
Present:

Board members:

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

Curt Westwood Technician
Bobby Bennett Watershed Planner

Absent: Colleen Cuvelier, District Manager
Anne Davidson, Financial Administrator
John Spaller, #82A, Upper Little Saskatchewan River, Chair

Chair Ray Frey called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#9/17: C. Murray – K. Wolstenholme

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#10/17: D. Huisman – L. Cardy

That the minutes of the regular Board meeting held January 4, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

COMMITTEES – Personnel – Chair Ray Frey requested staff and Watershed Planner Bobby Bennett to leave the boardroom when the Personnel Committee presented their recommendations following staff reviews.

#11/17: C. Murray – D. Pedersen

That the Board does now goes in camera to discuss staff reviews.

Carried.

#12/17: K. Wolstenholme – D. Falkevitch

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

Carried.

LSRCD staff and Watershed Planner Bobby Bennett re-joined the meeting.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. **CDC Policy re: signing authority** – District Manager Colleen Cuvelier will write auditor requesting advice on plan to move payments primarily to electronic form.

FINANCIAL

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

#13/17: D. Huisman – C. Murray

That the Financial Statement for January 2017 be accepted as presented. That the Board authorizes the expenditures recorded from January 1 to February 17, 2017 in the amount of \$31,696.96.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Community & Regional Planning** – Applications for Subdivision on SE-08-19-21-W (7157887 Manitoba Ltd.) and NE-14-12-22-W (Wiens) were reviewed and letters of response with comments will be forwarded.
2. **Skillpath Seminars – How to Excel at Managing and Supervising People** – March 20-21, 2017, Winnipeg

#14/17: C. Murray – D. Huisman

That the Board authorizes the Manager to enroll in the Skillpath Seminar in Winnipeg on March 20-21, 2017 in Winnipeg with all expenses paid.

Carried.

3. **Invitation to Present at Open Farm Day Advisory Meeting** – March 7, 2017, Winnipeg

#15/17: D. Huisman – D. Pedersen

That the Board authorizes the Manager to present at the Open Farm Day Advisory Meeting with all expenses paid.

Carried.

4. **Minnedosa Canvasback Delta Waterfowl Chapter Dinner Event** – February 25, 2017, Minnedosa

#16/17: D. Huisman – K. Wolstenholme

That the Board authorizes two board members to attend the event with banquet tickets purchased by the District.

Carried.

5. **Grazing Club Workshop** – February 22, 2017, Minnedosa

#17/17: C. Murray – D. Falkevitch

That the Board authorizes the sponsorship of 10 attendees at a cost of \$30 per person. Sponsorship will be available to board and sub-district members and staff.

Carried.

6. **Intermountain Conservation District – Tile Drainage Workshop** – March 6, 2017, Dauphin

#18/17: D. Huisman – L. Cardy

That the Board authorizes registration for a maximum of five attendees at a cost of \$10 per person.

Carried.

REPORTS - CHAIR – Municipal visits underway. Clanwilliam-Erickson completed. Very positive response. New information sheets outlining RM specific details are well received. Employment Standards Workshop upcoming in Brandon. Staff recommended to attend if available. Will be giving ALUS presentation at UARCD meeting.

MANAGER – reviewed and filed with the minutes.

REPORTS (continued)

TECHNICIAN – reviewed and filed with the minutes.

MCDA – Ag Days booth a positive experience. Spoke with Government officials who were keen on ALUS. Expanded Executive Meeting; reviewed financials from MDCA Conference. Even with reduced attendance, conference did not lose money. No refunds will be issued to those who were not able to attend. MCDA Board elections to be held February 7. No meetings ongoing regarding ALUS. MCDA wants to set-up a meeting with Federal Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr to discuss ALUS. MCDA is sponsoring the Managers' Meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Community & Regional Planning – Applications for Subdivision on SE-08-19-21-W (7157887 Manitoba Ltd.); NE-14-12-22-W (Wiens). *Under New Business*
2. Ducks Unlimited Canada – Notice of Intent to File Caveat on SE-33-14-22-WPM (Coulson). *Noted*
3. Watershed Planning & Programs – CD Annual Report 2015-2016 now available online. *Noted*
4. RM of Minto-Odanah – re-appointment of B. Hopkins to SD #81A, Upper Central Little Saskatchewan River; D. Pearson to SD #81B, Lower Central Little Saskatchewan River; C. Crawley to SD #81A, Upper Central Little Saskatchewan River; and K. Syslak to SD #81B, Lower Central Little Saskatchewan River. *Noted*
5. MGUG Winter Workshop and Annual General Meeting, February 23, 2017, Winnipeg. *Noted*
6. SkillPath Seminars – How to Excel at Managing and Supervising People, March 20-21, 2017, Winnipeg. *Under New Business*
7. Manitoba Open Farm Day – invitation to present at Open Farm Day Advisory Meeting, March 7, 2017, Winnipeg; invitation to planning meeting March 8, 2017, Brandon. *Under New Business and Noted*
8. Delta Waterfowl – Minnedosa Canvasbacks Delta Waterfowl Chapter Dinner Event; February 25, 2017, Minnedosa. *Under New Business*
9. Michael Thiele – Grazing Club Workshop, Dr. Allen Williams, February 21 Pipestone, February 22 Minnedosa, February 23 Mather. *Under New Business*
10. Lake Winnipeg Foundation – nominations for Alexander Bajkov award. *Noted*
11. MCDA – minutes of expanded executive meeting January 5, 2017. *Noted*
12. Intermountain Conservation District – Tile Drainage workshop, March 6, 2017, Dauphin. *Under New Business*
13. Pembina Valley Conservation District – minutes of meeting held December 21, 2016. *Noted*
14. West Interlake Watershed Conservation District – minutes of meetings held October 20, 2016 and November 17, 2016; 2017 MCDA Tour invitation. *Noted*

OTHER

The Board discussed the fee-for-service projects that the District is able to complete for its municipal partners including making the municipal partners aware of the service and staff capacity. The possibility of a CAO Workshop will be discussed at the Program Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

#19/17: D. Pedersen

That the meeting now be adjourned to meet again on **Wednesday, March 1st, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.** or at the Call of the Chair. **SD #81B** and the council of the **Municipality of Minto-Odanah and the Town of Minnedosa** are invited to attend.

Carried.

TIME: 3:50 p.m.

Ray Frey, Chair

Curt Westwood, Technician