

Conservation Districts Commission

Board Members

Chairperson

Grant Doak, Deputy Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship +

Members

Fred Meier, Deputy Minister of Local Government +

Dori Gingera-Beauchemin, Deputy Minister of MAFRI +

Lance Vigfusson, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation +

Karen Herd, Deputy Minister of Health

Murray Seymour, Darlingford ⁽¹⁾

Trevor King, Woodlands ⁽²⁾

Lisette Ross ⁽³⁾

Gary Davis, Deloraine ⁽³⁾

+ civil servant

(1) Manitoba Conservation Districts Association

(2) Association of Manitoba Municipalities

(3) Public Representative

Mandate:

The Conservation Districts Commission is established by *The Conservation Districts Act*. The purpose of the Act is to provide for the conservation, control and prudent use of resources through the establishment of conservation districts, and to protect the correlative rights of owners in a watershed.

Responsibilities:

The Commission shall:

- advise the minister at his/her request in all matters relating to the Act and the administration and operation thereof;
- give such advice and guidance to a board as may be requested by the board or as the commission deems advisable and;
- review in any year, the scheme, operations and budget of a board and make recommendations thereon to the Minister;

Membership:

The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint at least nine members to the Commission, of whom two or more must be public representatives, and shall designate one member as the chair.

Length of Terms:

Each member of the Commission shall hold office for a term of three years or until his or her successor is appointed.

Desirable Expertise:

Six of the conservation districts commission members are the Deputy Ministers of departments with a connection to land, water, natural resources and impacts of land use to human health. These include Manitoba Water Stewardship, Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade, Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives, Transportation and Government Services, Conservation, and Health. There are two direct appointments from partner organizations; the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and the Manitoba Conservation Districts Association. The two public appointees should have some broad experience in environmental, conservation, rural issues or natural resources areas.

Time commitment:

Full board meetings with a quorum of 50% of the members meet about two times per year for full day meetings. Once or twice a year a teleconference call meeting may be held to address a specific time sensitive issue.

Meetings:

Meetings are typically held at the Legislative Building in Winnipeg.

Remuneration:

Non civil service members shall be paid:

- reasonable travelling and other out of pocket expenses not to exceed guidelines set out in the general manual of administration, which are incurred in discharging duties in connection with the commission and
- remuneration of \$255 per meeting over 3.5 hours or \$146.00 per meeting up to 3.5 hours.