

NORTHEAST RED WATERSHED DISTRICT

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Board Meeting 2025-07

June 19, 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
Jack Kowalchuk – Devils Creek S.D. Chair, Brokenhead River S.D. Vice Chair
Greg Mandzuk– Catfish Creek /Gull Lake S.D. Chair

BY PHONE

Brad Ingles – Upper Cooks Creek S.D. Chair

REGRETS

Ashley Rawluk- Red River S.D. Vice Chair
Colleen Cuvelier – Provincial Watershed Planner

STAFF

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

Call meeting to order at 9:02 am

1. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2025-39

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the agenda as provided.

Moved: Russ Gawluk

Seconded: Scott Spicer

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2025-40

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the Northeast Red Watershed District (NRWD) Board Meeting 2025-06 Minutes from May 22, 2025.

Moved: Jack Kowalchuk

Seconded: Greg Mandzuk

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3. Financial

3.1. Approval of financials reconciled to May 31, 2025.

Resolution No. 2025-41

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves monthly financials reconciled to May 31, 2025.

Moved: Greg Mandzuk

Seconded: Elwood Lamont

CARRIED

3.2. Year to date 2025-26 budget (based on draft final budget)

Culvert purchased in 2024-25 for Settlers Road crossing replacement are reflected in 2025-26 budget as per provincial directive. Carry-over amount adjusted to reflect change.

4. Reports

4.1. NRWD Chair Report – Verner with Admin to sign cheques, conversations with Manager. Call from Sensus about business questions for audit. Auditors would like to start the process earlier next year. Verner received a letter for another one-year appointment as Provincial appointee.

4.2. NRWD Staff Report – as provided
Reminder to submit any expenses within a month, mileage must be specified by individual, not assumed by administrator. Request from Russ for project applications to be passed along to sub-district chairs for involvement.

4.3. Sub-District Committee Roundtable

Carrs Creek/Lower Seine - Edgar Scheurer, willows in drain along TransCanada, size is now at the brush cutter level. Manager got a quote of 5 miles for \$7,500. Decision to hire Watt Brothers tabled for later date.

Upper Cooks - Brad Ingles, no report. Manager would like to proceed with acquiring a quote to have rip rap installed and a culvert cleanout completed at the Ste. Genevieve retention project.

Lower Cooks - Elwood Lamont, ditch cleanout now on Garven East of Hwy 12, repaired a slip on Stoneridge.

Brokenhead - Russ Gawluk, Jack to visit Hutterites at the Greenwald Colony. Maintenance of provincial drains was brought forward at Eastern District AMM Meeting. The letter of support for provincial drainage maintenance previously sent to Province appears to not have ended up on the proper desk. Manager to follow up with letter whereabouts. Greg has meeting with deputy of MTI on the 30th, Lorne and Greg will bring up drain mowing to Province.

Catfish Creek/Gull Lake - hectic time with forest fires, nothing to report.

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Red River- Scott Spicer, Since Spring is so dry tour would be ineffective. St. Clements open house on Aug 14th, starting at 2 ending at 7pm and would like District presence.

Devils Creek- Jack Kowalchuk, a lot of development along the creek North of Tyndall. Would like Manager to investigate creek setbacks however Manager stated the District is not an enforcement body and that should be done by the RM.

4.4. MAW Report

Scott Spicer, unable to attend recent meeting. Will follow up for information.

4.5. Provincial Update

June 2025 update provided in package. Manager met Colleen in St. Genevieve in preparation for upcoming tour with the Deputy Minister. Request for Verner or Marc to attend and discuss project. Manager to reach out to Marc as he understands the history of the area and resulting project.

5. Old Business

5.1. 45E Retention Project – RM of Ste. Anne.

Brad said Grant came to council to discuss, they found a piece of land near 45E that may work for a retention project. Brad asked Grant for a price estimate for the study to be presented to council for approval. If study is \$5,000-10,000 the council will probably move forward. Manager explained with the RALP funding, a landowner downstream would have to complete an Environmental Farm Plan even if the project is on RM land.

6. New Business

6.1. 2025-2026 Final Budget Approval

Resolution No. 2025-42

BE IT RESOLVED the Board approves the 2025-2026 final budget as presented.

Moved: Greg Mandzuk

Second: Russ Gawluk

CARRIED

6.2. E-Transfer Capabilities

Now accepting application fees for programming through e-transfer. No funds to be sent from District via e-transfer.

6.3. Streambank Stabilization Program

Program Coordinator presented new Streambank stabilization program following review of other Watershed District. Program activities could include implementing grass waterways, bank and gully stabilization. Board advised to first create a draft policy framework in consultation with other Districts prior to approving a new program. Stabilization could be costly and requires strict limits.

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6.4. Lake Winnipeg Shoreline Stabilization Request

Landowner along Lake Winnipeg requested assistance regarding shoreline erosion. Board does not wish to proceed with material stabilization however willow cuttings and verbal assistance could be provided by the District at this time. Lean into education and information provision. Scott points out the landowner would need a permit before doing any work.

Greg Mandzuk departs at 11:00am

6.5. Netley-Libau Marsh Restoration Project Seeding

Pilot project by the Red River Basin Commission involving installation of baffles to enhance trapping sedimentation and restoring vegetation. Manager inquires about allocating funds for seeding for this project. Research team of University professors and Peguis First Nation are collaborating. This would be a good opportunity to proactively work together with First Nations.

Resolution No. 2025-43

BE IT RESOLVED the Board approves the paying of up to \$10,000 for the seed to be used in the Netley-Libau Marsh Pilot project by the Red River Basin Commission.

Moved: Jack Kowalchuk

Second: Scott Spicer

CARRIED

Jack Kowalchuk departs at 11:20am

6.6. MAW Tour Attendee Approval

No RSVP's received to date in part due to timing of council meetings. We will extend invite to the vice chairs. Scott would be able to go Wednesday only, will check if he registers through us or MAW. Julie and Danica will attend and provide the details to the board. Suggested we remind MAW to watch the council dates for future tours.

7. Information and Correspondence

7.1. Groundwater Exploration Permit – Springfield Heritage Housing

Wells for geothermal.

7.2. 2025-26 Watershed District Grant Allocation Letter

Notification of receipt of Provincial grant.

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8. Adjournment

8.1. Next meeting

Scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2025. Plan for a BBQ lunch.

Audit Approval – Virtual meeting TBD, ideally before June 30th

Adjourned at 11:34am moved by Russ Gawluk.

Verner Johnson-Chairperson

Starr Harder-Administrator