

Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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Minutes

February 17, 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

Les Schewe, Provincial Appointee

REGRETS: Stan Toews, Chair SD-7

GUESTS: Kelsey Benson, Provincial Watershed Planner

Dave Beaudry, Councilor from RM of Piney

STAFF:

Joey Pankiw, Manager

Chris Randall, Project Supervisor

Béatrice Mukahirwa, Financial Administrator

Virginia Janzen, ReGen Coordinator

Dani Gosselin, Program Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER at 8:50 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

22-2026: Ken Prociw – Natashia Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

23-2026: Harold Janzen – Diana Cline

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board excuse Stan Toews from today's meeting.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2026

24-2026: Les Schewe – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2026 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIR REPORT

- Attended City of Steinbach council meeting with manager and was well received
- Attended ReGen Ag Day on February 12th

V. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT

- attended MAW meeting on February 10th
- should be no cut in federal funding for PWCP programming
- Living Labs program may be phased out by 2028
- MAW Executive Director and Chair of MAW want to come in April or May to meet with the SRRWD Board

VI. DELEGATION – PRESENTATION BY STRATEGIC SYSTEMS ENGINEERING – SUNDOWN RIDGE PROJECT

Kelsey Benson joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Dave Beaudry left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

VII. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC/LGC REPORTS

SD 2

- Still waiting on communication on Gardenton Community pastures project

SD 3 & 4

- Waiting on the license for Pansy Community pastures project

SD 5

- Will plan a meeting before end of March

SD 6

- nothing to report

SD 7

- preliminary work on small water retention project

SD 8

- nothing to report

SD 9

- Nothing to report

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25-2026: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

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: Laingspring Farm Ltd (Ray Laing) located in SD 8 for using Neon Air on 713 acres for total funding of \$6,805.31; Vos Dairies (Jasper Vos) located in SD 7 for using Active Stabilizer Plus on 400 acres for total funding of \$10,234.00; Edmundo Loewen located in SD 7 for using Neon Air on 76 acres for total funding of \$632.18.

CARRIED

26-2026: Harold Janzen – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for the use of split application of fertilizer as funding becomes available for KM Growers Ltd. (Kristoph Mueller) located in SD 2 on 1995 acres for total funding of \$6,805.31.

CARRIED

27-2026: 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: Rossel Marion located in SD 2 for soil testing on 3642 acres for total funding of \$4,962.00; Lafond Acres Ltd. (Yan Lafond) located in SD 5 for soil testing on 3021 acres for total funding of \$3,142.88; Barnabe Grain Farms Ltd (Roger Barnabe) located in SD 2 for soil testing on 3557 acres for total funding of \$6,284.75; Jakaloma Farms Ltd. (Karl Redekop) located in SD 6 for soil testing on 1065 acres for total funding of \$739.50; Crystal Spring Colony Farms Ltd. (Jeremy Waldner) located in SD 3&4 for soil testing and agronomic support on 8995 acres for total funding of \$18,370.49

28-2026: Harold Janzen – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for Agronomic support for the following producers as funding becomes available: Pineland Farms Ltd. (Titus Gross) located in SD 2 for agronomic support on 5319 acres for total funding of \$9,611.36; Lafond Acres Ltd. (Yan Lafond) located in SD 5 for agronomic support on 3021 acres for total funding of \$2,941.00.

CARRIED

29-2026: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following PWCP Cover Crop Application for the following producers as funding becomes available: Terra Trigo (Brett Ostberg) located in SD 2 for 375 acres of fall seeded cover crop for total funding of \$10,346.25; Andy Kowalski located in SD 2 for 144 acres of annual cover crop for total funding of \$7,200.00.

CARRIED

30-2026: Harold Janzen – Diana Cline

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves cancelling the Martial Gosselin ALUS project and will return outstanding payment of \$14,380 (5 years of the contract) to Manitoba Habitat Conservancy.

CARRIED

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- manager will be attending the manager's meeting

31-2026: Brian Grier – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves SRRWD paying all the expenses for the manager's retreat and these expenses will be reimbursed by MAW after the meeting in middle of March due to the Capacity Funding model.

CARRIED

IX. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

32-2026: Natasha Lapeire – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board motion to go in Camera at 10:45 a.m..

CARRIED

33-2026: Natasha Lapeire – Diana Cline

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board motion to go out of Camera at 11:30 a.m..

CARRIED

34-2026: Brian Grier – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the recommendations from the Personnel Committee Regarding a wage increase for all staff of 3% effective April 1, 2026.

CARRIED

Harold Janzen Abstains

X. FINANCE REPORT

- a. Expenses for approval

35-2026: Les Schewe – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of \$113,604.84; whereas, cheques 10592 to 10612 are approved for \$72,557.96; payroll for \$16,218.94; direct deposits for \$9,370.86; pre-authorized withdrawals for \$15,457.08.

CARRIED

b. Transfers Between Funds

36-2026: Harold Janzen – Diana Cline

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the transfer of \$112,811.00 from the ALUS Growing Roots Account (#110473361779) to the Charity Standard Chequing Account (110473361779) to cover the remainder of the annual payments for 2023-2024 cohort and transfer \$47,996.00 from the ALUS Growing Roots Account (#110474070569) to the Charity Standard to cover payments for the 2024-2025 cohort.

CARRIED

37-2026: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the transfer of \$14,380.00 from Incentive Payment Contracts Account (#110473361845) to Charity Standard Chequing Account (#110473361779) to cover the termination of the Martial Gosselin ALUS project.

CARRIED

38-2026: Les Schewe – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the transfer of \$55,000.00 from the Charity Standard Chequing Account (#1104743361779) to the Sundown Ridge Reserve (#110474070585) to cover the money from SRRWD set aside for the Sundown Ridge Water Retention Project.

CARRIED

c. November Provincial Budget for Approval

39-2026: Harold Janzen – Natasha Lapeire

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

CARRIED

d. Cost Share Carryover Request

40-2026: Harold Janzen – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Cost Share Carryover Request of \$37,500.00 that will be submitted to the Province of Manitoba

CARRIED

e. Approval of Interim Budget

41-2026: Les Schewe – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves Interim Budget for SRRWD for 2026-2027.

CARRIED

XI. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT

- reported on staff updates
- carry over requests are due by February 15th

- Interim Budget is due by February 28th
- private well water testing subsidy will be available for the spring through Duracan Ltd. in Winnipeg

XII. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Resolution for Municipal Partners re: Provincial Funding
 - a resolution will be coming from MAW that will be circulated to the municipal partners

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. POLICY COMMITTEE

- committee will plan to meet soon

XV. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

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XVI. NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

42-2026: Natasha Lapeire – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 12:08 p.m.

CARRIED

Ed Penner, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Joey Pankiw, MANAGER