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The Manitoba Water Services Board

Board Members

Chairperson

Grant Doak +

Vice-Chairperson

Fred Meier +

Members

Lance Vigfusson +

Ralph Groening, Lowe Farm ⁽¹⁾

Joe Masi, Winnipeg ⁽¹⁾

+ civil servant

⁽¹⁾ AMM Representative

Mandate:

To assist Manitoba Municipalities in developing sustainable, cost effective water and wastewater infrastructure.

Responsibilities:

The Board is a Crown Corporation, established in 1972 under the *Manitoba Water Services Board Act*, to provide technical and financial assistance to Municipalities and Water cooperatives, in rural Manitoba (outside the City of Winnipeg).

The Board project manages all of the Capital works it undertakes, in partnership with municipalities. Project management responsibilities include conducting feasibility studies, undertaking environmental impact assessments, retaining of engineering consultants, public tendering of construction contracts, providing interim financing and other project related activities.

The Board also operates a number of water supply and treatment systems in rural Manitoba.

Responsibilities of the Board members are:

- to provide policy guidelines/direction to staff
- develop long term strategic plans
- review and approve annual Long Range Capital Plans
- review construction and financial activities as they pertain to the capital and operational works.
- approve “wholesale” water rates for the water supply/ treatment systems that are under the Board’s control

Membership:

Board to consist of not more than five persons.

Desirable Expertise:

- general knowledge of municipal financing and capital works;
- ability to think strategically, and consider issues from a regional perspective;
- financial expertise and knowledge would be an asset;
- ability to meet on a regular basis to review project/policy/financial information;
- knowledge of issues pertaining to sustainable development, and provincial land use planning;
- knowledge of construction/engineering practices would be an asset;
- knowledge of municipal government would be an asset.

Meetings:

Meetings are approximately every 6 to 8 weeks and are held in Brandon.

Remuneration:

\$139.00 per diem for non civil servants, plus expenses.