
Present:

Board members:

Ray Frey, Board Chair #81A, Upper Central Little Saskatchewan River
Dennis Pedersen, Vice-Chair #82B, Lower Little Saskatchewan River, Chair
Kaye Wolstenholme #72A, Upper Oak 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, Chair
Larry Cardy #81B, Lower Central Little Saskatchewan River, Chair

Anne Davidson Financial Administrator
Curt Westwood Technician
Bobby Bennett Watershed Planner

Absent: Colleen Cuvelier, District Manager
Cindy Murray, Provincial Appointee

Chair Ray Frey called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#69/16: K. Wolstenholme – D. Pedersen

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#70/16: D. Falkevitch – J. Spaller

That the minutes of the regular Board meeting held September 7th, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. **AGM and Elections** – to be held November 15th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. roast beef supper, at Basswood Community Hall in Basswood. **Please RSVP to the office** as soon as possible. November 9th is the deadline!
2. **MCDA Conference** – December 6th, 7th & 8th on the upper level at the Keystone Centre, registration and hotel room reservations close November 4th. **Please contact the office as soon as possible.** Available rooms are limited. The December regular board meeting will be at the Call of the Chair.
3. **Strategic Review** – to be held October 28th at **2:00 p.m.** in Neepawa. A prep meeting will be held October 20th at 9:30 a.m. in Oak River.

IN CAMERA – The board requested Watershed Planner, Bobby Bennett and Technician Curt Westwood to leave the boardroom while they went In Camera.

#71/16: D. Pedersen – D. Huisman

That the Board does now go in camera.

Carried.

IN CAMERA (cont'd):**#72/16: L. Cardy – D. Falkevitch**

That the Board now comes out of camera and reconvenes in open session.

Carried.

FINANCIAL

1. **Financial Statement for September 30th, 2016** was presented and reviewed by the Board.

#73/16: K. Wolstenholme – D. Huisman

That the Financial Statements for September 30th, 2016 be accepted as presented. That the Board authorizes the expenditures recorded from September 1st to September 30th, 2016 in the amount of \$77,493.25. That the Bank Reconciliation for September 2016 be adopted as reviewed by the Chair.

Carried.

2. **Minister of Sustainable Development** – received the provincial grant allocation for 2016/2017 for \$200,000.00.
3. **2016/2017 Revised Budget** – The board reviewed the 2016/2017 revised budget presented. One project in the LSR watershed will not be constructed as the landowner did not agree to sign the agreement.

#74/16: D. Huisman – D. Pedersen

That the Board accepts the revised 2016-2017 Budget as presented to reflect the provincial grant allocation of \$200,000.00.

Carried.

4. **Mill rate for 2017/2018** – Administrator advised the Board that Assessment may remain about the same for 2017/2018 but if a re-assessment occurs for 2018/2019, there could be a big change in 2017. After consideration, the board agreed that the mill rate will rise to .29, a .005 increase to reflect the proposed 2017/2018 Budget. A letter will be forwarded to our municipal partners in January 2017 advising them of their levy for their 2017 Budget preparations.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Ray declared a personal interest in the next agenda item and excused himself from the board room before any discussion. Board Vice-Chair Dennis Pedersen moved to the position as Board Chair.

1. **Community & Regional Planning** – Harrison Park Development Plan amendment (K. Frey) was reviewed and a letter of response with comments will be forwarded.

Ray returned to the board room as Board Chair and Dennis moved as Board Vice-Chair.

2. **Rapid City and District Chamber of Commerce** – a request for a donation and advertising for the Trivia night was discussed. The board agreed to donate a prize for the Trivia night.
3. **Manitoba Federation of Non-Profit Organizations Inc.** – workshop of Fundamentals of Human Resources: 2016-2017, six modules from November to March 2017 to be held in Brandon for a half day. Manager requested to attend.

#75/16: D. Pedersen – D. Falkevitch

That the Board authorizes the District Manager to attend the workshop of Fundamentals of Human Resources: 2016-2017, six modules from November 2016 to March 2017 in Brandon with registration of \$300.00 paid by the District.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd):

4. **Assiniboine River Basin Initiative** – 3rd Annual Conference will be held November 9th & 10th in Minot, ND. LSRCD will not have a representative attend.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

1. **Lawford Dam Repair** – contractor has been away and construction will begin when agreement has been signed.
2. **Shelterbelts** – The board discussed the rate of hand planting shelterbelt trees. It was agreed that the rate for hand planting over 50 trees for a new shelterbelt would be double the daily rate of the Technician and Summer Student plus mileage.
3. **Wedderburn dam** – having beaver issues. Manager had spoken with Riverdale Municipality and agreed to cost-share expense for removal of the beavers.

REPORTS - CHAIR & MCDA – MCDA will have a meeting on October 11th in Brandon and Ray is unable to attend. The District will not have a representative at that meeting. The MCDA will have two representatives attend the ARBI conference in Minot, attended a Conference Committee conference call to discuss the Conference in December.

MANAGER – reviewed and filed with the minutes.

TECHNICIAN – attached and filed with the minutes.

PROVINCIAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM – Watershed Planner, Bobby Bennett read the Provincial update for October.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Community & Regional Planning – Harrison Park Development Plan amendment. *Under New Business.*
2. Ducks Unlimited – Notice of Intent to File Caveat on SE 9-14-22W & SW 10-14-22W (Paddock); NE 11-14-20W (Bootsman); NE 7-16-21W (Koscielny). *Noted.*
3. Watershed Planning & Programs, Kristen Hayward – 2016 Strategic Review, October 28th; grant notification letters and due date of Revised 2016/2017 Budgets. *Under Arising from the Minutes.*
4. Minister of Sustainable Development – regarding Environment Act Licence No. 3010 & Daly Irrigation Development Project. *Noted.*
5. Roy Greer – Thank you for ALUS appreciation gift. *Noted.*
6. Town of Minnedosa – re-appointment of Rick Saler to SD #81B, Lower Central Little Saskatchewan River. *Noted.*
7. Minister of Sustainable Development – provincial allocation for 2016/2017 and 3rd quarter grant payment. *Under Financial.*
8. Manitoba Federation of Non-Profit Organizations Inc. – Fundamentals of Human Resources: 2016-2017, six modules, Nov to March, Brandon. *Under New Business.*
9. Assiniboine River Basin Initiative – 3rd Annual Conference, November 9th & 10th, Minot, ND. *Under New Business.*
10. Manitoba Agricultural Water Management Association (MAWMS) – 2nd annual tour at Carman, October 6th. *Noted.*
11. RM of Oakview – thank you for door prize for MMAA meeting. *Noted.*
12. Rapid City and District Chamber of Commerce – donation for Trivia Night with offer to promote business. *Under New Business.*
13. Red River Basin Commission – 34th Annual Land & Water International Summit Conference, January 17th – 19th, 2017, Fargo, ND. *Noted.*

CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd):

- 14. MCDA – Conservation Districts 5-Year Strategic Budget; minutes of expanded executive meeting held September 8th. *Noted.*
- 15. Assiniboine Hills Conservation District – minutes of meeting held September 20th. *Noted.*
- 16. West Interlake Watershed Conservation District – minutes of meeting held August 29th. *Noted.*

ADJOURNMENT

#76/16: D. Pedersen

That the meeting now be adjourned to meet again on **Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016 at 1:30 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: 8:58 p.m.

Ray Frey, Chair

Anne Davidson, Financial Administrator