

Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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Minutes

April 27, 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

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

Neil Claringbould, Chair SD-2

Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5

Ken Prociw, Chair SD-8L

Les Schewe, Provincial Appointee

REGRETS: Stan Toews, Chair SD-7

GUESTS: Kelsey Benson, Provincial Watershed Planner
Bob Austman, Woodlot Association of Manitoba

STAFF:

Joey Pankiw, Manager

Chris Randall, Project Supervisor

Virginia Janzen, ReGen Coordinator

Dani Gosselin, Program Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER at 8:57 am

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

70-2026: Brian Grier – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

71-2026: Neil Claringbould – 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 March 17, 2026

b. Electronic Minutes for March 20, 2026

c. Electronic Minutes for March 25, 2026

d. Electronic Minutes for April 1, 2026

72-2026: Les Schewe – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2026, and Electronic Minutes for March 20, 2026, March 25, 2026 and April 1, 2026 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. Delegation

a. Bob Austman – Woodlot Association of Manitoba

- Non-profit who represents private woodlot owners and promotes sustainable woodlot management

- Proposed partnership between Woodlot Association of Manitoba and SRRWD to facilitate resource management plans for these woodlots

- Funding applied through Forest Stewardship Council for a “model woodlot program”.
Waiting for funding confirmation

Bob Austman left the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

V. CHAIR REPORT

- Attended RRBC North Chapter dinner
- Gift delivered to Jackie Funk
- Further conversations regarding water retentions in SD 6

VI. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT

- Attended MAW meeting – Envirothon funding, Ag in the Classroom
- MAW Strategic Planning Survey – MAW priorities discussed. Joey will complete survey.

VII. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC/LGC REPORTS

SD 2

- Sub District Meeting March 23, 2026 in Vita

73-2026: Neil Claringbould – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve Alternative Livestock Watering System Application for Friesen Brothers located at NW-9-1-5-E south of Tolstoi for one mile of pasture pipeline extension to new pasture and fencing a separate dugout on the same quarter of land plus a steel trough for a total of \$6,840 on completion of a site visit.

CARRIED

- Manager had conversation with Crown Lands about permitting, discussed Gardenton

SD 3/4

- Update regarding Maple Leaf retention as now have stamped engineering report – submitted for licensing
- Update regarding Canmart check dams – submitted for licensing

SD 5

- Sub District Meeting March 25 2026 in St. Malo
- RM of Montcalm hosted Blow dirt soil erosion meeting with surrounding communities
- Draft for Climate Action Plan for Highway 75 has been released, SRRWD mentioned
- SRRWD will go as delegate to RM of Montcalm regarding their monies designated for Sundown retention project

SD 6

- Met with RM of La Broquerie regarding Brandt project for licensing

SD 7

- Sub District Meeting April 9, 2026

74-2026: Harold Janzen – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves SRRWD staff pursue the Jamie Froese water retention project located along on NE-15-5-7-E on the south side of 27N to reduce pressure upon the drainage ditches along 27N and further north toward Steinbach and proceed with engineer for the project for a total amount of \$5,000.00.

CARRIED

75-2026: Brian Grier – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Jordan Henio livestock project located on NE-18-6-6-E 3 miles south on Mitchell on Center St South at Rd 33N for fencing around dugout, electric fencer and portable watering system for a total amount of \$9,200.00.

CARRIED

76-2026: Natashia Lapeire – Diana Cline

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Royden Loewen low level crossing application located close to Old Tom Road and Loewen Boulevard intersection in Steinbach to allow access to hay land on the west side of the creek for total funding of \$5,000.00.

CARRIED

SD 8

- Chris met with Crown Lands on Adam Schewchuk's land for potential project discussion

SD 9

- Update on further work for Nolan Vermette's project

ALUS/GROW Committee

77-2026: Harold Janzen – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the for Jacob Kolody to join the PAC/LGC board

CARRIED

78-2026: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

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: Don Falk located in SD 7 for using Nitrolizer Duo on 170 acres for total funding of \$2,349.15; David Marynowski located in SD 3&4 for using Neon Air on 100 acres for total funding of \$334.69; and 5569428 Manitoba Inc. (Daniel Christen) located in SD 7 for using Neon Air on 358 acres for total funding of \$1,327.97.

CARRIED

79-2026: Les Schewe – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Cover Crop projects as funding becomes available for the following producers: Jacob Guenther located in SD 2 on 11 acres for full season cover crop for total funding of \$550.00.

CARRIED

80-2026: Harold Janzen – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Rotational Grazing, Virtual Fencing project for Wayne Chubaty located in SD 2 near Ridgeville to purchase virtual fencing equipment (60 collars) which will be used on SW-16-1-4-E, SE-16-1-4-E, NE-16-1-4-E, SE-3-1-4-E and SW-2-1-4-E for a total cost of \$21,100.

CARRIED

81-2026: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Rotational Grazing and Pasture Improvement project for Stone Print Farms (Darren Seward) located in SD 2 on SE-22-1-5E to seed legumes for pasture improvement on 76 acres and cross fence 160 acres for a total cost of \$8,900.00 for 2026-2027 funding year.

CARRIED

82-2026: Harold Janzen – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the ALUS Grassland project for Denise Seward located at SW11-2-4-E in SD 2 on 84 acres north of Ridgeville for planting perennial forages on cultivated acres for initial establishment and annual payment costs of \$45 per acre for 5 years for a total funding of \$27,300.

CARRIED

83-2026: Harold Janzen – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the ALUS Grassland Project for Karsten Mueller for located at SW-3-3-4E in SD 2 on 22 acres north of Green Ridge for perennial planting on cultivated acres for initial establishment and annual payment costs of \$105 per acre for 10 years for a total of \$25,300.

CARRIED

84-2026: Harold Janzen – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Darren Seward Shelterbelt application located north of Ridgeville on NE-32-1-4E in SD 2 for a 4 row Shelterbelt on 2 acres for the protection along the north east farm yard following an expansion funding establishment of trees and annual incentive payments of \$200 per acre for a total funding of \$3,375.00.

CARRIED

85-2026: Les Schewe – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves that Harold Janzen's name is put forth for the SRRWD application to the ALUS Dave Reid award.

Harold Janzen abstains.

CARRIED

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- SRRWD staff filled in to cover administrator work at the office over the past month
- Envirothon was a successful day with a few challenges. Redboine WD and Neil Claringbould were great help
- Grant updates – GROW reduced by \$30,000, one project with RALP approved, PWCP amount confirmed for 2026-2027, Canada Summer Jobs approved, Health Canada water sampling approved
- still waiting on Lake Winnipeg and ALUS Growing Roots funding confirmations
- Dominion City Dam – Project options discussed

IX. FINANCE REPORT

- a. Expenses for approval

86-2026: Harold Janzen – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of \$71,214.33; whereas, cheques 10624 to 10645 are approved for \$18850.27; payroll for \$24346.63; direct deposits for \$11,782.57; pre-authorized withdrawals for \$16,234.86.

CARRIED

- b. Final Provincial Budget for approval

87-2026: Harold Janzen – Ken Prociw

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

CARRIED

X. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT

- Highlights from annual budget speech
- Final report and activity report due
- Audits are due by June 30th
- Provincial Manitoba Watershed District Program annual reports are out
- Manitoba 2 Billion trees program – protocol for tree requests will be clarified
- Flood outlook reported

XI. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- Nothing to report.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Operational Plan Final has been reviewed

XIII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- a. Administrator Hiring

88-2026: Brian Grier – Diana Cline

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the resignation of Jackie Funk as administrator.

CARRIED

89-2026: Brian Grier – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to hire Stephanie Klassen for the Part Time Office Administrator position starting May 4, 2026 at an hourly salary of \$27 per hour, with full benefits after a 3 month probationary period.

CARRIED

XIV. POLICY COMMITTEE

- Continuing to work through discussion points

XV. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

- Some office issues brought forth – windows, shelving
- New administrator will look at pricing

XVI. NEXT BOARD MEETING

May 19, 2026

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

90-2026: Les Schewe – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 11:47 a.m.

CARRIED

Ed Penner, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Joey Pankiw, MANAGER