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Minutes

December 19, 2023

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

REGRETS:

GUESTS:
Kelsey Benson, Provincial Watershed Planner

STAFF:
Joey Pankiw, Assistant Manager
Chris Randall, Project Supervisor
Dani Gosselin, ALUS/PAC Coordinator
Béatrice Mukahirwa, Bookkeeper
Virginia Janzen, ReGen Ag Coordinator
Alex Wolf, Watershed Technician

I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

222-2023: Brian Grier – Natashia Lapeire
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved with the amendment of the addition of Les Schewe's expenses as Item III.

CARRIED

III. 223-2023: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve paying Les Schewe's (Provincial Appointee) expenses and indemnities for December.

CARRIED

IV. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chair appoints the following members to form the committees of:

a. **Finance** – Ed Penner; Harold Janzen (Staff Rep Joey Pankiw)
b. **Personnel / Workplace Health and Safety** – Brian Grier; Neil Claringbould; Stan Toews (Staff Rep Joey Pankiw)
c. **Policy** – Natashia Lapeire; Les Schewe; Ken Prociw (Staff Rep Jackie Funk)
d. **Renovations** – Ed Penner; Harold Janzen; Stan Toews (Staff Rep Joey Pankiw)

e. **Manitoba Association of Watersheds**

224-2023: Ed Penner – Natashia Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Jake Hiebert be appointed as the SRRWD representative to Manitoba Association of Watersheds Board for 2023-2024.

CARRIED

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2023
b. Electronic Minutes for November 21 2023
c. Electronic Minutes for December 7, 2023

225-2023: Stan Toews – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2023 and the Electronic Minutes for November 21, 2023 and Electronic Minutes for December 7, 2023 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

VI. CHAIR REPORT

- Building renovations are well under way with mudding and painting remaining before portable walls are installed for 3 offices in main area

VII. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT, Jake Hiebert

- MAW Conference was well attended and from feedback received was rated as one of the best

VIII. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC/LGC REPORTS

ALUS/PAC

226-2023: Ed Penner – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following PWCP Nitrogen Management projects for the following: Avonlea Colony Farms in SD 2 for the use of Inhibitors on 770 acres for total cost of $10,000; Benner Holsteins in SD 7 for ESN and Soil Sampling on 460 acres for total cost of $5,688.59; Barkdale Farms in SD 8 for ESN used on 5593 acres for total cost of $9,074.58; Leonard Wiens in SD 7 for soil testing on 160 acres for total cost of $214.20; Rumerdale Holsteins in SD 8 for soil testing on 1046 acres for total cost of $2,500; SRH Farms in SD 7 for Soil Testing on 632 acres for total cost of $843.41; Sunny Dairy Farm Ltd. in SD 3&4 for soil testing for total cost of $204.75; Rod Dueck in SD 7 for soil agronomic support for $1,653.75; and Charles Friesen in SD 3&4 for use of Inhibitors on 245 acres for total cost of $680.00.

CARRIED

227-2023: Ed Penner – Natashia Lepeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following PWCP Rotational Grazing project for Nolan Vermette by Ste. Anne in SD 9 located at SE 5-9-7E for summer watering system and cross fencing for additional grazing paddocks for total cost of $20,700.

CARRIED

228-2023: Ed Penner – Neil Claringbould
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves to increase the funding for the ALUS program annual incentive payments by $5.00 per acre for all categories and establishment costs stay the same.

CARRIED

229-2023: Ed Penner – Harold Janzen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the addition of funding shrubs to the Shelterbelt Program and the maximum of $5.00 per plant.

CARRIED

SD 2

- Work is still in progress for Horseshoe Lake

SD 3 & 4

230-2023: Brian Grier – Neil Claringbould
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Shelterbelt Program project for Dirk Hak located at NE 8-4-8E in SD 3&4 in the RM of La Broquerie for a 3-row shelterbelt to protect his livestock, tree cost of $855.00, annual payments of $260.00 per year for 5 years and for total cost of $2,155.00.

CARRIED

231-2023: Brian Grier – Ken Prociw
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the addition of a few loads of pitrun to Mike Stepaniuk's retention located at NW 22-3-5E to raise the road to prevent it from getting wet and muddy at his water retention project up to a maximum of $1000 with any further maintenance will be the producer's cost.

CARRIED

Staff provided updates on modelling they had received for proposed Maple Leaf Water Retention projects

232-2023: Natashia Lapeire – Brian Grier
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves staff to proceed with further modelling with Strategic Systems Engineering to prepare for the projects with total cost up to $6,000.

CARRIED

SD 5

- Landowners in the RM of Morris are eager to join SRRWD and take advantage of the programs offered once the approval process is complete

SD 6

- Will be applying for the Trails Manitoba grant for upgrades to the path at TCDC around the pond
- Work is progressing at Darrin Warkentin's water retention project and it is over half done

SD 7

- Nothing to report

SD 8

- Nothing to report

SD 9

- Nothing to report

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Living Labs Co-Development session was held on December 14th
- Lake Winnipeg Foundation funding more coming available – discussed ideas for projects with the funding

X. FINANCE REPORT

a. Expenses for approval
b. Provincial Report

<u>233-2023: Ed Penner – Natashia Lepeire</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of $190,217.15; whereas, cheques 9750 to 9862 are approved for $154,381.92; payroll for $17,591.96; direct deposits for $9,111.44; and pre-authorized withdrawals for $3,275.84 and Wire Transfer for $5,855.99 (Canadian Funds) $4324.00 in US Funds.

CARRIED

Brian Grier and Harold Janzen Abstain

<u>234-2023: Ed Penner – Ken Prociw</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Provincial Report for December as presented.

CARRIED

<u>235-2023: Ed Penner – Natashia Lapeire</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the wire transfer that will be sent to Ward Laboratories Inc. in Kearney, Nebraska for the PLFA Soil Testing for the Growing Roots participants in the amount of $4,324 in US Funds.

CARRIED

<u>236-2023: Ed Penner – Stan Toews</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves increasing the Manager's credit card limit from the current $2,500 to the new limit of $5,000.

CARRIED

XI. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT

- reviewed the Provincial Update for December

XII. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

a. Well Sealing Application for Osterwick Farms

<u>237-2023: Natashia Lapeire – Brian Grier</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the well sealing for Osterwick Farms in New Bothwell at 23061 RD 40N for cost of $1,500 plus taxes.

CARRIED

Stan Toews Abstains

b. Clothing Allowance for New Employees

<u>238-2023: Natashia Lapeire – Neil Claringbould</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves a clothing allowance for new staff Virginia Janzen and Alex Wolf in the amount of $500 per person.

CARRIED

<u>239-2023: Brian Grier – Stan Toews</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves clothing allowance for other staff as needed at the discretion of the manager.

CARRIED

<u>240-2023: Ken Prociw – Natashia Lapeire</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the purchase of promotional items up to a maximum of $3,000.

CARRIED

c. Hosting Regional Manitoba Envirothon at TCDC in Spring 2024

Consensus: SRRWD Board is in agreement to host the Regional Manitoba Envirothon at TCDC in Spring 2024

d. Equipment Available for Producers
Will make a list of equipment available and let producers doing projects know what they can access

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

a. Advertising with Golden West Radio / Steinbach Online
Updated the Board on ads and articles and open houses that will be happening in new year

XIV. POLICY COMMITTEE

- Still waiting for template from MAW

XV. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

- Electrical work is completed, mudding will be done this week and painting will happen between Christmas and New Year's; the portable walls will be installed in late January
- List will be compiled of maintenance items that may need to be done in near future

XVI. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- Will start advertising for summer students in New Year

XVII. NEXT BOARD MEETING

January Meeting will be electronically
Next meeting February 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at Smitty's Banquet Room followed by the strategy session

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

241-2023: Natashia Lapeire – Harold Janzen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 10:55 a.m.

CARRIED

Jake Hiebert, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD	**Joey Pankiw, MANAGER**