

Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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Minutes

November 18, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Penner, Chair SD-6 and Chair of Board

Brian Grier, Chair SD-3&4

Diana Cline, Vice-Chair SD-6

Ken Prociw, Chair SD -8

Natashia Lapeire, Chair SD-9 and Vice-Chair of Board

Neil Claringbould, Chair SD-2

Stan Toews, Chair SD-7

Les Schewe, Provincial Appointee

REGRETS:

Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5

GUESTS: Kelsey Benson, Provincial Watershed Planner

STAFF:

Joey Pankiw, Manager

Dani Gosselin, ALUS/PAC Coordinator

Chris Randall, Project Supervisor

Béatrice Mukahirwa, Financial Administrator

Virginia Janzen, ReGen Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

221-2025: Brian Grier – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved with the addition of Item C under Finance to void stale dated cheques

CARRIED

222-2025: Natashia Lapeire – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board excuse Harold Janzen from today's meeting.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2025

b. Electronic Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2025

223-2025: Les Schewe – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2025 and the Electronic Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2025 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIR REPORT

- Committee appointments will happen at the December Board Meeting
- Attended a meeting at the RM of Hanover office with staff from SRRWD regarding the Warkentin water retention and a neighbourly dispute
- Red River Basin Gala was held in Morris last week and was well attended
- Roseau River International Watershed meeting was held in Dominion City with a presentation on the fish ladder project at the Dominion City dam

V. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT

- Board Governance training has been completed for all MAW Board members
- Living Labs is going to experience a budget cut but not clear on how much it will be

VI. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC/LGC REPORTS

SD 2

- Attended the Growing Roots Wrap-up luncheon in Roseau River Park Hall with amazing speaker, Kevin Almey, and great food
- The study has been completed for Gardenton Community Pastures and final details will be completed shortly
- Have met with the stakeholders for the Dominion City dam project on November 5th; have decided that the next step will be to get the site surveyed and tenders have been sent out to find a company to complete this task

SD 3 & 4

- Held a sub district meeting on November 5th
- The entrance to Pansy Pastures has been cleaned and brushed to make access better

224-2025: Brian Grier – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT they move forward with brush clearing on the berm at De Salaberry Water Retention as part of maintenance and structural integrity with cost up to \$5,000 plus taxes.

CARRIED

SD 5

- Nothing to report

SD 6

- The Peace Trail group has been in contact with staff for upgrades to trails at TCDC

SD 7

- Work continues at the Brandt water retention project – the contractor is waiting to continue once the ground firms up from frost

SD 8

- Nothing to report

SD 9

- new sub district member joined at the annual general meeting from the Town of Ste. Anne

ALUS**225-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Les Schewe**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for the use of Dual Inhibitors as funding becomes available for the following producers: Harlan Friesen located in SD 8 for using Neon Air on 243 acres for total funding of \$782.00; Candyview Farms (Gerald Janssen) located in SD 7 for using Neon air on 221 acres for total funding of \$1,115.63.

CARRIED

226-2025: Les Schewe – Diana Cline

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for the use of PCU's as funding becomes available for the following producers: Francisco Peters Klassen located in SD 2 for using SuperU on 381 acres for total funding of \$5,278.59; Glen Chubey located in SD 5 for using SuperU on 20 acres for total funding of \$461.40.

CARRIED

227-2025: Les Schewe – Brian Grier

BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD that they approve the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for the use of Split Application as funding becomes available for the following producers: Orlando Friesen & Son Inc. (Nathan Friesen) located in SD 2 for doing split application on 320 acres for total funding of \$2,560.00; and Harlan Friesen located in SD 8 for doing split application on 243 acres for total funding of \$2,272.05.

CARRIED

228-2025: Les Schewe – Natasha Lapiere

BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD that they approve the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for Soil Testing as funding becomes available for the following producers: Orlando Friesen & Son Inc. (Nathan Friesen) located in SD 2 for soil testing on 640 acres for total funding of \$2,698.75; Wendell Penner located in SD 9 for soil testing 1359 acres for total funding of \$2,617.29

CARRIED

229-2025: Les Schewe – Ken Prociw

BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD that they approve the following PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for Agronomic Support as funding becomes available for Wendell Penner located in SD 9 for crop planning support for 1359 acres for total funding of \$2,534.54

CARRIED

230-2025: Les Schewe – Brian Grier

BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD that they approve the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for an Equipment Upgrade as funding becomes available for Harland Friesen located in SD 8 for upgrading his seeder with Atomjet mid row banders for total funding of \$8,000.00.

CARRIED

231-2025: Les Schewe – Stan Toews

BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD that they approve the PWCP Cover Crop Application for Alvin's Crops (Cheryle Warkentine) located in SD 8 for expanding the alfalfa/oat crop with total funding of \$20,000 (has reached the maximum payout amount) as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

232-2025: Les Schewe – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD that they approve the following PWCP Pasture Improvement project for Jordan Heino located in SD 7 south of Mitchell for 45 acres of pasture that has been overseeded with a blend of legumes for total funding of \$2,250.00 as funding becomes available

CARRIED

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- have been applying for different grants for water retention projects
- the GROW grant will be completed and sent in by next week
- working on a pollinator program and applying for a grant for the new program
- Pansy pastures water retention has had the tenders sent out to four companies and deadline is December 1st for quotes to be submitted
- ALUS year end reporting will be completed by mid December

VIII. FINANCE REPORT

- a. Expenses for approval

233-2025: Les Schewe – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of \$189,502.09; whereas, cheques 10455 to 10511 are approved for \$134,687.08; payroll for \$16,326.63; direct deposits for \$20,127.38; pre-authorized withdrawals for \$18,361.00.

CARRIED

- b. Provincial Report

234-2025: Les Schewe – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the October Provincial Report as presented.

CARRIED

c. Stale Dated Cheques

235-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves voiding stale dated cheques for Ryan Faucher #10351 dated May 13, 2025 (direct deposit will be issued to Ryan Faucher November 18, 2025) and Silver Eye Sports #10358 dated May 29, 2025 (new cheque # will be issued to Silver Eye Sports dated November 18, 2025).

CARRIED

IX. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT

- two new staff have been hired for Watershed Planning based out of the Brandon office
- the provincial mileage rates have changed as of October 1, 2025
- GROW proposals for grants are due by November 28th
- the Manitoba Government is creating an aquatic invasive species prevention fund

X. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Request from RM of Taché
- Received as information a letter from the municipality regarding deadfall along the Seine River

- b. Extra Expense for Well Sealing – Dwayne Koop

236-2025: Brian Grier – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the invoice from Dwayne Koop for exposing the casing for his well to get the well sealed by Friesen Drillers for cost of \$600.

CARRIED

- c. Voting Delegates for MAW Annual Meeting
- Representatives for SRRWD will be Stan Toews, Brian Grier and Ed Penner

CARRIED

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. POLICY COMMITTEE

- will update the policy regarding electronic resolutions and will update the Code of Conduct

XIII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- annual general meeting was well attended and ran smoothly

XIV. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

- nothing to report

XV. NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

237-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 10:35 a.m.

CARRIED

Ed Penner, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Joey Pankiw, MANAGER