

NORTHEAST RED WATERSHED DISTRICT

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Virtual Board Meeting 2025-06

May 22, 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
Brad Ingles – Upper Cooks Creek S.D. Chair
Jack Kowalchuk – Devils Creek S.D. Chair, Brokenhead River S.D. Vice Chair

REGRETS Ashley Rawluk- Red River S.D. Vice Chair
Greg Mandzuk– Catfish Creek /Gull Lake S.D. Chair

STAFF Danica Racicot – Manager
Starr Harder – Administrator
Julie Litke – Program Coordinator

GUESTS Colleen Cuvelier – Provincial Watershed Planner

Call meeting to order at 9:00 am

1. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution 2025-34

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the agenda provided with the addition of round table introductions.

Moved: Scott Spicer

Seconded: Brad Ingles

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2025-35

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves Northeast Red Watershed District (NRWD) Board Meeting 2025-05 Minutes April 17, 2025.

Moved: Brad Ingles

Seconded: Elwood Lamont

CARRIED

3. Financial

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

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Look into moving some funds into a Savings account, determine minimum balance for two years of salary and expenses in Emergency account.

Resolution No. 2025-36

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

Moved: Brad Ingles

Seconded: Edgar Scheurer

CARRIED

3.2. Year to date 2025-26 budget (interim)

Value of applications in the door, not yet paid given after staff report.

4. Reports

Round table introductions

4.1. NRWD Chair Report

Verner met with Scott to complete HR evaluations and with Administrator for cheque signing and accounting.

Discussion regarding staff recognition, motion not required as within Manager discretionary fund limit. Board recommended gift card for Program Coordinator now on leave. Consider policy revision for information for future Managers.

4.2. RWD Staff Report – as provided

4.3. Sub-District Committee Roundtable

Carrs Creek/Lower Seine- Edgar Scheurer, seeding has begun in his area. Waiting for willows to get mowed along TransCanada Hwy, two cleanouts on 28&29-9-6E and looking for progress report from Manager. Manager reached out with RM of Taché for cost estimate and will bring to infrastructure meeting, licensing is all done. Clean out won't start until spring road restrictions end. Manager to proceed with email by infrastructure committee.

Upper Cooks- Brad Ingles, waiting on project completion for 45E.

Lower Cooks- Elwood Lamont, talked to a producer with concerns about beaver dam, already spoke to Manager.

Brokenhead- Russ Gawluk, spring meeting. Hopes for fall tour, Reeve Schinkel from Lac du Bonnet had a couple ideas, current fire situation may alter plans.

Devils Creek- Jack Kowalchuk, microphone froze up and it would not unmute therefore although listening to meeting he was unable to provide and contribute any discussion.

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Red River- Scott Spicer, spring meeting to be determined, may shift to a fall tour to ensure new member of subcommittee gets lay of the land.

4.4. MAW Report

Scott Spicer, no current meeting, one planned for June 9th. Planning future request to have MAW attend AMM meeting. Some staff turnover, two new people hired. Walter McTavish longtime MAW board member passed away last week.

4.5. Provincial Update

Colleen Cuvelier, May 2025 update given. Colleen expects to see us less on the 3rd Thursday of the month because of new conflicting responsibilities with the expansion of her role into West Interlake Watershed district. Currently in process of reviewing Q4 reports. Reminder of audit deadlines, consideration of potential Canada Post Strike to affect hard copy delivery. Province changed the contractor for subsidized *e-coli* bacterial testing.

5. Old Business - none

6. New Business

6.1. HR Updates

Russ Gawluk moves to go in camera at 9:58 a.m. for HR discussion.

Staff depart meeting.

Manager invited to return to share Administrator review at 10:12 a.m.

Brad Ingles moves to come out of camera at 10:20 a.m.

Administrator and Program Coordinator return at 10:20 a.m.

Resolution No. 2025-37 Annual review of Manager

WHEREAS The Board of the Northeast Red Watershed District (NRWD) instructed the HR Committee to evaluate the job performance of the Manager;

AND WHEREAS The HR Committee has completed the evaluation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accept and approve the recommendation of the HR Committee.

Moved: Scott Spicer

Seconded: Brad Ingles

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2025-38 Annual review of Administrator

WHEREAS The District Manager of the Northeast Red Watershed District (NRWD) has completed the annual performance review of the Administrator;

AND WHEREAS The District Manager has provided a wage recommendation;

BE IT RESOLVED the Board accept and approve the recommendation of the District Manager.

Moved: Brad Ingles

Second: Elwood Lamont

CARRIED

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6.2. 2024-25 Audit Board Questionnaire

Board reviewed completed ICQ to be provided to Sensus, no questions.

6.3. MAW Tour

Tour July 8 & 9th in Steinbach with Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District. Possibility of some board members attending only one day of two-day event. Manager to inquire with Watershed District on one day attendance and possibility of persons from proposed Winnipeg River Watershed District may attend. Request for board submit attendance interest to NRWD staff by June 12.

7. Information and Correspondence

7.1 Manitoba Hydro application for Geotech drilling near Cooks Creek

Manager presented for board information Permit from Manitoba Hydro for geotechnical borehole (5") in Cooks Creek Diversion. Soil will be restored to its original state. The chairperson and manager discussed by phone before permissions given due to time pressure.

8. Adjournment

8.1. Next meeting

Scheduled for Thursday June 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Additional online meeting may be added for Year End financial approvals.

Adjourned at 10:41am moved by Russ Gawluk

Verner Johnson-Chairperson

Starr Harder-Administrator