

Present:

Board members:

Ray Frey, Board Chair #81A, Upper Central Little Saskatchewan River, Chair
Dennis Pedersen, Vice-Chair #82B, Lower Little Saskatchewan River, Chair
Dave Falkevitch #72B, Lower Oak River, Chair
John Spaller #82A, Upper Little Saskatchewan River, Chair
Don Huisman #81A, Upper Central Little Saskatchewan River, Vice-Chair
Larry Cardy #81B, Lower Central Little Saskatchewan River, Chair
Cindy Murray Provincial Appointee

Colleen Cuvelier, District Manager
Anne Davidson, Financial Administrator
Curt Westwood, Technician
Bobby Bennett, Watershed Planner

Absent: Kaye Wolstenholme, #72A, Upper Oak River, Chair

Chair Ray Frey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#42/17: C. Murray – J. Spaller

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#43/17: D. Pedersen – L. Cardy

That the minutes of the regular Board meeting held April 5th, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. **Assiniboine Hills CD Water Festival** – to be held May 13th. Colleen & Curt will attend.
2. **Assiniboine River Basin Initiative** – workshop and tour, June 20th – 22nd in Russell. More details will follow.

FINANCIAL

1. **Financial Statement** for April 2017 was presented and reviewed by the Board.

#44/17: D. Huisman – D. Falkevitch

That the Financial Statement for April 2017 be accepted as presented. That the Board authorizes the expenditures recorded from April 8th to May 5th, 2017, inclusive, in the amount of \$22,230.55 be paid. That the Bank Reconciliation for March and April 2017 be adopted as reviewed by the Chair.

Carried.

2. **2016/2017 year-end** – Chair & Administrator completed the questionnaires that Sensus required. Auditors were here on April 25th. A representative will present the Draft Financial Statements at the June 7th board meeting.

FINANCIAL (cont'd):

3. **Fourth Quarter report** – was presented and reviewed.
4. **2017/2018 Interim Budget.** – The Board reviewed the changes to the Interim Budget that was approved in April 2017

#45/17: C. Murray – D. Pedersen

That the revised Interim 2017/2018 LSRCD budget in the amount of \$469,916.44 be accepted and submitted to Watershed Planning and Programs.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **RM of Whitehead** – a resolution has been received regarding interest from the RM of Whitehead to join Assiniboine Hills Conservation District and Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District. The Watershed Planner reviewed the process of expansion and answered questions.
2. **Consultation on Amendment to the Livestock Manure & Mortalities Management Regulation** – comments will be forwarded regarding the definition of “surface watercourse”.
3. **Kelsey CD Water Festival & Fishing** – to be held in The Pas May 31st to June 4th.

#46/17: C. Murray – D. Huisman

That the Board authorizes the District Manager to attend the Kelsey Conservation District Water Festival and Retreat in The Pas on May 31st to June 4th with all expenses paid by the District.

Carried.

4. **Soil Health/Cover Crop projects** – The Board questioned the project and more information will be obtained for the June meeting.
5. **Projector quotes** – Three quotes were reviewed for a new projector.

#47/17: C. Murray – D. Huisman

That the Board agrees to purchase a NEC VE303X in the amount of \$766.00 plus taxes from Future Soft.

Carried.

PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

1. **Lawford Dam repair** – A response from the landowner indicated that the account would be paid in full. Technician reviewed the specs on the dam and will meet with the landowner.
2. **ALUS** – PAC meeting was held April 28th. Eight landowner proposals were reviewed. Four were approved in whole or part, two were ineligible. The remaining proposals and/or projects were prioritized if more funding becomes available. The PAC identified the need to include additional stakeholders. Inquiries and/or invitations were made to MB Agriculture, KAP, and MB Beef Producers. A KAP representative attended the PAC meeting.
3. **Operation Pollinator** – Syngenta in partnership with Soil Conservation Council of Canada, is delivering a program to promote the health and well-being of bees and other pollinators given their essential role in agriculture and nature. SCCC is collaborating with MCDA. Producers agree to convert one-to-two acres of lower-productivity land to establish a dedicated Operation Pollinator site. In exchange for dedicating the land, participating producers receive a provision of high-quality, pollinator-friendly wildflower seed, agronomic advice, and assistance (\$100.00 an acre) to help offset site establishment costs. Contact the LSRCD to submit an application.
4. **Kerr Lake Water Quality** – as the spring run-off has passed, water sampling will not occur this year. Manager will set-up for next spring.
5. **Aquatic Invasive Species** – D. Huisman attended a Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve meeting regarding AIS. A resolution to be forwarded to AMM by the Municipality of Harrison Park to request the Province to establish wash stations in areas with high tourism was suggested. Also

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS (cont'd):

discussed was to initiate a Conference in October to invite the public to learn about living with zebra mussels. The CD may be asked to participate in the conference but not providing funds.

6. **Well Inventory** – notification was received that applications for a well inventory program can be submitted. An application for sampling 100 wells in Rapid City will be submitted.

REPORTS - CHAIR – attended the ALUS PAC meeting, seems there has been more landowner interest by phone than in the past.

MANAGER – reviewed and filed with the minutes.

ADMINISTRATOR – reviewed and filed with the minutes.

TECHNICIAN – reviewed and filed with the minutes.

Staff reports will be forwarded to board members to review before the meeting.

MCDA – attended an expanded executive meeting, May 2nd. Financial Statements, Pollinator Project, HUB meeting, ALUS, Biosphere Reserve – AIS, CD expansion was discussed. Conference dates have been moved to Dec. 11th to 13th.

PROVINCIAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM – no report.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Community & Regional Planning – copy of notice of Conditional Approval (Revised) on SE-08-19-21W (7157887 Manitoba Ltd.). *Noted.*
2. Canada Summer Jobs – approved for 360 hours (9 weeks) - \$4587.00. To Start June 14th. *Noted.*
3. Hometown Green Team – approved for 250 hours (6.25 weeks) - \$3110.00. To Start May 1st. *Noted.*
4. Western Financial Group – Municipal Insurance – coverage for April 1st, 2017 to March 31st, 2018. *Noted.*
5. RM of Whitehead – resolution to join Assiniboine Hills Conservation District and Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District. *Under New Business.*
6. Mike Klassen – Rivers Centre of Wetland Excellence has received the National EECOM 2017 Outstanding K-12 Class, School, or School District Award. *Noted.*
7. Watershed Planning & Programs Section, Erin Dunbar, Acting Manager – “*Constructing and Sealing Wells in Manitoba*” and “*Manitoba Well Aware*” booklets; Forestry Branch of Sustainable Development offering White Spruce seedlings. *Noted.*
8. Michael Thiele – Ducks Unlimited 2017 Forage Program. *Noted.*
9. Office of Drinking Water – Well inventory program for 2017. *Under Projects and Programs.*
10. Manitoba Conservation Districts Assoc. – Kelsey CD Water Festival & Fishing, May 31st to June 4th; *Under New Business.* MB Agriculture strengthening its capacity to create the environment that accelerates growth in the agriculture, agri-food and agri-product sector; minutes of meeting held April 4th; ARBI Final Draft of Assiniboine River Basin Framework for Watershed Stewardship; change of date of MCDA Conference. *Noted.*
11. Upper Assiniboine River Conservation District – minutes of meeting held February 22nd; *Noted.* develop a program & monitoring protocol for fall cover crops. *Under New Business.*
12. West Interlake Watershed Conservation District – minutes of meeting held March 16th. *Noted.*
13. Whitemud Watershed Conservation District – minutes of meeting held April 27th. *Noted.*
14. Partners For the Saskatchewan River Basin – membership and annual conference in October, 2017. *Noted.*
15. Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba – *WCB Insider*, April 2017. *Noted.*

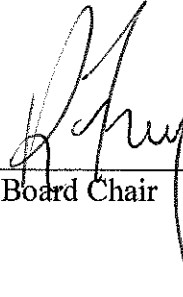
ADJOURNMENT

#48/17: D. Pedersen

That the meeting now be adjourned to meet again on **Wednesday, June 7th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.** or at the Call of the Chair. SD#72A and the council of the Rural Municipality of Yellowhead invited to attend.

Carried.

TIME: 10:00 p.m.



Ray Frey, Board Chair



Anne Davidson, Financial Administrator