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Minutes

March 21, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jake Hiebert, Chair SD-7 and Chair of Board
Ed Penner, Chair SD-6 & Vice-Chair of Board
Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5
Natashia Lapeire, Chair SD-9
Neil Claringbould, Chair SD-2
Brian Grier, Chair SD 3&4
Ken Prociw, Chair SD-8
Stan Toews, Vice-Chair SD-7

REGRETS:

GUESTS:
Rhonda Dyck, Provincial Watershed Planner
Daniel Phalen, Provincial Watershed Planner

STAFF:
Joey Pankiw, Assistant Manager
Dani Gosselin, Watershed Tech
Chris Randall, Project Supervisor
Béatrice Mukahirwa, Bookkeeper
Jackie Funk, Office Administrator
Virginia Janzen, ReGen Ag Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 am – Meeting held at Smitty's in the Board Room

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<u>41-2023: Brian Grier – Ken Prociw</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved with the addition of Item XIV Policy Committee.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2023
b. Electronic Minutes for February 21, 2023

<u>42-2023: Natashia Lapeire – Harold Janzen</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2023 and the Electronic Minutes for February 21, 2023 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIR REPORT

Welcomed Virginia Janzen to the SRRWD team; introductions were done around the table
Les Schewe, the Provinicial Appointee for Seine Rat Roseau Watershed has resigned his position on board

V. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT, Jake Hiebert

Discussion of the of the new communication position that MAW is putting forward to Watershed Districts
MAW has hired a firm to review policies for MAW and Watershed Districts
To speed up the payment of PWCP cheques to producers 2 people have been hired on a term basis

VI. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC/LGC REPORTS

SD 3 & 4

<u>43-2023: Brian Grier – Ed Penner</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the engineering quote from KGS Engineering for $24,000 for work on the two Maple Leaf Foods projects that require engineering.

CARRIED

Neil Claringbould joined the Meeting at 9:15 a.m.

SD 5

- Working on planning a sub district meeting for April 11th

SD 6

<u>44-2023: Ed Penner – Brian Grier</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the Water Retention project for Darrin Warkentin located at SW 14-6-5E with cost approximately $20,000.

CARRIED

This Resolution was tabled until next board meeting until more information is reviewed
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the fencing for the back flood area at the Darren Warkentin water retention project located at SW 14-6-5E with a project cost of $6,436.26 (as funding becomes available).

CARRIED

<u>45-2023: Ed Penner – Harold Janzen</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the annual payment for the fenced off area at the Darrin Warkentin water retention project for approximately 40 acres with total cost of the project of $12,000 (as funding becomes available).

CARRIED

<u>46-2023: Ed Penner – Natashia Lapeire</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve to continue with Clarence Funk to maintain the TCDC trail and property for the 2023 season.

CARRIED

47-2023: Ed Penner – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve to support the Town of Niverville with their annexation of land from the RM of Hanover with the recommendation that they bring any water concerns to our attention and consult with us on any future water management plans.

CARRIED

SD 7

- Nothing to report

SD 8

- Discussion on the Silica sand meeting and SD8 sub district member, Russ Gawluk, has been providing us with information from the meetings that he attended

SD 9

- Nothing to report

ALUS/PAC

48-2023: Ed Penner – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the Pasture Improvement PWCP project for Al Ayotte for 598 acres for total project cost of $20,615.

CARRIED

49-2023: Ed Penner – Ken Prociw

BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD THAT they approve the Rotational Grazing PWCP project for Wildfire Farms for total project cost of $2,000

CARRIED

50-2023: Ed Penner – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the following PWCP Nitrogen Management projects for the following: Doug Brown in SD 3&4 for a Nitrogen Management Plan of $1,724.42 and Soil Testing of $2,500; Morin Seeds in SD 3&4 for Nitrogen Management Plan of $754 and Soil Testing of $1,359.75; RayMar Farms in SD 2 for Nitrogen Inhibitors of $9,434.92; Slow River Farms in SD8 for Soil Testing and Nitrogen Management Plan for $94.53.

CARRIED

51-2023: Ed Penner – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the Millview Grain Shelterbelt project located on W1/2 of 32-4-6E for 6.5 acres of shelterbelts with an annual payment of $200 per acres for 5 years and establishment cost of $5,200 for project total cost of $11,700.

CARRIED

<u>52-2023: Ed Penner – Ken Prociw</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the Megan Henry Shelterbelt project located at RL 65 in RM of Ste. Anne for 3 acres of shelterbelts with an annual payment of $200 per acre for 5 years and establishment cost of $2,500 for a project total of $5,550.

CARRIED

SD 2 (left to end of the sub districts to allow Neil to get to the meeting)

<u>Consensus</u>
The Board is in favour of further investigation into the Janzen Farms water retention project located at SE 30-3-4E and will further investigate an average acre per foot cost.

CARRIED

<u>53-2023: Neil Claringbould – Brian Grier</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the Wayne Chubaty ALUS Project at located at NW 21-1-4E for 30 acres for total cost of $20,100 (establishment cost and annual payments) as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

<u>54-2023: Neil Claringbould – Natasha Lapeire</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the Daniel Catellier ALUS Project located at NE 2-2-4E for 6 acres for total cost of $3,000 (for establishment and annual payments at $40/acre) as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

<u>55-2023: Neil Claringbould – Brian Grier</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the winter watering system for Sylvain Barnabe located at SE 20-2-5E for total cost of $7,471.00 (as funding becomes available) with approval upon site visit in the spring.

CARRIED

<u>56-2023: Neil Claringbould – Ed Penner</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the fencing project for the creek and drain at his home yard, and winter watering system for Sylvain Barnabe located at NE 17-2-5E for total cost of $16,303.50 (as funding becomes available) with approval upon site visit in the spring.

CARRIED

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

Attended Manager's retreat in Portage in early March for two days

<u>57-2023: Harold Janzen – Stan Toews</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves organizing well water testing for one day in May and June.

CARRIED

<u>58-2023: Natasha Lapeire – Brian Grier</u>

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the purchase of a Rifle Staple Gun for making the installation of erosion blankets at water retention for a cost of $1,200.

CARRIED

X. FINANCE REPORT

c. Expenses for approval
d. Provincial Final Budget

<u>59-2023: Ed Penner – Natasha Lapeire</u>

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the cancellation of cheque #9381 in the amount of $440.000 which had been issued to Donald Morin on November 10, 2022 which Don has not been received in the mail and a new cheque #9553 will be issued and sent to Donald Morin this week for the exact same amount of $440.00; as well cheque #9369 for Shane Pelletier issued on November 8, 2022 has been lost in the mail so new cheque #9555 has been issued for $75.00 and will be sent to Shane.

CARRIED

<u>60-2023: Jake Hiebert – Ken Prociw</u>

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the purchase of the 2023 Chevrolet Terrain from Ledingham in Steinbach for total cost of $37,612 plus taxes.

CARRIED

<u>61-2023: Ed Penner – Natasha Lapeire</u>

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of $56,030.00; whereas, cheques 9532 to 9553 are approved for $31,191.52; payroll for $13,360.07; direct deposits for $4,329.49; and pre-authorized withdrawals for $7,148.92.

CARRIED

VI. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT

- This is Rhonda's last meeting as our Watershed Planner – wish her all the best in her retirement
- The process has been started to find a replacement for Les Schewe as the Provincial Appointee
- Recommendations for the position can be forwarded to our Watershed Planner
- Our new Watershed Planner, Daniel Phalen, talked about the spring flood forecast
- Reviewed new Ag Action programs available (intake date is April 4th but there will be a fall intake and will review projects for the fall intake)

XI. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Horseshoe Lake – still working on getting a meeting arranged between RM of Stuartburn and RM of Piney

XIII. Personnel Committee

62-2023: Harold Janzen – Ed Penner
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD employ Colleen Cuvelier at SRRWD with a start date in early April (to be negotiated) as the full-time ALUS/Grow Coordinator with a 3-month probationary period, salary of $50,000/year with 5 weeks holiday annually and full benefits following the 3 month probationary period..

CARRIED

Had a very competent group of candidates for summer students and 4 interviews have been arranged for March 27th and March 29th

XIV. POLICY COMMITTEE

Committee will be sending out a document for the Board to review shortly and a meeting will be arranged for discussion and review amongst board members

63-2023: Jake Hiebert – Harold Janzen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves paying Ken Prociw, Natasha Lapeire and Jake Hiebert $200 each for their work on the Policy Review.

CARRIED

XV. NEXT BOARD MEETING

April 18, 2023

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

64-2023: Ken Prociw – Stan Toews
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 11:11 a.m.

CARRIED

Jake Hiebert, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Joey Pankiw, MANAGER