

NORTHEAST RED WATERSHED DISTRICT

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Board Meeting 2025-12

October 16, 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

ONLINE

Brad Ingles – Upper Cooks Creek S.D. Chair

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

REGRETS

Russ Gawluk – Brokenhead River S.D. Chair

Greg Mandzuk– Catfish Creek /Gull Lake S.D. Chair

Colleen Cuvelier – Provincial Watershed Planner

STAFF

Danica Racicot – Manager

Starr Harder – Administrator

Julie Litke – Program Coordinator

Call meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2025-62

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the agenda as provided.

Moved: Edgar Scheurer

Seconded: Elwood Lamont

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2025-63

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the Northeast Red Watershed District (NRWD) Board Meeting 2025-11 Minutes from September 18, 2025.

Moved: Scott Spicer

Seconded: Elwood Lamont

CARRIED

3. Financial

3.1. Approval of financials reconciled to September 30, 2025.

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Resolution No. 2025-64

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the monthly financials reconciled to September 30, 2025.

Moved: Elwood Lamont

Seconded: Scott Spicer

CARRIED

3.2. Year to date 2025-26 budget

4. Reports

4.1. NRWD Chair Report – not at last meeting, thank you Scott for Chairing September meeting. Had a few calls for mowing and admin visits over past month.

4.2. NRWD Staff Report – as provided, with the additional review of the PWCP tour hosted on Oct 15th.

4.3. Sub-District Committee Roundtable

Carrs Creek/Lower Seine - Edgar Scheurer, fall subdistrict meeting had decent attendance. Good discussion about drain maintenance and interest in marking all the culverts in the district. Consider research for better fasteners, cheaper than replacing traps all the time. Centreline Rd cleanout in 18-10-6E completed with extension to east awaiting committee approval and locates.

Upper Cooks Creek - Brad Ingles, nothing to report. Subdistrict meeting is upcoming Monday at 9:00am.

Lower Cooks Creek - Elwood Lamont, subdistrict meeting last week with two members in attendance. Looking for a few more projects, some ditches could be cleaned out weather permitting.

Manager shared that Glen mentioned need for more frequent subdistrict meetings or that board meeting agendas be sent to all subdistrict members to ensure full sharing of info. May require a shift in timing of subdistrict meetings to allow for better participation.

Brokenhead River – Jack Kowalchuk, Brokenhead subcommittee meeting included Greg Mandzuk from Catfish Creek/Gull Lake. Talked about projects and possible field trip in Lac du Bonnet. Consider visiting a historical water issue in the area.

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Catfish Creek/Gull Lake – not present

Red River - Scott Spicer, worthwhile subdistrict meeting. Included discussion about the MAW conference, conversations about rain gardens and programming for small-acre landowners. Discussed role of subdistrict and the handbook. Suggested considering a rain barrel program, working alongside local greenhouses to promote programs, YouTube education videos, pollinator plant giveaway.

Devils Creek- Jack Kowalchuk, subdistrict met at NRWD office October 1 with Pat Therrien. Harvest interfered with member attendance. Intention to have a meeting next spring. Discussed riparian buffer letter of support be added to agenda for the main board meeting.

4.4. Infrastructure Committee Report

Manager reviewed updated infrastructure project progress report.

Questions regarding project at Edgewood & Poplar shared with the RM of Taché. Taché in charge of project management and may not finish because of limited time frame to operate rotary ditcher between harvest and rain. Manager tasked to ask municipality to send in excavator instead so that it will be done by end of current fiscal year. Culverts are in, just the cleanout remains.

Request for a digital map and enlarged paper maps for infrastructure subdistricts.

4.5. MAW Report – Scott Spicer

PWCP delivery administration fee reimbursed to district will be raised to 9% next year, currently at 7.5 %. Considering having Watershed Districts disburse 2025-2026 PWCP cheques to landowners directly instead of sending out from MAW due to postal strike. The Current magazine is ready. New staff hired.

Continued discussion about MHC and the audit. MAW tried to set up one meeting with all managers and MHC declined, concerns about consistency remain. MAW wants to ensure that there is producer input on the MHC GROW application review committee, as they purport to have experts making the funding determinations. Past funding grants were higher due to available funds carried over from initial years. This year funding grants were lower as there was no carry over.

Concerns at MAW regarding core provincial funding as amounts have not changed in twenty years for certain districts.

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Questions about the Province's new Net Zero plan and the targets that are already addressed through Watershed District programming. Important to communicate this back to government.

MAW will have a booth at the AMM conference this year.

The Kelsey Watershed District is going to participate in the PWCP program for the first time, likely focus on rotational grazing to start.

Province in the process of working on Winnipeg River Watershed District formation, proposal was sent to interested municipalities in September.

No fundamental changes to the budget.

Scott learned a lot on his first PWCP tour. Lots of good discussion about the different types of seeds. Well set up.

4.6. Provincial Update

October report included in meeting package

Chairperson asked about availability of, or opportunity for the District to purchase and rent out mulch installation equipment for shelterbelt program participants.

5. Old Business

5.1. Indigenous Partners on Board

Russ had the request for process to invite Indigenous partners to be on the board. Policy 1.3.1 in the Watershed Districts Program Policy and Procedures Manual states that, the two additional board members appointed at the discretion of the board receive full board privileges, including voting.

Jack spoke with Brokenhead-Ojibway land and resource tech named Arlan Monkman who expressed an interest in becoming involved in Watershed work.

Scott suggests we send this to the policy committee, so that we can have policy in place before we begin our Brokenhead IWMP. The board should decide if they pursue representation solely from Brokenhead Ojibway or include Peguis in addition as they have land in St. Clements.

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6. New Business

6.1. MAW Conference Approvals

Resolution No. 2025-65

BE IT RESOLVED the Board approves the attendance of up to 4 ratepayers to the December 2025 MAW conference.

Moved: Scott Spicer **Seconded:** Elwood Lamont **CARRIED**

6.2 HR Update

Motion to go IN CAMERA to discuss Manager hiring process at 10:33 a.m.

Moved: Jack Kowalchuk **Seconded:** Scott Spicer

Motion to come OUT OF CAMERA at 10:45 a.m.

Moved: Edgar Scheurer **Seconded:** Elwood Lamont **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2025-66 Term District Manager Hiring

WHEREAS The Board of the Northeast Red Watershed District (NRWD) instructed the HR Committee to hire a term District Manager;

AND WHEREAS The HR Committee has completed the hiring process;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accept and approve the recommendation of the HR Committee to hire Ana Isabela Landivar.

Moved: Scott Spicer **Seconded:** Jack Kowalchuk **CARRIED**

6.3 Policy Manual Approval (Sections 1,2,3,4)

Resolution No 2025-67

BE IT RESOLVED the Board approves as presented Section 1. Governance, Section 2. Fiscal and Section 3. Administrative and Human Resources for the Northeast Red Watershed District Policy Manual.

Moved: Scott Spicer **Seconded:** Elwood Lamont **CARRIED**

6.4 Riparian Buffer Letter of Support – Jack Kowalchuk

At Devils Creek meeting discussed the development in Tyndall area along Devils Creek. Request that the Manager draft a letter of consideration to planning board and municipalities to consider establishing a riparian buffer caveat in all subdivision plans along creeks and waterways going forward.

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Scott mentions that caveats on land titles are more effective so that the buffer remains in place throughout ownership changes. Manager to circulate draft for feedback.

Jack departed at 11:30, item 6.4 shifted prior to 6.3. to allow Jack to present item.

7. Information and Correspondence - none

8. Adjournment

8.1. Next meeting

Annual Organizational Meeting November 20, 2025.

Adjourned at 12:20 p.m. moved by Edgar Scheurer.

Verner Johnson- Chairperson

Starr Harder-Administrator