



WESTLAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

MEETING: #36

Lakeshore Community Centre

March 6th, 2023 @1:30 PM

Present: Tom Anderson - Board Member/Chairman
Colin Mailman - Sub-District 113, Board Member
Ken Dunn - Sub-District 110, Board Member
Roger Smith - Sub-District 110, Sub-District 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), Board Member
Fred Shurko - Sub-District 157 (L), Sub-district Member
Barry Heppner - Sub-District 157 (M), Board Member
David Senkowski - Provincial Representative
Chris Reynolds - Provincial Watershed Planner
Beth Rudkewich - District Technician
Cary Anderson - District Administrator

1. **Resolution #346 – MARCH2023** **Smadella - Mailman**
Be it resolved that the Agenda be approved as amended *CARRIED*
2. **Resolution #347 – MARCH2023** **Heppner – Tymchuk**
Be it resolved that the **February 1st, 2023**, Meeting Minutes be approved as amended and attached. *CARRIED*
3. **Delegations/In-Camera** – Will go in camera after the Provincial report
4. **Financial Reports**
 - (a) **Resolution #348 –MARCH2023** **Dunn - Senkowski**
Be it resolved that the **January & February 2023** cheque listing be approved as presented and **ATTACHED**. *CARRIED*
 - (b) Administrators sick leave – Administrator will be admitted to hospital for surgery March 28th with surgery on the 29th. Will be in the hospital for a week after surgery and home for a week or 2 afterwards.
Resolution #349 –MARCH2023 **Tymchuck - Smadella**
Be it resolved that the **remaining 2** cheque signers present be sufficient to sign cheques for this period of time the administrator is away. *CARRIED*
 - (c) Income Statement – Presented to the board for information
 - (d) Budget – Presented to the board for information.
5. **Provincial Update** – Provincial Planner give attached update. Will send Environmental report. Would like to note that the Carbon credit clause has been removed from the GROW contracts.

Board moved in camera – 2:40
Board moved out of camera – 3:10

Senkowski – Smadella
Shurko - Tymchuk

6. **Business Arising from Past Meetings**
 - (a) Culvert order resolution
Resolution #350 –MARCH2023 **Dunn - Senkowski**
Be it resolved that the Technicians list of culverts be purchased for next year's projects. List ATTACHED. *CARRIED*

- (b) **Assistant/GROW Coordinator** – The human resource committee has recommended that Kaylee Huhtala be hired.

Resolution #351 –MARCH2023

Smith - Preston

Be it resolved that Kaylee Huhtala be hired for the District GROW Coordinator position for a 6-month probation period at the hourly rate of \$21 per hr with benefits included to start immediately upon hire.

CARRIED

Training to take place in the Alonsa office but the position will be based out of the Rorketon office.

Leaving the Rorketon office at 8:30 and back to the Rorketon office by 4:30. After the probation period the board will review position. Start date April 24th, 2023.

- (c) **Ag Action** – Return amount has changed due to the project not being a completed project (Mellonville). Therefore, we were unable to get reimbursed for the portion of the survey data collection invoice for the Mellonville water retention area.
- (d) **Blue Cross** – Provincial watershed planner indicated to the board that the act states remuneration will be given to the board and Blue Cross does not qualify for that definition. Therefore, those on the board that are enrolled in the District Blue Cross plan are no longer eligible.
- (e) **Carry-over application** – The board went over the carry-over application that was submitted to the province as *ATTACHED*.
- (f) **Beaver deceivers** – Parks Canada was approached by a board member to discuss what they have in place for beaver deceivers. Parks Canada provided a plan to build and have offered to come and build them with a few people to demonstrate how it is done and gave a approximate price list. Board would like to try and set something up sometime this year.

7. New Business –

- (a) **Truck maintenance** – District truck tires on the 2018 Chev must be replaced with possible further maintenance such as ball joints, etc. Technician to arrange for truck to be taken into Kal tire in Dauphin.
- (b) **Truck purchase** – Several options have been provided by Ken Dunn.

Resolution #352 –MARCH2023

Smadella - Senkowksi

Be it resolved that the district purchase a district truck for the approximate amount of \$40,000 plus taxes. To be purchased before year end.

CARRIED

- (c) **Manitoba's Resilient Agricultural Landscapes Program** – New grant program that is closely aligned with Ag Action.
- (d) **Westlake Gladstone** – Provincial Planner indicated that he was approached by the new Westlake Gladstone council members to join the district. If this was to take place they would only be eligible to qualify for GROW Programming through the district such as the IRNR agreement. The infrastructure part would not be part of the agreement. Upon the district's board agreement, the Provincial Planner will attend a meeting with the Westlake Gladstone council and will present this on behalf of the district. The board has agreed to include Westlake Gladstone in their future GROW Programming.

8. Board Member Items –

Sub-District 107(A) MAW Rep. – gave MAW report and submitted handwritten notes to the Administrator to be ATTACHED.

Sub-District 157(M) – Questioned the district Technician in regard to the progress on the Weiden Low-level crossing. Technician indicated that she just received the approvals to go ahead. This project can be done this year.

Sub-District 110 – Would like to look at 50/50 cost sharing with the Community Pasture on the crossing the Community Pasture staff are requesting for the Community Pasture water retention project. Technician will contact to discuss and bring back to next meeting.

Sub-District 157(L) – Would like to contact Reit-Syd to do some brushing

Sub-District 107(L) – Moriaux is done cat work and moving on to the cleaning on Horyn Dr. Wondering about ice buildup. Board indicated there is a policy in place in this regard.

Sub-District 113 – Was wondering if the maps can be cleaned up. The Provincial Planner indicated that yes this is possible if it is something like spelling errors, etc.

9. **Technician Report** – Presented to the board as *ATTACHED*.

10. **Information and Correspondence** –

11. **Next Meeting Date** – Will wait to hear back from Administrator to plan for next meeting upon her return to work after surgery.

District Chair

District Administrator

TABLED – North Leifer Drain (**Sept mtg**) **POLICY MEETING to be scheduled for the following policies** (*Beaver dam Policy (July mtg), Conservation Program budgeting (Oct mtg), Westlake Watershed District Policy updates (Jan 2023 mtg) Lonely Lake low level crossing (Feb 2023 mtg)*)