



Whitemud News

May 2014

2013 HIGHLIGHTS

- Under the partnership with the RM of North Cypress, the WWCD planted 7 km of new shelterbelts in 2013. Landowners received a reimbursement of \$500 per mile planted.
- On March 13, the largest Conservation Agreement in Manitoba was signed on the Lakeview Community Pasture. This agreement will protect approximately 17,400 acres of land in the RM of Lakeview around the Big Grass Marsh. The CA was initiated by the RM of Lakeview Council, and made possible under WWCD's partnership with the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation.
- Robert Rodgers, who is currently chairman of the WWCD, was honored with this year's Conservation District Builders Award for long-standing and dedicated service to conservation in Manitoba. Robert has been the chairperson of the WWCD for the last 15 years, was chairman of the MCDA for 3 years, and continues to farm with his family near Westbourne.
- The District welcomes Jodie Byram as our new Administrator; and thanks Ward Rempel and Theresa Francis for their years of service, and wishes them the best of luck in their future endeavors.
- Birds and other wildlife take refuge in long grasses, and can easily be killed by tractors and haying equipment. Ducks Unlimited Canada has Flushing Bars available to producers, which can be mounted on your tractor to flush out wildlife as you drive. Please contact Dave Dobson at 204-729-3508 for more information.



2013 EXPENDITURES

DRAIN MAINTENANCE ~ \$313,754

- 45 km of drains sprayed
- 1260 km of drains mowed
- 17 km of drain re-shaping
- 2 km of brushing
- 24 beaver dams removed

CROSSINGS ~ \$200,961

- 78 crossings repaired
- 1 PR/PTH crossing repaired
- 10 crossings replaced
- 23 bridge repairs

SOILS ~ \$44,043

- 1 well sealed
- 15 km of shelterbelts planted
- 675 acres of forage established

WATER ~ \$92,371

- 5 new small water storage projects started
- 1 new rock weir installed

PR / WILDLIFE ~ \$15,804 / \$1,709

- Scout planting & Johnny Appleseed
- Sponsored Oak Hammock school presentations and 2 students at Eco-Science Camp

ADMINISTRATION ~ \$358,645

- 9 staff includes seasonal workers
- Office rental and operation
- Sub-District & Board remuneration
- MCDA dues / convention

Over \$1-million was spent comprised of approximately \$669,600 from the Department of Conservation & Water Stewardship, \$300,178 from local levies and landowners, and \$138,183 external dollars from Lake Winnipeg Basin Stewardship Fund, Growing Assurance Ecological Goods & Services, Green Team, and EMO.

The 8 sub-districts in the WWCD are managed by local people representing various councils included in that sub-district. This allows for decisions to be made based on effects both up and downstream. Local sub-districts set works such as drain cleanouts and crossing replacements within their area and set appropriate budgets. The Chairs of the sub-districts form the Main Board which is responsible for policy and programs as a whole.

SUB-DISTRICT #35

RAT CREEK

Kerry Tomchuk 252-2219
 Roy Tufford 252-2757
 Karl Voeselek 252-2687
 Ron Brooks 239-0413

SUB-DISTRICT #36

WESTBOURNE DRAIN

Robert Rodgers 274-2478
 Bill Wiebe 685-2756
 J. D. Barber 685-2225
 Bill Wieler (Vice) 685-2694
 Ken Wright 685-2544
 John Skafffeld 274-2102

SUB-DISTRICT #37

SQUIRREL CREEK

Jerry Doucette 637-2441
 Marj Campbell 834-3219
 Leonard Friesen 685-2376
 Dwight Ferguson 385-2722

SUB-DISTRICT #38

PINE CREEK

Dennis Jarema 466-2838
 Bob Adriaansen 834-3496
 Aileen Stephenson 834-2519
 Brad Ryz 466-2938
 Ken Morrison 870-7375
 Art Pearce 385-2619

SUB-DISTRICT #39

UPPER WHITEMUD RIVER

Ray Drayson 476-2578
 Kristy Vermiere 848-0436
 Murray Newton 476-2542
 John Pottinger 368-2380
 Don Olsufka 368-2282
 Allan Armstrong 865-2417
 David Swift 865-2337
 Bill Stilwell 476-5210
 Ron Sandstrom 867-3458
 Neil MacDonald 867-2546
 Steve Pegoski 867-0065
 Danny Guillas 966-3450
 Hugh Blair 385-2408
 Harold Friesen 385-2873

SUB-DISTRICT #40

BOGGY CREEK

Gerond Davidson 476-5864
 Ches Bollman 763-4393
 Wes Pankratz 763-4338
 Brian Nelson 476-2701
 Norm Campbell 834-3120
 Rick Davison 834-3019
 Jim Andersen 763-4633
 Dean Gwyer 867-3378

SUB-DISTRICT #42

BIG GRASS MARSH

Doug Popkes 385-2576
 Kerry Arksey 445-2326
 Norman Caddoo 445-2311
 Ray Kolesar 368-2417
 David Single 386-2768
 Glenn Bjarnarson 385-3131

SUB-DISTRICT #43

BIG GRASS RIVER

Arnold Coutts 386-2444
 Steven Kopp 843-3627
 Merlin Scott 835-2087
 Herman Loeppky 967-2818
 Justin Sawchuk 352-4429
 Richard Callander 856-6794
 Garry Hill 445-2105
 Greg McConnell 966-3376
 Jeff Harder 386-2049
 Shawn Buchanan 835-2759
 Earl Burton 967-2687
 Barry Kohinski 966-3307
 Doug Wood 967-2384
 Murray Smith 352-4313

Govt. Appointee

Daryl Shipman 385-2353

MAIN BOARD

Kerry Tomchuk
 Bill Wieler
 Jerry Doucette

Robert Rodgers (Chair)

Dennis Jarema
 Ray Drayson (Vice)
 Gerond Davidson

Doug Popkes
 Arnold Coutts
 Daryl Shipman

PROGRAMS

- ♦ Conservation Education
- ♦ Conservation Corridors
- ♦ Wildlands Protection
- ♦ Gully Stabilization
- ♦ Riparian Protection
- ♦ Pasture Pipeline Plow
- ♦ Drainage Licence Management
- ♦ Forage Assistance
- ♦ Shelterbelts
- ♦ Grassed Runways
- ♦ Well Sealing
- ♦ Ring Dykes



The WWCD was formed in 1972 to address the many issues and concerns within the 1.8 million acre Whitemud River Watershed Basin. The District is responsible for 1750 km of provincial waterways and for 1189 provincial crossings.

CONSERVATION AWARD

The RM of North Cypress was the WWCD recipient of the Conservation Award at the 2013 Manitoba Conservation District Association conference.

In 1989, North Cypress partnered with the WWCD to establish and maintain 121 miles of Conservation Corridors that protect undeveloped public road allowances. These serve as a home for many plants, birds, and other wildlife.

In 2011, the RM partnered with Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada and the WWCD to establish two "Eco-Buffer" demonstration sites. The eco-buffers are designed to be self-sustaining, provide food and habitat for wildlife, as well as being an effective windbreak.

The RM also recognizes the value of shelterbelts and the need to incorporate windbreaks with large-scale agriculture. In 2013, the Shelterbelt Incentive Program was launched providing a \$500 reimbursement to landowners for the establishment of field shelterbelts.

The RM has partnered with the WWCD to construct two water retention projects that when completed will hold approximately 150 to 200 acre-feet of water.

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