



## WESTLAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

MEETING: #35

Eddystone Hall

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 @10AM

<b>Present:</b>	Tom Anderson	-	Board Member/Chairman
	Colin Mailman	-	Sub-District 113, Board Member
	Ken Dunn	-	Sub-District 110, Board Member
	Walter Tymchuk	-	Sub-District 107 (L), Board Member
	Neil Preston	-	Sub-District 107 (L), Sub-District Member
	Harry Harris	-	Sub-District 107(A), Sub-District Member
	Ernie Smadella	-	Sub-District 157 (L), Member at large
	Barry Heppner	-	Sub-District 157 (M), Board Member
	David Senkowski	-	Provincial Representative
	Beth Rudkewich	-	District Technician
	Cary Anderson	-	District Administrator

### Call for nominations for **GROW Committee** –

- Michael Brown indicated that he would like to stay on the committee.
- Colin Mailman, Neil Preston, David Senkowski, Eric Ducharme, Tom Anderson and Barry Sliworsky also agreed to remain on committee.
- Ken Dunn, has *accepted* his nomination
- Doug Popowich was appointed by the IRNR Council for GROW Partnership

*Adjournment of nominations, Walter Tymchuk*

1. **Resolution #342 – FEBRUARY2023** **Dunn - Tymchuk**  
Be it resolved that the Agenda be approved as amended **CARRIED**
2. **Resolution #343 – FEBRUARY2023** **Smadella – Senkoski**  
Be it resolved that the **January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023** Meeting Minutes be approved as amended and attached. **CARRIED**
3. **Delegations/In-Camera** – No delegation or in camera
4. **Financial Reports**  
(a) **Resolution #344 –FEBRUARY2023** **Dunn - Senkowski**  
Be it resolved that the **December 2022** cheque listing be approved as presented and **ATTACHED**. **CARRIED**  
**January 2023 cheque listing TABLED to next meeting.**  
(b) Income Statement – Presented to the board for information.  
(c) Budget – Presented to the board for information.
5. **Provincial Update** – Provincial Planner unable to attend.
6. **Business Arising from Past Meetings**  
(a) Westlake Watershed District Policy - **TABLED**  
(b) Assistant/GROW Coordinator Resumes – Committee to go over resumes and advice who they would like to interview. Committee indicated that they would like to interview all candidates and report back to the board with recommendations at the next meeting.

- (c) Ken Zalluski's Water Rights License – The board is not comfortable approving this license at this time. Administrator to reply to Ken in letter format
- (d) Ag Action – The district had been approved for \$100,000 of grant funding in a few applied water retention projects in partnership with GROW and have so far received \$50,000. **Site 1** Horyn project was unable to proceed and **Site 2** had 2 retention projects in the Mellonville area with one only qualifying due to soil samples. The site in the Mellonville area that qualified we are waiting on a Provincial engineered design to present to the landowners for sign off. **Site 3** is in the Alonsa Community Pasture area. This site is the retention project that qualifies for Ag Action funding that could only be obtained through landowners that hold a valid Environment Farm Plan. We had not been unable to receive the landowners sign off in a timely manner on the Provincial engineer design that was provided, therefore we are obligated to return final report and unspent funds from the granted \$50,000 before March 31, 2023. The unspent amount will be subject to Manitoba Ag Actions discretion. We will be returning a cheque for the amount of \$21,817.70 with a final report.

7. **New Business -**

(a) **Resolution #341 – JANUARY/FEBRUARY2023** *Senkowski – Tymchuk*

Be it resolved that a contractor be hired to clean out a beaver dam that is blocking a culvert on the Harcus Dr 7-20-11. Not to exceed \$600.00

(b) Parkland District 2023 Municipal Bonspiel March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 @9am – The board will not be submitting a team

8. **Board Members Items -**

**Sub-district 107(L)** – Would like to know the status on our District maps. Administrator to order one set for everyone including the 3 partnering RM offices. for a total of 16. Will be laminated for protection.

**Sub-District 110** – Community Pasture is in need of a culvert replacement, would like to find out the history of this crossing to provide appropriate discretion. Technician will check the WALIS site to provide more info.

**Provincial Appointee** – Would like to discuss Blue Cross. Administrator explained that in the past it was explained to her that due to not having the required amount of staff enrolment in the program the district offered it to the Provincial appointee who is scheduled to hold a board seat for extended amount of time and the District chairman at a cost shared (50/50) expense, with the board paying half the monthly fee. The staff has been receiving 100% coverage through the board. The Provincial appointee was not aware of this as well as most of the board. The Administrator apologized for the board not being more informed in this regard and will ask the districts Provincial planner for more clarification on the direction for the board on what is acceptable to the province. Will advise at next meeting.

**Sub-District 157(M)** – Asked for the status on the Department of Fisheries assessing the Weiden Drain low level crossing. District Technician has been contacting them numerous of times and asking for updates and has been told that they will be getting back to her within the week or so and has still not received any information. The Provincial Engineer has contacted the district technician and questioned whether the Department of Fisheries have replied and was informed that they have not. The Provincial engineer stated that he was going to be contacting them to see if he could move the process along faster.

**Sub-District 157(L)** – Will contact the contractor to ask for a quote for the Resolution #334.

**Sub-District 107(L)** – Highfields project is left out on the project list that was provided from administrator and technician.

**Sub-District 107(A)** – MAW report was given and attached.

**Sub-District 113** – Have had inquiries about off-site watering systems out of Lake Manitoba, do you have to have any permits. Would like any information possible.

**Resolution #345 – FEBRUARY2023**

Mailman – Heppner

Be it resolved that the district repair the Lonely Lake low level crossing. TABLED for more information.

**Chairman** – Had meeting with IRNR to introduce them to the Districts GROW program. 15 people attended. Doug Popowich was appointed to the GROW committee.

9. **Technician Report** – Provided project list for boards information
10. **Information and Correspondence** – Flood Workshop looking for video participants.
11. **Next Meeting Date**– March 6<sup>th</sup> @1:30pm in the RM of Rorketon Community Centre

*Tymchuk adjourned meeting*

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District Chair

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District Administrator

**TABLED** – North Leifer Drain (**Sept mtg**) (*Beaver dam Policy (July mtg) Lonely Lake low level crossing (Feb 2023 mtg)*)