba Partnership must be recognized on all advertisements.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1. NRWD Standing Committee Appointments

Manager to re-issue request to all subdistrict members for committee participation. Chairs to follow up at individual subdistrict meetings in April.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. RM Levy Amount Approval

Resolution No 2025-14

BE IT RESOLVED to assess the NRWD 2025-2026 Municipal Levies as follows; RM of Springfield keep the same as 2024-2025 Levy amount of \$198,670.55, and RM of Tache, RM of Ste Anne, RM of Brokenhead, RM of St. Clements, RM of Reynolds and RM of Lac du Bonnet Levies are approved as presented.

Moved: Brad Ingles

Seconded: Jack Kowalchuk

CARRIED

6.2. 2024-25 Carry Over Request Approval

Resolution No 2025-15

NRWD 2024-25 Carry Over Request Application

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the 2024-25 carry over request in the amount of \$363,815.

Moved: Russ Gawluk

Seconded: Elwood Lamont

CARRIED

6.3. 2025-26 Interim Budget Approval

Resolution No 2025-16

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the 2025-2026 Interim Budget Report for the Northeast Red Watershed District as presented.

Moved: Brad Ingles **Seconded:** Jack Kowalchuk **CARRIED**

6.4. Local Reserve Account Bridge Fund Approval

Resolution No. 2025-17

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the establishment of a new General Local reserve account for RM of Springfield Capital Infrastructure.

Moved: Wil Heather **Seconded:** Brad Ingles **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2025-18

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the transfer of \$69,134.42 from the chequing account to the new General local reserve account for RM of Springfield Capital Infrastructure.

Moved: Wil Heather **Seconded:** Russ Gawluk **CARRIED**

6.5. CRA Contact Update

Resolution No. 2025-19

Canada Revenue Agency Business Related Contacts

Business Number: 13069 4706 RP0001

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Northeast Watershed District recognize authorization to update CRA contacts as follows;
Removing Jonothon Roskos, Marcién Ross and Roger Vaags.
Adding Manager Danica Racicot, and Vice Chairperson Scott Spicer

Chairperson Verner Johnson, administrator Sandra Starr Harder and a representative from SENSUS Chartered Professional Accountants Ltd. to remain as contacts for CRA Account as Business Related Contacts.

Moved: Jack Kowalchuk **Seconded:** Elwood Lamont **CARRIED**

6.6. RM of Reynolds Request for Partnership Agreement

RM of Reynolds sent a letter to the Northeast Red Watershed District expressing interest in establishing a partnership agreement between the RM of Reynolds and the Watershed District to allow access to programs for RM of Reynolds landowners currently outside the boundaries of any existing watershed. The RM of Reynolds and the Northeast Red Watershed District need to pass resolutions to allow for investigation of a partnership. Consider looking at past agreements for format of possible new agreement.

Would need to form ad hoc committee to work on developing agreement with Reynolds.

6.7. RM of Ste. Anne Water Retention Project

Brad reported on approval from RM of Ste. Anne to investigate the use of 80 acres of property they own for a water retention project along 45E. RM is already putting in culverts and improving the drainage in area with the proposed property being a natural choice for retention. Location is 1 mile east and north of Richer. Manager will arrange for drone exploration of area, with next steps to involve engineer, cost estimate, and project planning and approval by Board. Request that RM provide any LIDAR they may have for the area.

7. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. License of Occupation Forestry Roads 13&13A

Upcoming meeting February 24 for 13&13A Committee with provincial forestry and crown land representatives to walk through the license of occupation agreement between the District and the Province. There were three new clauses discussing forestry and timber value that require further explanation prior to signing.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1. Next Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday March 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourned by Russ Gawluk at 11:20 am

Scott Spicer- Vice chairperson

Starr Harder, Administrator