



WESTLAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

MEETING: #58

Mossey River Council Chamber

March 5th, 2025 @1:00pm

Call to Order: 1:00 pm

Present:	Tom Anderson	-	Board Chairman
	David Senkowski	-	Provincial Representative
	Walter Tymchuk	-	Sub-District 107(L), Board Member
	Rick Paradis	-	Sub-District 107(L) & 157 Sub-District Member
	Cameron Anger	-	Sub-District 160, Sub-District Member
	Roger Smith	-	Sub-District 110, Sub-District Member
	Barry Heppner	-	Sub-District 157(M), Board Member
	Ron Erlendson	-	Sub-District 113, Board Member
	Bobby Bennett	-	Provincial Watershed Planner
	Lindsay Cherpin	-	District Manager
	Cary Anderson	-	District Administrator

Absent regrets:

Ken Dunn	-	Sub-District 110, Board Member
Harry Harris	-	Sub-District 107(A), Sub-District Member
Tim Stott	-	Sub-District 160, Board Member
Barry Sliworsky	-	Sub-District 157(M), Board Member
Ernest Smadella	-	Sub-District 157, Member at large
Richard Callander	-	Sub-District 160, Sub-District Member
Kristopher Egilson	-	Sub-District 160, Sub-District Member

1. **Resolution #597 – MARCH 2025**

Be it resolved that the Agenda be approved as presented

- **February meeting cancelled due to weather**
- **Elections moved to April meeting** due to some board members unable to attend

Tymchuk - Barry H

CARRIED

2. **Resolution #598 – MARCH 2025**

Be it resolved that the **January 6th, 2025** Meeting Minutes be approved as presented and **ATTACHED**.

Senkowski - Tymchuk

CARRIED

3. **Financial Reports**

(a) **Resolution #599 – MARCH 2025**

Be it resolved that the **January 2025 cheque list** be approved as presented and **ATTACHED**.

Senkowski - Smith

CARRIED

- **February cheque list tabled until next meeting**

(b) **Westlake Watershed District 2025-2026 Interim Budget**

Resolution #595 – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025

Be it resolved that the board approve the presented and **ATTACHED** Westlake Watershed District 2025-2026 *Interim Budget*.

Smith - Erlendson

CARRIED

(c) **Income Statement** – Presented to the board as *ATTACHED*

(d) **Administrator Meeting March 5th to 7th**

Resolution #596 – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025

Tymchuk - Barry H.

Be it resolved that the board approve the Administrators expenses to attend the Administrator Meeting on March 5th – 7th, 2025 at the Elkhorn Resort.

CARRIED

(e) **Audit Quote from George & Associates**

Resolution #600 – MARCH 2025

Senkowski - Tymchuk

Be it resolved that the board approve the Westlake Watershed District Quote from George & Associate to do the District Audit for the next 3 years stated in the quote.

CARRIED

(f) **Auditor General Request** – Auditor General requested 2023-2024 District Audit. Informed the Province.

4. In-camera/Delegation – GROW Coordinator resignation

The board made a motion to go in camera at 1:50 pm

Smith - Barry H

The board moved out of camera 2:38 pm

Smith - Tymchuk

5. Provincial Update – Provincial Planner presented the February Provincial update

6. Business Arising from Past Meetings

(a) **Summer General Labourer & GROW Coordinator position**

Resolution #601 – MARCH 2025

Senkowski - Tymchuk

Be it resolved that Brady Stott be hired for the Summer General Labourer position for \$19.00 per hr.

CARRIED

- GROW Coordinator applicants to be interviewed as soon as possible. Manager to contact the references. Barry S., Walter and Tom will attend interviews. David will attend as an alternate if someone is unable to make it.

(b) **Urban/Hometown Green Team position** – Application has been submitted

(c) **District Insurance** – Insurance Rep. has answered the boards questions in regard to liability insurance.

(d) **Solution IT** –

Resolution #602 – MARCH 2025

Paradis - Smith

Be it resolved that the contract with Solution IT be renewed for one year.

CARRIED

- *Administrator to look at other companies to compare.*

7. New Business -

(a) **Zoom meeting phone charges** – Charges for calling into Zoom meetings has been brought to our attention. If you see these charges on your phone bill the district will reimburse you for it. Please let the administrator know.

(b) **Email resolutions/Special Meetings** – No email resolutions or special meetings

8. Board Member Items/MAW Report –

Sub-District 107(L) – Wondering about the status of the culvert order? Manager has received quotes, just waiting on Provincial Engineers specifications.

Sub-District 157 – Is the Weiden Dr. able to get cleaned this year before year end? The manager informed the board that the contractor attended an on-site meeting and suggested mulching the drain first and then clean out.

Sub-District 110 – Wondering about the status of the culvert order for the projects to be up and ready to get done this year. Manager, received quotes and will be processing order as soon as possible.

9. **Manager Report** - Presented to the board as *ATTACHED*

Resolution #603 – MARCH 2025

Smith - Senkowski

Be it resolved that Westlake Watershed District approve the proposed rates submitted by contractor Debbie Forlanski for the fiscal year April 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2026 to continue as an independent contractor as required to fulfil the duties of the Technician position.

CARRIED

Ducks Unlimited Meeting February 26th, 2025 @11 – Would like the board to be part of discussions regarding the future of the DUC Portia Project Area. Manager will attend.

Spence Lake Committee

Resolution #604 – MARCH 2025

Tymchuk - Erlendson

Be it resolved that the board agrees to contribute \$2,000 in partnership with RM of Lakeshore, Westlake Watershed District and the Spence Lake Community Council/Norther Affairs Branch to a Spence Lake reserve account annually. This reserve account funds will be used for maintenance costs on the Spence Lake Outlet project area as defined by the Environmental Act License No. 308 and the additional Water Rights License for connecting the downstream end of Woods Creek to Lake Manitoba. All maintenance activities are to be managed by the Spence Lake outlet Management Group 2025. Funds to come from Sub-District 107(L).

CARRIED

- The Spence Lake Committee has requested that the district administer the reserve account funds.

Cost for Resolution #551-SEPTEMBER 2024

The board would like to note the final cost is \$35,390, with final billing received in January 2025.

Policy Meeting

Policy Meeting to take place on March 15th @10am in the RM of Alonsa Chambers. Tom and David have agreed to attend. Will contact Ken after meeting to see if he is available.

10. **Correspondence** – Thank you received from Kinosota Trail for donated bird seed
11. **Next Meeting Date** – **Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025 in the RM of Alonsa Hall or New Horizons if possible.**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35 by Walter Tymchuk

TABLED –

District Chair

District Administrator