

NORTHEAST RED WATERSHED DISTRICT

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Board Meeting 2026-05

May 20, 2026

PRESENT Verner Johnson– NRWD Board Chairperson, Provincial Appointee
BOARD Scott Spicer – NRWD Board Vice Chairperson, Red River S.D. Chair
Edgar Scheurer – Carrs Creek/Lower Seine S.D. Chair
Elwood Lamont – Lower Cooks Creek S.D. Chair
Greg Mandzuk – Catfish Creek/ Gull Lake S.D. Chair
Russ Gawluk – Brokenhead, S.D. Chair S.D. Chair
Jack Kowalchuk – Devils Creek S.D. S.D. Chair
Brad Ingles – Upper Cooks Creek S.D. Chair

STAFF Ana Isabela Landivar – Manager
Starr Harder – Administrator
Julie Litke – PWCP Coordinator
Makayla Baldwin – Program Coordinator

GUESTS Rene Bravo – Provincial Watershed Planner
Colleen Cuvelier – Senior Provincial Watershed Planner

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2026-27

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the agenda as presented.

Moved: Russ Gawluk

Seconded: Brad Ingles

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. Approval of NRWD Board Meeting 2026-04 Minutes April 15, 2026.

Resolution No. 2026-28

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the minutes of the Northeast Red Watershed District Meeting 2026-4 on April 15, 2026 as provided.

Moved: Scott Spicer

Seconded: Jack Kowalchuk

CARRIED

3. Financial

3.1. Approval of financials reconciled to April 30, 2026.

Resolution No. 2026-29

BE IT RESOLVED the board approves the monthly financials reconciled to April 30, 2026.

Moved: Brad Ingles

Seconded: Elwood Lamont

CARRIED

3.2. Year to date Budget Report 2026-27 presented by Manager

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4. Reports

4.1. NRWD Chair Report, staff meeting re: infrastructure process.

4.2. NRWD Staff Report, as provided

4.3. Sub-District Committee Roundtable

Upper Cooks, Brad. Easy spring, nothing to report.

Lower Cooks, Elwood. Infrastructure question for prior year project, section with runoff needs attention, including one trap damaged by mower.

Carrs Creek/Lower Seine, Edgar. Last storm did fill in some ditches, otherwise runoff is good.

Brokenhead, Russ. Spring meeting of subcommittee was held. Spring thaw was faster than preferred spurring conversation about fire prevention. Winnipeg River proposal discussed. Interest in tour for the Fall, this Spring was too dry.

Devils Creek, Jack. Run off low, no tour for Spring.

Catfish Creek/Gull Lake-Greg, none.

Red River- Scott Spicer, subdistrict is quiet, a few frozen culverts this spring. Still considering a June meeting.

4.4. Infrastructure Committee Report, as provided.

Private crossing approved at Park Road at landowner's expense. Licenses obtained. Grant started on Boundary Road yesterday. Ongoing drain cleanouts, maintenance, and culvert replacements. CCB2 external repairs completed.

4.5. Programming Report, as presented.

Most 2025-2026 PWCP funds are spoken for with invoices and signatures forthcoming. Rotational grazing funds are undetermined with three remaining projects with potential to meet the June 30 deadline. Conservation program report presented with multiple projects in progress.

4.6. MAW Report – next meeting in June.

4.7. Provincial Update, May report as provided.

5. Old business

5.1 Response from Watershed Planner

Conversation focused on Policy 1.7 based on the Watershed Act, section 2.1.

Senior Provincial Watershed Planner offered a Draft Resolution to show proper authorization for the requested partnership agreement between RM and Watershed District. Once the resolution is provided to the province, they will make an assessment based on the Act.

A revised proposal for the Winnipeg River Watershed District was sent to three municipalities (RM of Piney, Alexander and Reynolds) with June 10 deadline to respond.

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5.2 Partnership Agreement

Colleen says any kind of partnership agreement can be considered. The Act encourages partnerships that work towards the protection of ecological goods.

The legislation is broad and nonspecific and agreements require Provincial approval.

Reading of Policy 1.7 District Partnership, for discussion.

Watersheds can carry out work inside or outside of our district boundary. Provincial grants must be used within the district, no mention of Federal funds (ie. PWCP). Manager includes detail about how the RM of Reynolds water is tied to the water within our district. Approval of the agreement can be discussed after June 10th deadline passes.

Conversation that with either a new district or change in boundaries, something is needed to fill the gap for short and long term. Concern about the small population size unable to support own watershed district.

Resolution No. 2026-30

Whereas the Northeast Red Watershed District has reviewed the partnership agreement for the delivery of PWCP in the Rural Municipality of Reynolds; and

Whereas the Northeast Red Watershed District board is in agreement with the terms of the partnership agreement; and

Whereas the partnership agreement for the delivery of PWCP in the Rural Municipality of Reynolds needs to be signed by the Rural Municipality of Reynolds and Northeast Red Watershed District;

Therefore be it resolved that the Northeast Red Watershed District board authorizes the board chairperson and district manager to sign the partnership agreement for the delivery of PWCP in the Rural Municipality of Reynolds and once signed by the Rural Municipality of Reynolds submit to Watershed Planning and Programs for consideration.

Moved: Jack Kowalchuk

Seconded: Brad Ingles

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2026-31

Whereas the Northeast Red Watershed District has reviewed the partnership agreement for the delivery of PWCP in the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet; and

Whereas the Northeast Red Watershed District board is in agreement with the terms of the partnership agreement; and

Whereas the partnership agreement for the delivery of PWCP in the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet needs to be signed by the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet and Northeast Red Watershed District;

Therefore be it resolved that the Northeast Red Watershed District board authorizes the board chairperson and district manager to sign the partnership agreement for the delivery of PWCP in the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet and once signed by the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet submit to Watershed Planning and Programs for consideration.

Moved: Russ Gawluk

Seconded: Elwood Lamont

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5.3 Snow mobile new route agreement.

Manager met with Blaine about prior temporary snowmobile detour. Snowmobile club seeking approval of permanent route. Manager signed, agreement ensure proper signage to prevent damage to cropland. Proof of insurance to be sought to file as documentation of no liability.

5.4 Tree Planter- In need of tire repairs, possibly replace hose fittings.

6. New Business

6.1. Funding for school Envirothon- exchange Met School. School in Winnipeg is seeking funding assistance to attend Envirothon, as they are not within our boundaries we will direct them to Manitoba Association of Watersheds.

6.2 Springfield Agricultural Society Fair Grounds Tree Inquiry

Although the location doesn't fall in shelterbelt guidelines it can be considered under Promotion and Watershed Awareness due to public location. Estimated use of 12 large trees at approximate cost of \$100 each.

Resolution No. 2026-32

BE IT RESOLVED the Board approves the shelterbelt on the Springfield Agricultural Society Fair grounds to a maximum of \$1,500 including the cost of signage to be provided by the Northeast Red Watershed District.

Moved: Scott Spicer

Second: Edgar Scheurer

CARRIED

6.3 Donaldson Drain Diversion Erosion Proposal

Nearby landowner provided plans to seed native species grasses along Donaldson drain with a purpose of streambank stabilization. Manager to reach out to Blaine for an Inspection and report. Look into funds from ICIP to complete the seedling, confirm if RM of Springfield has a plan in place.

6.4 Small Acreage Program Proposal

Two additional programs provided for review and pilot.

Bundle; rain barrel compost bin, rain gauge, seed packets, bat house and bee garden.

Wasp Wildfire protection kits.

Makayla to prepare application in time for June meeting review and board approval.

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7. Information and Correspondence

- 7.1. Letter of Support-Reynolds, as provided
- 7.2. Letter of Support-CAWD, as provided. At further Manager meeting an agreement to share wages between districts by spreadsheet was preferred by all.
- 7.3. Letter of support- IMWD, as provided.
- 7.4. MAW Tour- Accommodations to be reserved for Scott, Russ, Isabela and Makayla.
- 7.5. Audit Letter 2026, provided for review.

8. Adjournment

Adjourned at 11:15am Moved by Elwood

- 8.1. Next meeting: Wednesday, June 24, 2026, moved one week later to accommodate auditor estimate.

Verner Johnson -Chairperson

Starr Harder-Administrator