



WESTLAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

MEETING: #66

Alonsa Curling Rink Rec. Center

January 7th, 2025 @12:00pm

Call to Order at 12:23pm – Westlake Watershed District Manager, Lindsay Cherpin, acting as chairperson during call for elections

Present:

Tom Anderson	-	Board Chairman
David Senkowski	-	Provincial Representative
Ken Dunn	-	Sub-District 110, Board Member
Roger Smith	-	Sub-District 110, Sub-District Member
Tim Stott	-	Sub-District 160, Board Member
Ron Erlendson	-	Sub-District 113, Board Member
Walter Tymchuk	-	Sub-District 107(L), Board Member
Rick Paradis	-	Sub-District 107(L) & 157 Sub-District Member
Harry Harris	-	Sub-District 107(A), Sub-District Member
Adam Meyers	-	Sub-District 157, Board Member
Barry Sliworsky	-	Sub-District 157(M), Member at-large
Barry Heppner	-	Sub-District 157(M), Sub-district member
Lindsay Cherpin	-	District Manager
Joy Dubois	-	Acting District Administrator

Absent regrets:

Cameron Anger - Sub-District 160, Sub-District Member
Richard Callander - Sub-District 160, Sub-District Member
Kristopher Egilson - Sub-District 160, Sub-District Member

Resolution #699 – JANUARY 2026

Anderson - Paradis

Be it resolved that elections are now open for Westlake Watershed District Board, as directed by the Chairperson

CARRIED

Sub-District 110 Garrioch Creek

- The RM of Alonsa council has appointed **Ken Dunn** and **Roger Smith** to this sub-district.

Nominations opened for Garrioch Creek Sub-District 110

Nominee: **Ken Dunn** **ACCEPTED**

Nominations cease for Sub-District 110

Garrioch Creek Sub-District 110 Chair: Ken Dunn

Sub-District 113 Ebb and Flow Lake

- The RM of Alonsa council has appointed **Ron Erlendson** and **Tom Anderson** to this sub-district.

Nominations opened for Ebb & Flow Lake Sub-District 113

Nominee: **Tom Anderson** **ACCEPTED**

Nominations cease for Sub-District 113

Ebb & Flow Lake Sub-District 113 Chair: Tom Anderson

Sub-District 160 Kinosota Ridge

- The RM of Alonsa council has appointed **Tim Stott** and **Cam Anger** to this sub-district.
- The RM of Westlake Gladstone council has appointed **Kris Eglison** and **Richard Callander**

Open nominations for Kinosota Ridge Sub-District 160

Do we have a nomination to nominate 1 of these members to be the board chair representative

Nominee: **ACCEPTED or DECLINED**

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Cease nominations for Sub-District 160

Kinosota Ridge Sub-District 160 Chair:

Sub-District 157 Lakeshore – Mossey River

- The RM of Lakeshore council has appointed **Rick Paradis** and **Adam Meyers** to this sub-district
- The RM of Mossey River council has appointed **Barry Sliworsky** and **Barry Heppner** to this sub-district

Nominations opened for Lakeshore-Mossey River Sub-District 157

Nominee: **Adam Meyers** **ACCEPTED**

Nominee: **Barry Sliworsky** **ACCEPTED**

Nominations cease for Sub-District 157

VOTE

Lakeshore-Mossey River Sub-District 157 Chair: Adam Meyers

Sub-District 107 Lakeshore – Crane River

- The RM of Lakeshore council has appointed **Walter Tymchuk** and **Rick Paradis** to this sub-district
- RM of Alonsa has appointed **Harry Harris** to this sub-district

Nominations opened for Lakeshore-Crane River Sub-District 107

Nominee: **Rick Paradis** **ACCEPTED**

Nominations cease for Sub-District 107L

Lakeshore-Crane River Sub-District 107 Chair: Rick Paradis

The Board now has the opportunity to nominate 1 or 2 of the 2 members at large appointments.

The Board has adopted the following Policy in this regard.

Resolution #135 – APRIL 2021

Tymchuk - Senkowski

Be it also that the District Policy Directive include the changes from the Watershed act in regards to Board Governance. Such as the board having the authority to appoint 2 members at large in the addition to the municipal elected members pertaining to the ratio distance required.

Be it also resolved that the Board add the following Resolution guidelines to the **Westlake Watershed District Policy under the Policy Directive Section 2:2.**

Whereas the Westlake Watershed District has reviewed the proposal prepared by Manitoba Sustainable Development which is proposed to come into effect on January 1, 2020.

And whereas, in the event that any member municipality in the district does not receive an appointment on the board of the Westlake Watershed District through the sub district election process;

Be it resolved that the Board agrees to utilize their two member-at-large appointments to ensure each member municipality has one representative from each sub district they belong to, on the district board. (April 19, 2019 Watershed Boundary Proposal)

CARRIED

Members-At-Large

Therefore;

Be it resolved that 1 of the members from either municipality that was not been elected to Sub-District 157 be elected as a member at large chair.

Nominations opened for Member-At-Large

Nominee: **Barry Sliworsky** **ACCEPTED**

Nominations cease for member-at-large

Westlake Watershed District Member-at-Large Chair: Barry Sliworsky

Call for Nominations for Chairperson

Nominations opened for Westlake Watershed District Chairman

Nominee: **Tom Anderson** **ACCEPTED**

Nominations cease for Westlake Watershed District Board Chairman

Westlake Watershed District Chairman: Tom Anderson

CHAIRPERSON WILL NOW CHAIR THE MEETING

As Tom Anderson vacated position of Sub-district 113 Chairperson, **Ron Erlendson** is now the Chairperson of Sub-district 113.

Call for Nominations for Vice-Chair

Nominations opened for Westlake Watershed District Chair

Nominee: **Rick Paradis** **ACCEPTED**

Nominations cease for Westlake Watershed District Board Vice-Chair

Westlake Watershed District Vice-Chair: Rick Paradis

Call for Nominations for 2 Signing Officers for accounts (WWD Policy: Administrator and Chairman of the board mandatory signer plus 1

Nominations open for Westlake Watershed District Signing officer

Nominee: **Ken Dunn** **ACCEPTED**

Nominations cease for Westlake Watershed District Board Signing officer

Westlake Watershed District signing officers: Ken Dunn, Tom Anderson (Board Chairperson), Cary Anderson (Administrator)

Call for Nominations for the Westlake Watershed District Representative on MAW board

Nominations opened for Westlake Watershed District board member to the MAW board.

Nominee: **Harry Harris** **ACCEPTED**

Nominations cease for Westlake Watershed District representative to the MAW board

Westlake Watershed District board member Rep for MAW board: Harry Harris

GROW Committee Members

Municipal & Northern Relations designated **Steve Kindzerski** to be their representative for one year term (2026-2027).

Westlake Watershed District volunteers for one year committee term are the following:

Roger Smith (RM of Alonsa), David Senkowski (RM of Alonsa), Ken Dunn (RM of Alonsa), Barry Sliworsky (RM of Mossey River)

To be determined at next GROW Meeting: Neil Preston (RM of Lakeshore), Colin Mailman, Mike Brown (RM of Alonsa)

RM of Westlake Gladstone appointed **Richard Callander** to the GROW committee

Financial Committee

Nominations opened for Westlake Watershed District Financial Committee

Nominee: **David Senkowski** **ACCEPTED**

Nominee: **Ken Dunn** **ACCEPTED**

Nominations cease for Westlake Watershed District Board Financial Committee

Westlake Watershed District Financial Committee: David Senkowski and Ken Dunn

PREVIOUS RESOLUTION IN REGARD TO PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Resolution #475 – MARCH2024

Be it resolved that the District Personnel Committee consists of representation from each participating RM, plus one alternate member to attend when needed.

Smadella - Senkowski

CARRIED

Call for Nominations for Personnel Committee

Nominations opened for Westlake Watershed District Personnel Committee

Nominee: **Barry Sliworsky** **ACCEPTED**

Nominee: **Walter Tymchuk** **ACCEPTED**

Nominee: **David Senkowski** **ACCEPTED**

Nominee: **Tim Stott** **ACCEPTED**

Nominee for Alternates: Rick Paradis for Lakeshore, Ken Dunn for Alonsa, Tom Anderson

Nominations cease for Westlake Watershed District Board Personnel Committee

Westlake Watershed District Personnel Committee: Rick Paradis for Lakeshore, Ken Dunn for Alonsa, Tom Anderson

Call for Nominations for Policy Committee

Nominations opened for Westlake Watershed District Policy Committee

Nominee: **David Senkowski** **ACCEPTED**

Nominee: **Adam Meyers** **ACCEPTED**

Nominee: **Tim Stott** **ACCEPTED**

Nominee: **Rick Paradis** **ACCEPTED**

Nomination cease for Westlake Watershed District Board Personnel Committee

Westlake Watershed District Policy Committee: David Senkowski, Adam Meyers, Tim Stott, Rick Paradis

Be it also resolved that the board now close board/committee elections

Paradis - Erlendson

1. **Resolution #700 - JANUARY 2026**

Be it resolved that the Agenda be approved as presented

Paradis - Erlendson

CARRIED

2. **Resolution #701 - JANUARY 2026**

Be it resolved that the **October 29th 2025**, Meeting Minutes be approved as presented and **ATTACHED**.

Meyers - Dunn

CARRIED

3. Financial Reports

(a) **October, November and December Cheque List**

Resolution #702 - JANUARY 2026

Be it resolved that the **October, November and December cheque lists** be approved as presented and **ATTACHED**.

Dunn – Senkowski

CARRIED

(b) **Income Statement** – Presented to the board

(c) **Sub-District amounts/Bank Statement** - Presented to the board

4. **Provincial Update** – Review of October, November and December 2025 provincial updates

5. Delegations –

- a. 2pm: Mike VanAlstyne, Director of Regional Operations and Ryan Arnold from Bridges and Highways Structures (MIT) attended the meeting to discuss Garrioch Creek Drain crossing Highway 50.
 - ↳ MTI will visit site during peak flow
 - ↳ Looking for photo documentation
 - ↳ Looking for survey data
 - ↳ Next meeting at the end of January for 5 year program
- b. 2:30pm: Garrett Cameron, field access across Garrioch Creek Drain at NE-16-21- 11-WPM
 - ↳ Can't cross drain with truck and trailer
 - ↳ Find out if registration is required to re-shape drain banks
 - ↳ Find out flow restrictions with low level crossing option

6. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

- **Bluff Creek Title Change** – Wait for more information. Manager to contact lawyer **TABLED**

7. New Business –

Email resolutions

Resolution #691 – NOVEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026

Harris – Tymchuk

Be it resolved that the district donate a bag of bird seed and small bird feeder to the Alonsa Community Christmas Party & Kinosota Trail Game & Fish Association Banquet 2025.

CARRIED

Resolution #692 – NOVEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026

Harris - Tymchuk

Be it resolved that the district hire Joy Dubois on a casual/part-time (contract basis) to cover and assist the district administrator while she is away for surgery and recovery time (vacation and sick leave). For the amount of \$23.00 per hr. To also include time for training.

CARRIED

Resolution #693 – NOVEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026

Dunn - Stott

Be it resolved that Westlake Watershed District purchase tickets for staff who would like to attend the Alonsa Christmas Party on December 13, 2025. Tickets are \$35 each.

CARRIED

Resolution #694 – NOVEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026

Stott - Heppner

Be it resolved that Westlake Watershed District hire contractor, Reedy Creek Construction, at the approved tender contract hourly rate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, to unplug culverts located on Mellonville Drain, NE-16-24-12-W1. Funds for this project are to come from sub-district 113, not to exceed \$2,000.00.

CARRIED

Resolution #695 – JANUARY 2026

Dunn - Senkowski

Be it resolved that Westlake Watershed District hire SRJ Rentals, an approved contractor for the 2025/2026 fiscal year, at the approved hourly rate to mulch vegetation on Bellhampton West Drain, not to exceed \$20,000.00 plus GST. Funds to come from SD 110 (Garrioch Creek).

CARRIED

Resolution #696 – JANUARY 2026

Dunn - Senkowski

Be it resolved that Westlake Watershed District hire SRJ Rentals, an approved contractor for the 2025/2026 fiscal year, at the approved hourly rate to bury rocks and stumps and level old spoil piles on Lake Mary Drain, not to exceed \$20,000.00 plus GST. Funds to come from SD 110 (Garrioch Creek).

CARRIED

Resolution #697 – JANUARY 2026**Dunn - Senkowski**

Be it resolved that Westlake Watershed District acknowledges the Spence Lake Outlet Management Group 2025 Resolution No Dec 2025-005 that the Spence Lake Outlet Project Management Group 2025 authorize Westlake Watershed District to open a Business Pay-As-You-Go account to hold Spence Lake Outlet Project Management Group 2025 funds and issue cheques according to Spence Lake Outlet Project Management Group 2025 resolutions. All related account fees are to be paid from the Spence Lake Outlet Project Management Group 2025 Business Pay-As-You-Go account.

*CARRIED***Resolution #698 – JANUARY 2026****Dunn - Senkowski**

Be it resolved that Westlake Watershed District acknowledges the Spence Lake Outlet Management Group 2025 Resolution No Dec 2025-006 to hire contractor, Eagle Point Contractors, at the Westlake Watershed District approved tender contract hourly rate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, to remove beaver dams on the Spence Lake Outlet Drain according to the Muskrat House, Beaver Dam and/or Beaver Lodge Removal Permit No 2025-343-002 and spread debris as directed by Crown Lands Work Permit No. 2025-03-43-022 on adjacent crown lands located at SW-6-30-15-W1. Funds for this project are to come from the Spence Lake Outlet Project Management Group 2025 Business Pay-As-You-Go Account held by Westlake Watershed District.

*CARRIED***8. Manager Report –**

- **Green Team** – the board approved the submission of the Program Application for two green team positions for the 2026 season
- **Resolution #703 – JANUARY 2026**

Stott - Paradis

Be it resolved that Westlake Watershed District offer contractor Debbie Forlanski the option to continue as an independent contractor as required to fulfill the duties of the Technician position, pending board approval of her rates for the 2026-2027 work season.

CARRIED

- **Weiden Drain**
 - a. There was no response other than receipt acknowledgement of letters sent to Minister Kostyshyn and Minister Moyes in Fall 2025.
 - b. WLWD board decided to send another letter to Minister Moyes, Minister Kostyshyn and Minister Simard seeking clarification on OIC status, and if Weiden drain does not have this status, the board is seeking assistance to obtain it or receive assistance in obtaining permission to resume maintenance and reconstruction activities as soon as possible according to existing MB Natural Resources Plan and Profile for Weiden Drain. RM of Lakeshore and Mossey River Municipality will be invited to also submit their letters of concern with Westlake WD, so that they are delivered to the Ministers as a package.
 - c. It was suggested that WLWD could also submit a request for Access to Records from the MB Gov't for information related to Weiden Drain.
- **General Labourer Position** – post this advertisement ASAP
- **Resolution #704 – JANUARY 2026**

Dunn - Erlendson

Be it resolved that Westlake Watershed District renew the District contract as amended with Solutions IT for the 2026 year.

CARRIED

- Board reviewed Drainage Licence Application from the RM of Alonsa for downstream landowners consent RE: RD 120N licencing of existing through-grade culvert and resizing of approach culvert to contribute water to Rocklan Drain

Resolution #705 – JANUARY 2026

Dunn - Stott

Be it resolved that Westlake Watershed District approve and sign the downstream landowner consent for the RM of Alonsa to licence an existing through-grade culvert and resize an approach culvert to contribute water to Rocklan Drain, located at NW- 33-20-11-WPM.

CARRIED

- **Melonville Culverts**

- a. Culverts at Mellonville Drain crossing road 141N had beaver debris removed in November. The east culvert was found not be coupled properly. As the RM of Alonsa replaced this crossing due to damages caused by the RM of Alonsa, the WLWD board would like a letter sent to RM of Alonsa to asking for this to be repaired by the municipality.

- **Resolution #706 – JANUARY 2026**

Paradis – Meyers

Be it resolved that Westlake Watershed District acknowledges the Spence Lake Outlet Project Management Group 2025 authorization of the purchase of pre-ordered cheques to make approved payments from the Spence Lake Outlet Project Management Group 2025 Business Pay-As-You-Go account. Funds to pay for the cheques are to come from the Spence Lake Outlet Project Management Group 2025 Business Pay-As-You-Go account.

CARRIED

**9. Reports of Committees/Board Member Items/MAW Report –
Sub-District 110**

- Would like to proceed with Drainage Licence for Garrioch Creek, with request to increase capacity of culverts between E1/2-36-20-12-W1 and E1/2-25-20-12-W1. Try to have Provincial Engineer review a proposal.
- Apply for Iris Drain cleanout
- Review Birdina landowner meeting
- Purchase trickle charger for side-by-side battery
- Plan to mow 130N in 2026, as well as other drains that were mulched in 2025

Sub-District 160

- Would like to plan to mow North Leifer in 2026 where it was mulched in 2025

MAW Report

- Harry Harris attended MAW conference in December 2025; provided review to WLWD board
- Board discussion re: promotional items to have on hand for distribution; staff to provide options and cost to board

10. Reviewed MB Hydro request to review easement application; WLWD has no objection

11. Information and Correspondence –

- Rorketon Firemans Bonspiel – WLWD will donate a bird feeder and bag of bird seed

12. Next Meeting Date: February 4th, 2025 in the Alonsa Rec Center Curling Rink at 12pm

Meeting Adjourned at 4:05 pm by Rick Paradis

TABLED - High Pressure water tool for beaver dams (May 2025); Bluff Creek Church (January 2026)