NORTHEAST RED WATERSHED DISTRICT

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Board Meeting 2025-05 **April 17, 2025**

PRESENT
BOARD Verner Johnson– NRWD Board Chairperson, Provincial Appointee
Scott Spicer – NRWD Board Vice Chairperson, Red River S.D. Chair
Edgar Scheurer – Carrs Creek/Lower Seine S.D. Chair
Elwood Lamont – Lower Cooks Creek S.D. Chair
Russ Gawluk – Brokenhead River S.D. Chair
Greg Mandzuk– Catfish Creek /Gull Lake S.D. Chair
Ashley Rawluk- Red River S.D. Vice Chair

VIRTUAL Brad Ingles – Upper Cooks Creek S.D. Chair

REGRETS Jack Kowalchuk – Devils Creek S.D. Chair, Brokenhead River S.D. Vice Chair

STAFF Danica Racicot – Manager
Starr Harder – Administrator

GUESTS Colleen Cuvelier – Provincial Watershed Planner

Call meeting to order at 9:02 am

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2025-29
BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the agenda with the addition of 6.4 meeting schedule.
Moved: Russ Gawluk **Seconded:** Greg Mandzuk **CARRIED**

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Resolution No. 2025-30
BE IT RESOLVED the board approves Northeast Red Watershed District (NRWD) Board Meeting 2025-04 Minutes March 20, 2025.
Moved: Scott Spicer **Seconded:** Elwood Lamont **CARRIED**

3. **FINANCIAL**

   3.1. Approval of financials reconciled to March 31, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-31
BE IT RESOLVED the board approves financials reconciled to March 31, 2025.
Moved: Edgar Scheurer **Seconded:** Elwood Lamont **CARRIED**

   3.2. Review of the year to date 2024-25 budget

Report reflects year unaudited, under budget overall, Tier 2 funds remain and were included in carry-over request.

4. **REPORTS**

   4.1. NRWD Chair Report

Infrastructure meeting next week**,** and Manager review to take place over next month**.**

Russ curious about having Watershed District presence at the AMM tradeshow. Request directed to Scott to bring to next MAW board meeting.

   4.2. Staff Report -as provided

Request for financials from RM of Reynolds resident. Manager requested clarification on request with no follow up received. Depending on request, may require FIPPA.

Admin- all April levies deposited as of yesterday.

   4.3. Sub-District Committee Chair Updates

Carrs Creek – Edgar, nothing to report. No interest shown in a tour, he will consider calling to see if interest in tour.
Upper Cooks -Brad, no report
Lower Cooks Creek – Elwood, short tour last week to look at Donaldson Drain and Hazelridge Drain.
Brokenhead – Russ, Winnipeg River Watershed District proposal to be sent by the Province to participating RMs by fall of 2025. Any further inquiries from Reynolds will wait until after proposal is received. Subcommittee meeting scheduled for April 30, with fall tour to be planned. Discussed District and RM works possibilities with KombAg cattail harvesting equipment company at AMM tradeshow. Board comments on use of by-product and field application seems to be a deterrent. Manager to share harvesting videos at infrastructure meeting and to investigate planning a machine demo in District.
Catfish Creek/Gull Lake – Greg, nothing to report. Public works will line something up soon for a tour of problem areas. Perhaps visit Orest’s rotational grazing operation.

Devils Creek – not present
Red River - Scott, will be planning a spring meeting. May have a small tour of review for new sub-district members without involving public works.

4.4. MAW Report

Number of people from board met with Manitoba Wildlife Federation for introductions and to discuss having input on PWCP applications. MAW explained individual Watershed Districts review applications. Wildlife corridor example of need to have excellent communication for projects to complete successfully. Turnover in staff, MAW has now hired two people. Time spent on conference planning, and Envirothon Regionals. Meeting with Keystone Ag, in audit process now, budget meeting May 20, 2025. New PWCP agreement done and signed, don't anticipate impact from upcoming elections.

4.5. Provincial Update – Report presented

Carry over request was approved. MOU for new Brokenhead River IWMP is fully executed with planning to begin in 2026-27 fiscal year.

5. OLD BUSINESS- none

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. HR Update

New hire Julie Litke started April 7th. Scott and Verner meeting with manager for evaluation today, with secondary meeting after discussing any wage adjustments to come before the board at next meeting.

6.2. 2024-25 Audit

In the past Chairperson completed the board questionnaire. Same process to follow this fiscal. Administrator will add completed information to correspondence file for next meeting.

Resolution 2025-32
BE IT RESOLVED the Board accepts Sensus audit tender dated November 20, 2024 as presented for the 2025, 2026, 2027 audits.
Moved: Scott Spicer **Second**: Russ Gawluk **CARRIED**

6.3. Office Building Renovation

Review of quotes for demolition and hauling of front entrance landing and walkway materials, rebuilding of new front entrance deck, and demolition of existing and rebuilding of new fire escape. Manager to ask for revision to quotes based on reduced hauling, confirm and state of condition they will leave the area in at completion. Confirm completion of correct perching around the building.

Resolution 2025-33
BE IT RESOLVED the board approves spending up to $60,000 for the front entrance and fire escape demolition and replacement to bring them up to code.
Moved: Russ Gawluk **Seconded:** Greg Mandzuk **CARRIED**

6.4. Meeting Schedule

Request received to move board meetings to another day of week. Council meetings prevent Tuesdays for meeting, Thursday was still most suitable when all taken into account.

7. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Sensus Audit Letter

8. ADJOURN

Adjourned at 11:30 am, moved by Scott.

Next Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday May 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Verner Johnson-Chairperson

Starr Harder-Administrator