

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

DESIGNATION OF WATER PLANNING AUTHORITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BOYNE MORRIS RIVER INTEGRATED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is between:

GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA
as represented by Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship
(Hereinafter referred to as "Manitoba")

and the

PEMBINA VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (PVCD)

and the

LA SALLE REDBOINE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (LSRBCD)
(Hereinafter collectively referred to as "Conservation Districts")

(All three Parties hereinafter collectively referred to as "Parties")

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to designate a Water Planning Authority for the development of the Boyne Morris River Integrated Watershed Management Plan.

2. VISION

The vision is that watershed stakeholders, municipalities and government agencies will work through the planning process cooperatively, identify the priority issues and concerns of all groups, utilize local knowledge and scientific information to develop objectives and actions, reach consensus on funding and implementation, and develop the Boyne Morris River Integrated Watershed Management Plan.

Manitoba realizes that effective and sustainable watershed management must include local involvement in the planning and management of the natural resources and be the shared management responsibility of all stakeholders and watershed residents.

3. AGREEMENTS

Manitoba agrees to:

1. Designate the Pembina Valley Conservation District and the La Salle Redboine Conservation District as the joint Water Planning Authority for the Boyne Morris Watershed as shown in Figure 1 and as authorized by *The Water Protection Act*.

2. Provide a Watershed Planner from Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship to assist with the planning process.
3. Provide a planning grant of \$25,000 to the La Salle Redboine Conservation District.
4. Provide additional in-kind financial and technical support from other provincial staff through the provision of information necessary for the development of the plan.

Pembina Valley Conservation District and the La Salle Redboine Conservation District agree to:

1. Become the joint Water Planning Authority for the Boyne Morris Watershed as shown in Figure 1.
2. Play the lead role in the development and implementation of the Boyne Morris River Integrated Watershed Management Plan, with an understanding of the value in developing the plan as a document that identifies and focuses on priorities and provides direction on watershed management efforts and activities over the next 10 years.
3. Use the watershed management planning grant of \$25,000 for eligible items and activities as listed in Appendix 1.
4. Commit financial and staff resources to the planning process and the development of the plan.
5. Ensure Manitoba receives a minimum of 300 printed copies of the final plan.

Both Parties agree to:

1. Work together to develop a Terms of Reference for the development of the Boyne Morris River Integrated Watershed Management Plan.
2. Strive to complete the plan within three years from the date the plan is initiated.
3. Provide watershed stakeholders with meaningful opportunities to participate in the planning process.
4. Develop the Boyne Morris River Integrated Watershed Management Plan in accordance with *The Water Protection Act*.
5. Submit the Boyne Morris River Integrated Watershed Management Plan to the Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship for approval as per *The Water Protection Act*.

4. GENERAL TERMS

1. This MOU comes into effect on the date the MOU is signed by all Parties and shall continue for three years, unless terminated in accordance with the terms of this MOU.
2. This MOU shall be binding upon the parties and successors and permitted assigns of the Parties.

3. This MOU does not create the relationship of employer and employee, or of principal and agent, between Manitoba and the Conservation Districts or between Manitoba and any officers, employees or agents of the Conservation Districts.
4. This document contains the entire agreement between the Parties. There are no undertakings, representations or promises, expressed or implied, other than those contained in this MOU.
5. No amendment or change to modification of this MOU shall be valid unless it is in writing and signed by all Parties.
6. Manitoba or the Conservation Districts may terminate this Agreement upon (30) days written notice to the other Party.
7. In addition to its right under the preceding section, Manitoba may, at its sole option, immediately terminate this MOU in writing if in its opinion the Conservation Districts have misrepresented information provided in connection with the project, or have used part or all of the funding for purposes other than as authorized by Manitoba, or fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the MOU, and take the appropriate steps to require the Conservation Districts or their authorized representative(s) to repay in whole or part any funds provided. Such amounts to be repaid shall constitute a debt due and owing to Manitoba and shall be payable immediately upon demand.
8. At project conclusion, any unexpended grant funds shall be returned in the form of cheque or money order payable to the Minister of Finance.
9. Notices will be sent to:

For Manitoba:

Kristin Hayward
Watershed Planning and Programs
Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship
Box 11, 200 Saulteaux Crescent
Winnipeg MB R3J 3W3

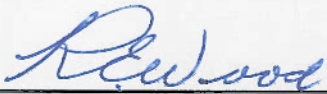
For Pembina Valley Conservation District:

Cliff Greenfield
Manager
Box 659
Manitou, MB R0G 1G0

For La Salle Redboine Conservation District :

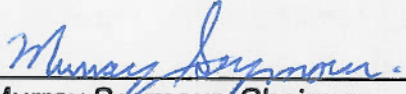
Justin Reid
Manager
Box 220
Holland, MB R0G 0X0

Signed:



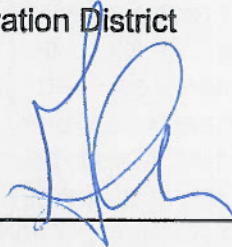
Roy Wood, Chairman
La Salle Redboine Watershed Conservation District

March 11 2019
Date



Murray Seymour, Chairman
Pembina Valley Conservation District

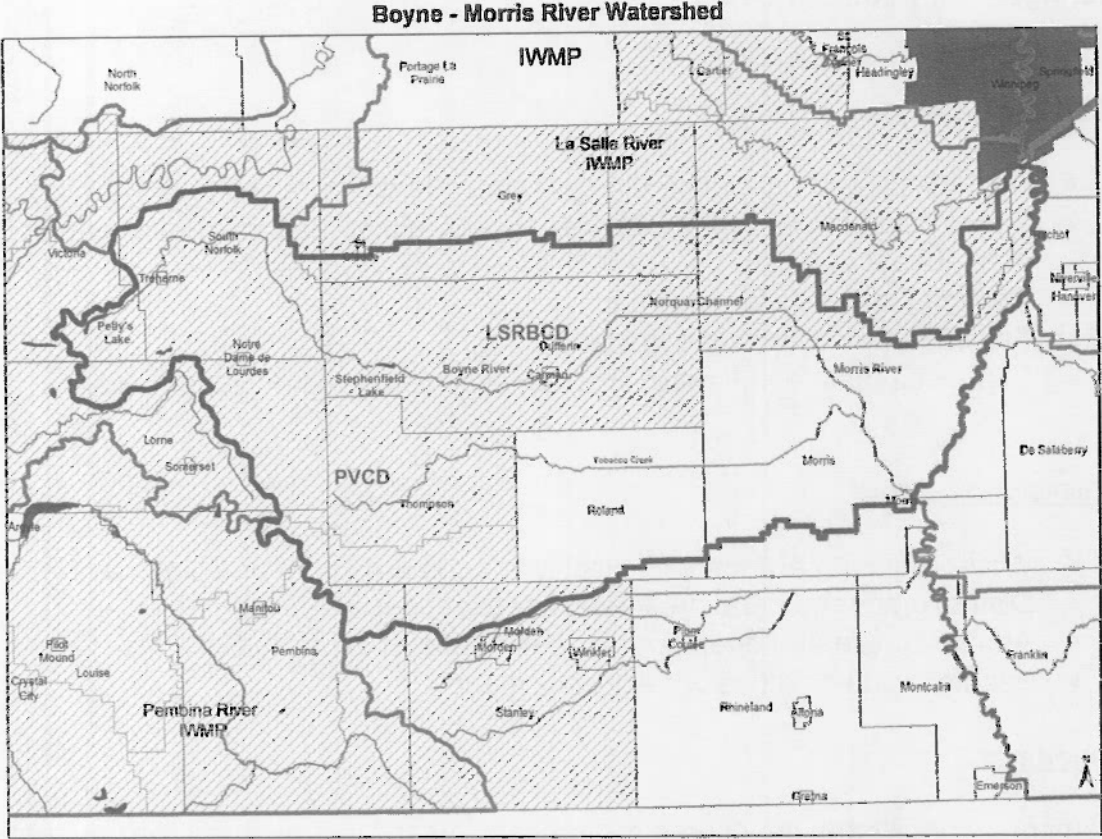
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Geoff Reimer, Director
Watersheds, Drainage and Water Control Licensing Branch
Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship

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Figure 1 – Map of the Boyne Morris River Watershed



Appendix 1

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Integrated Watershed Management Planning Grant

Eligible expenses:

- Advertising and promotion directly related to the completion of the plan
- Design, printing and photocopy expenses related to documents developed in relation to the plan
- Printing expenses for final plan
- Facilitator or consultant expenses
- Expenses (hall rental, refreshments) associated with hosting meetings

Ineligible expenses:

- Water Planning Authority, Project Management Team or Conservation District staff remuneration and salary expenses
- Administrative and operational (general office) expenses
- Assets including office or field equipment

Reporting:

A summary of grant expenditures for the fiscal year must be submitted annually, in April for each year of this Agreement. These reports must show all related expenses incurred as a result of the development of this Integrated Watershed Management Plan. Manitoba reserves the right to request a financial update on the watershed planning grant at any time