

Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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Minutes

January 19, 2026

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

Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5

Stan Toews, Chair SD-7

REGRETS: Les Schewe, Provincial Appointee

GUESTS: Regrets: Kelsey Benson, Provincial Watershed Planner

STAFF:

Joey Pankiw, Manager

Chris Randall, Project Supervisor

Virginia Janzen, ReGen Coordinator

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

02-2026: Stan Toews – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

03-2026: Brian Grier – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board excuse Les Schewe and Kelsey Benson from today's meeting.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2025

b. Electronic Minutes from January 6, 2026

04-2026: Neil Claringbould – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2025 and the Electronic Minutes from January 6, 2026 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIR REPORT

- Attended Red River Basin Conference in Winnipeg last week
- Staff gave presentations at the Conference
- Attended ALUS/PAC meeting and Finance meeting on Friday

V. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT

- no meeting this month – nothing to report

VI. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC/LGC REPORTS

SD 2

- A closed committee meeting coming up Thursday, January 29th for Sundown Ridge
- Concerns were raised at the AMM convention with the Minister of Agriculture regarding the delay in getting permits for community pastures projects
- The Carillon contacted the SRRWD office for information on the Dominion City dam for an article

SD 3 & 4

- Still waiting for the permit for Pansy Pastures Water Retention project – the licensing department has come back with more questions to be answered

SD 5

- nothing to report

SD 6

- nothing to report

SD 7

- the Brandt water retention project work is completed until spring when the topsoil will be spread and tidy up the berm
- staff are exploring another project in the area – more information will follow

SD 8

- had a sub district meeting on January 5th

SD 9

- Nothing to report

ALUS

- held a meeting on January 16th
- the ALUS Field Conference will be held July 15th – 17th in SRRWD area

05-2026: Harold Janzen – Diana Cline

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for the use of Inhibitors as funding becomes available for the following producers: George Calder located in SD 2 for using Trident V on 808 acres for total funding of \$8,463.03 and Four Oak Farms (Marcus Dueck) located in SD 6 for using Active Stabilizer Plus on 449 acres for total funding of \$2,078.08.

CARRIED

06-2026: Harold Janzen – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for the use of Super U on 145 acres for Elma Peters located in SD 2 for total funding of \$619.99 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

07-2026: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for Soil Testing and Mapping for the following producers as funding becomes available: George Calder located in SD 2 on 808 acres for total funding of \$2,769.30 and Four Oak Farms (Marcus Dueck) located in SD 6 for 528 acres for total funding of \$2,640.00.

CARRIED

08-2026: Harold Janzen – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Application for the use of Split Application for Four Oak Farms (Marcus Dueck) on 450 acres for total funding of \$3,600.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

09-2026: Harold Janzen – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for Equipment Upgrades for Four Oak Farms (Marcus Dueck) for upgrading his corn planter to allow for injection of fertilizer for total funding of \$4,000.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

10-2026: Harold Janzen – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following PWCP Cover Crop Application for Janzen Farms Ltd. (Derek Janzen) located in SD 2 on 455 acres for fall seeded wheat in canola stubble for total funding of \$20,000.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

11-2026: Harold Janzen – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Pasture Improvement project for Neil Claringbould located in SD 2 to seed legumes on 100 acres of pasture for total funding of \$4,887.50 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

Neil Claringbould Abstains

12-2026: Brian Grier – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the project renewal for Marsh River Farms for the project located at SW 24-4-2E for 11.28 acres of grass buffer that was initially established in 2020 for 5 years and will now be extended for 10 more years for total cost of \$14,200.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

Harold Janzen Abstains

13-2026: Harold Janzen – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Preservation Project for Art and Lois Bergmann located in the RM of Ste. Anne in SD 8 located along Road 44N for 52.5 acres of old Oak forest for 10 years for total cost of \$15,750.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

14-2026: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Preservation Project for Heather Dean and Philip Carter located in the RM of Ste. Anne in SD 8 located along Road 44N for 49 acres of old Oak forest for 10 years for total cost of \$14,700.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

15-2026: Harold Janzen – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the ALUS project for Rob and Jenn Brandt located in SD 7 on Road 26N for 50.79 acres of back flooded acres at their water retention for 5 years for total funding of \$5,079.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

Consensus

The Board agrees to the addition of virtual fencing collars to the PWCP Rotational Grazing project stream with the recommended funding set by the Manitoba Association of Watersheds.

16-2026: Harold Janzen – Diana Cline

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the ALUS and GROW Terms of Reference updated documents as presented.

CARRIED

17-2026: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the increase in ALUS payments for cultivated crop land increasing the payout to \$135/ac for 2026-2027 and a further increase for 2027-2028 to \$150/ac and the Class 4 and Class 5 forage land the maximum of \$50/acre and minimum of \$20/acre at the discretion of the ALUS Committee effective April 1st of each year.

CARRIED

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Manager's meeting will be held in March for all Watershed Managers
- ReGen Ag Day will be on February 12th at Friedensfeld Community Centre
- Staff will be joining Redboine Watershed District for farmer meetings in February
- Staff attended the St. Jean Farm Days in early January
- Staff will be attending Brokenhead Ag Fair in Beausejour

VII. FINANCE REPORT

- a. Transfer from Incentive Payments Account to General Chequing

18-2026: Harold Janzen – Ken Prociw

BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD that they approve transferring \$35,173.01 from the Annual Payments Account to the General Chequing Account as well \$3,481.60 will be transferred from the 2 Billion Trees Account to the General Chequing Account to cover annual payments for 2025-2026.

CARRIED

- b. Expenses for approval

19-2026: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of \$153,430.29; whereas, cheques 10572 to 10591 are approved for \$103,433.88; payroll for \$16,260.45; direct deposits for \$19,982.49; pre-authorized withdrawals for \$13,753.47.

CARRIED

- c. Provincial Report

20-2026: Harold Janzen – Ken Prociw

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

CARRIED

Stan Toews Left the Meeting

IX. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT

- Q3 Financial Report are due January 15th
- Budget deviations and Carry-over Requests are due by February 15th
- Interim Budget is due February 28th

X. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Operational Plan
- Reviewed the results from the survey that all sub district members completed at the AGM in November

- The Operational Plan will be reviewed after the February Board meeting

XI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Red River Basin Conference
 - Staff and several Board members attended the Red River Basin Conference last week in Winnipeg

- b. Tree Giveaway Update
 - Trees are being purchased for the giveaway for spring 2026
 - Will have approximately 8500 trees to give away to Watershed residents
 - The program will open up to residents mid to late February

- c. Radio Ads
 - They have started and run until the end of March

- d. Pollinator Garden Program
 - Working on the application form and worksheet
 - Currently have a waiting list for residents and public areas
 - Staff will be attending the Steinbach Garden Club and will be talking about this program

XII. POLICY COMMITTEE

- Will arrange a meeting soon

XIII PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- Will be doing the evaluation for the manager shortly and information will be presented at the February Board meeting
- Summer student job posting as been advertised in various locations with deadline of February 27th

XIV. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

- Discuss with staff if there are any requests for the committee

XV. NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 (Board Meeting in AM & Operational Plan Review in afternoon)

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

21-2026: Harold Janzen – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 11:05 a.m.

CARRIED

Ed Penner, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Joey Pankiw, MANAGER