

Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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Minutes

August 18, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Penner, Chair SD-6 and Chair of Board
Brian Grier, Chair SD-3&4
Les Schewe, Provincial Appointee
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
Stan Toews, Chair SD-7

REGRETS:

Diana Cline, Vice-Chair SD-6

GUESTS:

Kelsey Benson, Watershed Planner

STAFF:

Joey Pankiw, Manager
Dani Gosselin, Program Coordinator
Stephanie Klassen, Administrator

Virginia Janzen, ReGen Coordinator
Beatrice Mukahirwa, Financial Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:01 am

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

176-2026: Brian Grier, Neil Claringbould

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

CARRIED

177-2026: Les Schewe, Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2026

178-2026: Harold Janzen, Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2026 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

179-2026: Harold Janzen, Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Electronic Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2026, June 23, 2026, July 10, 2026, and July 21, 2026 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIR REPORT

- MAW Whitemud Watershed tour
- Working with Province on license fees
- PWCP 92% paid out

- Canada Water Agency funding for only three Watershed Districts SRRWD, PVWD, RBWD
- Sept 21 10 am Red River Basin chapter meeting is in Mitchell
- November 19 South Chapter Gala in Morris
- Sub District Tour was a success
- RM of Hanover reps attended RM of Stuartburn meeting re: water retention

180-2026: Brian Grier, Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve buying a table and sponsoring a gift basket for the South Chapter Gala.

CARRIED

181-2026: Brian Grier, Neil Claringbould

Motion to go in camera 9:15 am

CARRIED

182-2026: Brian Grier, Neil Claringbould

Motion to end in camera 9:35 am

CARRIED

183-2026: Harold Janzen, Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board deny payment of Jac Hiebert invoice.

CARRIED

184-2026: Natashaia, Lapiere, Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve SRRWD Manager doing a recorded interview with DFO regarding investigation.

CARRIED

V. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT

- No MAW meeting this month
- MAW Brandon conference in December

VI. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC/LGC REPORTS

SD 2

- Conditional Crown Lands permit

SD ¾

- Meeting on June 22, 2026
- Ford crossing in RM of Stuartburn; future coordination with subcontractor and RM

185-2026: Brian Grier, Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve spending upto \$5000 to improve Ford Crossing on RD 34E between 16N and 17N in the RM of Stuartburn.

CARRIED

SD 5

- No report

SD 6

- Repairs at TCDC have been completed

SD 7

- No report

SD 8

- Summer students have been surveying a potential water retention project

SD 9

- Nolan Vermette project is complete
- Need to look at ways to reduce bureaucratic roadblocks for water management projects

ALUS/GROW Committee

a. PWCP – Nitrogen Management

186-2026: Harold Janzen, Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for the use of Inhibitors as funding becomes available for the following producers: J Creek Grain Ltd (Karsten Mueller) located in SD 2 for using Centuro and Anvol on 1465 acres for total funding of \$11,852.40; R and B Sabourin located in SD 2 for using Centuro and Agrotain on 1405 acres for total funding of \$14,761.95; and Feathers '76 Ltd (Scott Goossen) located in SD 8 for using Neon Air on 250 acres for total funding of \$2,507.50.

CARRIED

b. PWCP – PCUs

187-2026: Les Schewe, Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the PWCP Cover Crop projects as funding becomes available for the following producers: Enterprises Louis Balcaen In (JP de Jong) located in SD 8 on 2449 acres for use of ESN for total of \$12,152.94.

CARRIED

c. PWCP – Cover Crop

188-2026: Harold Janzen, Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the PWCP Cover Crop projects as funding becomes available for the following producers: Enterprises Louis Balcaen In (JP de Jong) located in SD 8 on 328 acres for use of fall rye for total of \$16,400.00.

CARRIED

d. PWCP – Rotational Grazing

189-2026: Brian Grier, Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the PWCP Rotational Grazing and Pasture Improvement project for Terry Friesen located in SD 2 on SE-24-2-5E1 for pasture improvement on 140 acres for a maximum total cost of \$20,500.00.

CARRIED

e. ALUS Perennial Grass

190-2026: Les Schewe, Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the ALUS Perennial Grass Application for Crystal Springs Farm (Jerry Waldner) located at NE-34-6-3E1, St-Agathe, Rm of Desalaberry with annual payments on 6 acres \$135 x 10 years + establishment costs of \$600 = \$8700.00 total funding.

CARRIED

f. ALUS Water Retention

191-2026: Harold Janzen, Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the ALUS payments on the Water Retention for Jamie Froese located in SD 7 NE-15-5-07E in RM of La Broquerie for 22 acre feet of flood water stored on 32 acres for \$30 per acre x 5 years = \$4800.00.

CARRIED

192-2026: Natasha Lapiere, Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the ALUS payments on the Water Retention for Gardenton Community Pastures II located in SD 2 3-1-7E 6 miles south east of Gardenton for 110 acre feet of flood water stored on 105 acres for \$20 per acre x 5 years = \$10,500.00.

CARRIED

193-2026: Harold Janzen, Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the participation in the Test Bed Project for phosphorous reduction in the Manning Canal Watershed with Canada Water Agency.

CARRIED

Discussion re: the creation of a new fundraising committee to be rolled out at AGM

PWCP wrap up

- \$700,262 funding went to 104 farmers across all sub districts

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Grant application in with GayLea Foundation for a SD2 project
- CP Kansas City Rail has environmental grant money available and approached SRRWD re: pollinator gardens
- ALUS tour and sub district tour were huge successes
- Staff attended Interlake tour
- GROW commercial filmed last week featuring Harold and his farm

VIII. FINANCE REPORT

- a. Expenses for approval

194-2026: Brian Grier, Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves voiding cheque 10656 and replace with cheque 10707.

CARRIED

195-2026: Harold Janzen, Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of \$58,030.02 whereas, cheques 10688 to 10707 are approved for \$17,782.87; payroll for \$11,923.65; direct deposits for \$8580.20; pre-authorized withdrawals for \$19,743.30.

CARRIED

196-2026: Harold Janzen, Natasha Lapiere

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the provincial report.

CARRIED

197-2026: Harold Janzen, Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves selling the GMC Sierra via auction.

CARRIED

IX. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT

- Zebra muscle larvae found at Lake of the Prairies; early detection response protocols are active

X. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Rain Garden applications

198-2026: Les Schewe, Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Rain Garden Project for Ernest Klassen in SD7 to help with yard drainage for 100% cost up to a total of \$750.00.

CARRIED

- b. Pollinator Gardens

199 -2026: Brian Grier, Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Pollinator Garden Project for Candace Hamm in SD7, Jordan Klassen in SD7, Margaret Dean in SD3/4, Martha Petruseuid in SD3/4, Stephanie Williams in SD6, Ty and Erin Klassen in SD7 for up to a total of \$750.00 for each garden.

CARRIED

200-2026: Harold Janzen, Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Pollinator Garden Project for Grace Mennonite Church in SD7 located at 430 Third Street in Steinbach for up to a total of \$2000.00.

CARRIED

- c. AGM Dates
- Municipal elections in October impact Board membership
- d. TCDC Bus Funding
- Alex proposed \$500 budget to pilot covering bus costs for field trips to TCDC
 - Table this proposal for future meetings
- e. Oak Hammock Marsh virtual field trips

201-2026: Harold Janzen, Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves \$1000.00 for Oak Hammock Marsh virtual field trip.

CARRIED

XI. OLD BUSINESS

- Woodlot Association of Manitoba did not get funding

XII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- Province wide salary assessment info is being sent in
- Summer students will be done next week

XIII. POLICY COMMITTEE

- Continuing to work through discussion points

XIV. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

- No install date yet for window and door

XV. NEXT BOARD MEETING

September 15, 2026 – meeting start at 9am

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

202-2026: Harold Janzen, Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 11:36 a.m.

CARRIED

Ed Penner, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Joey Pankiw, MANAGER