

**Redboine Watershed District**  
**Board Meeting No. 4/2122 Minutes**  
**October 22, 2021 – 9:30am**  
**Carman Golf Club - Carman, MB**

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| <b>Present:</b> | District Chairperson            | M. Piper     | Present |
|                 | La Salle-Assiniboine SD Chair   | S. Pelletier | Present |
|                 | Boyne River SD Chair            | G. Vigier    | Present |
|                 | Morris-Norquay SD Chair         | C. Morgan    | Present |
|                 | Tobacco-Shannon Creeks SD Chair | W. McTavish  | Present |
|                 | Provincial Appointee            | M. Lowdon    | Absent  |
|                 | Manager                         | J. Reid      | Present |
|                 | Resource Technician             | R. Nichol    | Absent  |
|                 | Financial Administrator         | A. Smith     | Present |
|                 | GROW Coordinator                | J. Corvino   | Present |
|                 | MB ARD Watershed Planner        | D. Timmerman | Present |

**1.0 Call to Order by Chairperson**

Chairperson M. Piper called the meeting to order at 9:35am.

**2.0 Approval of Agenda**

A MAW Report was added to the Agenda as item 6.3.

**RESOLUTION #1/4/2122**

Moved by: G. Vigier

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

**CARRIED**

Seconded by: W. McTavish

**3.0 Approval of Minutes**

**RESOLUTION #2/4/2021**

Moved by: S. Pelletier

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meetings as presented.

**CARRIED**

Seconded by: C. Morgan

**4.0 Delegations**

No Delegations present for this meeting.

## 5.0 Administration & Business reports

### 5.1 - Manager's Report

The Manager presented an update on various projects and programs since the last Board Meeting, including details on the status of the Living Labs Program, Conservation Trust projects, and GROW Trust programs. They were given an update from the recent Living Labs Project Tour, and updates on the status of the current education programs.

### 5.2 - Administrator's Report

The Board was given the financial update for the district since the last Board Meeting, including updated Expenses to Date, Financials, Income Statement, as well as the current Bank and Credit Card Statements.

#### **RESOLUTION #3/4/2122**

Moved by: S. Pelletier

#### **CARRIED**

Seconded by: M. Piper

Motion to approve the Administrator's report including list of expenditures totaling: \$32,648.81.

### 5.3 - Technician's Report

The Board was given the updated Technician report including a list of ongoing projects in each sub-district. C. Morgan made inquiries regarding an update on an erosion control project in the RM of Dufferin that staff will relay to the Technician.

Staff has been running into shipping delays for sheet steel, as well as problems with a local drain tile supplier that is now part of an American-owned company. Board members confirmed that multiple RMs are having the same problems with the company.

### 5.3 - GROW Coordinator Report

The Board was given the updated project report for the GROW Program, including the updated expenses. Project work is still underway, and site checks for incentive payment projects have started. Staff has been using the RBWD UAV to provide aerial footage of project sites to aid in site checks and information collection. A discussion was held on Social Media platforms and apps to help with creating and promoting content across all the district's platforms.

#### **RESOLUTION #4/4/2122**

Moved by: G. Vigier

#### **CARRIED**

Seconded by: S. Pelletier

Motion to approve the purchase of Canva and Buffer subscriptions to assist in Social Media communications and program advertising.

## 6.0 Reports from Committees

### 6.1 Watershed Planner Report

D. Timmerman gave a report from the Province including a discussion on the recent cover crops webinar and how the RBWD GROW Program has been including advice from the webinar in the development of the Cover Crop area of the GROW Program.

### 6.2 Policy Committee Report

The Policy Committee met on Oct. 6, 2021 to go over new policy drafts. The committee approved the drafts of 3 new policies. The Board discussed the committee recommendations and the 3 draft policies that were presented.

**RESOLUTION #5/4/2122****CARRIED**

Moved by: S. Pelletier

Seconded by: C. Morgan

Motion to approve the Policy Committee recommendations and adopt the new policies (#3.03 Harassment Policy, #3.13 Disease Prevention Policy, #5.15 Accessibility Policy) as presented.

**6.3 MAW Report**

RBWD MAW Representative W. McTavish gave the board an update from the recent MAW Board meeting. MAW staff has been busy attending district project tours, including the EPLL Project Tours. MAW staff is working as the lead applicant for a group that includes stakeholders from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and BC on a Federal On-Farm Climate Change Application. MAW staff have officially moved into their new office in Winnipeg and have resumed working from the office. MAW is looking into applying for charitable status. The MAW Watershed Builder Awards were decided and Roy Wood from RBWD was selected as a Builder Award winner for 2021.

**7.0 Business Arising from Previous Meetings****7.1 RBWD Expansion Update**

The Board was provided with an update on which RMs provided their approval of the proposed expansion plan for the district. Additional RMs are still expected to send in approvals, and additional meetings with some RMs are still planned before the Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> deadline that was given to the RMs by the Province.

**7.2 Adoption of E-Motions**

The Board adopted E-Motions passed since the last regular Board Meeting.

**RESOLUTION #6/4/2122****CARRIED**

Moved by: G. Vigier

Seconded by: S. Pelletier

Motion to approve and adopt E-Motions 03/EM/2122 (Approval of August Financial Report) and 04/EM/2122 (Westman Communications Quote Approval).

**7.3 MAW Conference**

The MAW Conference has been confirmed as an in-person event that will be held in Brandon at the Keystone Centre from Dec. 6-8, 2021. Staff will be confirming the hotel rooms that are currently booked through CanadInns and confirming the conference registrations that have been reserved with MAW.

**7.4 RBWD Watershed Award/MAW Watershed Builder Award**

The Board was provided with an update on the award winners for 2021 for RBWD. Gordon and Val Turner were awarded the Redboine Watershed Award and Roy Wood was awarded a MAW Watershed Builder Award. Both winners will be present at the MAW Conference in Dec. to receive their awards and a Christmas Lunch is being planned for the Dec. Board Meeting to further celebrate these achievements.

**8.0 New Business****8.1 RBWD GROW Committee Establishment**

With the approval of the RBWD GROW Program 2021-23 application, the district GROW program is moving to funding projects across the entire district. The Boyne GROW Committee

term will be ending on March 31, 2022 and the Board will be appointing a new committee with more representation from across the district. The Board approved the structure of the new committee and staff will begin to fill the positions at the November Sub-District Meetings.

**RESOLUTION #7/4/2122**

**CARRIED**

Moved by: W. McTavish

Seconded by: S. Pelletier

Motion to approve the RBWD GROW Committee structure as presented.

## 8.2 Ag Action Top-Up Funding

The Board discussed the potential for a Top-Up program for landowners that have successfully applied to the CAP Ag Action (or future equivalent) Program. The Manager will create a draft program based on the old Farm-Yard Run-Off Confinement and Livestock Facility Relocation programs that were run under the LSRBCD and present it to the board at a future board meeting.

## 8.3 Board Meeting Locations

The Board discussed issues relating to potential board meeting locations and the need to present proof of vaccination when meetings are held at restaurants. Staff has purchased equipment to be able to offer a digital option for all board and sub-district meetings where members are unable to attend due to time/travel constraints and Covid restrictions.

## 9.0 Information & Correspondence

### 9.1 Fall Sub-District Meeting Schedule

The Board was given the schedule for the November Sub-District meetings. The SD Meetings will be held on Nov. 9 & 10 in Carman in the Fireside Room at the Breakaway Restaurant.

### 9.2 2021-22 Board Meeting Schedule

The Board was given the current draft of the 2021-22 Meeting Schedule.

### 9.3 Next Meeting: December 17, 2021

The next Board Meeting will be on Dec. 17, 2021 in Carman in the Fireside Room at the Breakaway Restaurant. A Christmas Lunch and celebration of our Award Winners will be held after the meeting.

## 10.0 Adjournment

**RESOLUTION #8/1/2122**

**CARRIED**

Moved by: W. McTavish

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50am.

Minutes Approved By:



Board Chairperson: M. Piper



Financial Administrator: A. Smith