

# **Seine-Rat River Conservation District**

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## **MINUTES**

### **#9 – 05: Board Meeting**

**September 20, 2005**

**Present:** Cornie Goertzen - SD 4 Chairman  
Jean Gagnon - SD 6 Chairman  
Laurie Evans - SD 8 Chairman  
Patrick Watson - Manager  
Jake N. Friesen - SD 4 Vice-Chairman  
Chris Goertzen - SD 7 Chairman  
Art Bergmann - SD 9 Chairman  
Rita Bazin - Financial Administrator

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:00 am

#### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

##### **92-2005: Jean Gagnon - Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda be hereby approved with the following additions:

- NEW BUSINESS:** g) Water Quality Monitoring  
**CORRESPONDENCE:** h) 2006/07 Budget Presentation  
i) Ortho photo updates  
j) Advertising in MCDA Magazine

**CARRIED**

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **93-2005: Jean Gagnon - Art Bergmann**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on August 16, 2005 be hereby adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### **IV. FINANCE**

a) Financial Statement for 5 months ending August 31, 2005

##### **94-2005: Art Bergmann - Jake Friesen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the five months ending August 31, 2005 be adopted as reviewed and discussed.

**CARRIED**

b) List of Expenditures - For approval

##### **95-2005: Art Bergmann - Jean Gagnon**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of expenditures be approved:  
Cheque #1107 to 1131: \$23,054.16.

**CARRIED**

Chris Goertzen arrives at 9:45 am

c) Draft 2006-2007 Budget - The proposed draft is reviewed and discussed. The Board is concerned with potential problems the SCCRD could face with the addition of all the municipalities the province proposes to accept to join the district as at April 1, 2006. It is deemed more feasible if SRRCD expansion of interested partners be split over two years to

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facilitate a substantial expansion. The Chair shall telephone the new partners to be postponed to advise them as soon as possible.

Changes are made to the draft budget according to the impending expansion.

**96-2005: Art Bergmann - Jake Friesen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board invite the rural municipalities of Ritchot and De Salaberry, the Village of St. Pierre-Jolys and the Town of Ste. Anne to join the Seine-Rat River Conservation District as at April 1, 2006; and THAT the rural municipalities of Taché, Springfield and Reynolds be hereby requested to wait until April 1, 2007.

**CARRIED**

**97 - 2005: Art Bergmann - Jake Friesen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2006-2007 draft budget be hereby accepted with the adjustments made thereto and that the Chair, Vice-Chair and Manager be hereby delegated to present the budget as required.

**CARRIED**

**V. MANAGER'S REPORT**

**98-2005: Jean Gagnon - Chris Goertzen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manager's report be hereby adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

The Board discusses the feasibility of compiling a list of abandoned wells in the CD that could be potential hazards and would require sealing. The CD could then contact these landowners and offer to help them seal their wells.

**VI. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS**

Cornie Goertzen, Chair of SD 4 reports on his sub-district's meeting held on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**99-2005: Laurie Evans - Chris Goertzen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the recommendation made by Sub-District 4 and approves Work Order #05-405 being a water retention project on Chopyk Road.

**CARRIED**

The feasibility of purchasing a tree planting spade is discussed. The matter is deferred until more information has been obtained.

Chris Goertzen, Chair of SD 7 gives his report on a meeting held on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

a) MCDA Convention Agenda - a copy is circulated to the Board members.

**100-2005: Jean Gagnon - Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board Members be hereby delegated to attend the MCDA Convention or a designated alternate as well as the Financial Administrator and Manager.

**CARRIED**

b) Course for approval

**101-2005: Jake Friesen - Art Bergmann**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorizes the Financial Administrator to attend the one-day course as requested.

**CARRIED**

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c) Fisheries Enhancement Initiative: Reception held on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Goertzen gives his report.

d) AMM - Correspondence with invoice for membership; and e) MCDA - Correspondence re AMM invoice. An invoice was sent to all the Conservation Districts who receive their liability insurance with the Hayhurst, Elias, Dudek. This is the first time AMM has invoiced CDs for an Associate Membership for one year. The matter is deferred until the next MCDA Board meeting where the matter will be discussed.

**102-2005: Art Bergmann - Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby tables the invoice from AMM for an Associate Membership fee for 2005-2006.

**CARRIED**

f) Work Orders - For approval

**103 -2005: Chris Goertzen - Jake Friesen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the recommendation made by Sub-District 7 and approves Work Order #05-701 being a water retention/wetland project.

**CARRIED**

**104 -2005: Jean Gagnon - Jake Friesen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the recommendation made by Sub-District 7 and approves Work Order #05-705 for abandoned wells to be sealed.

**CARRIED**

Board Members request a running inventory and update on the monitoring of projects for the next meeting.

g) Water Quality Monitoring - The Board members discuss plans for the future of water quality monitoring when SESCO ceases to exist, as anticipated, once all its members have joined the SRRCD. The Chair invites John McGregor who is present to give an update regarding this project. Mr. McGregor advises that the project should continue and that other funding partners could be available to continue the program if the Board so wishes. The cost would be approximately \$7,700 for sampling and analyzing the water. Additional cost would be incurred for collecting the samples. Mr. McGregor also assures the Board Members that if problems are identified, there are corrective measures available to help landowners.

**105-2005: Chris Goertzen - Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves that SRRCD become the successor of the water quality monitoring project currently managed by SESCO.

**CARRIED**

Chris Goertzen leaves at 11:20 a.m.

**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Manitoba Conservation - Surface Water Quality Assessment Program under Sustainable Development Innovations Fund - the final report has been submitted and final grant payment received, thereby concluding grant funding support for this initiative.

b) Office of the Minister of Water Stewardship - acknowledging receipt of correspondence from SRRCD Chairman regarding resolution #75-2005.

c) Manitoba Hydro - Forest Enhancement Program - For Information

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d) MCDA - Copy of letter from the Chair of MCDA to the Technical Director of PFRA. John McGregor gives an update on recent activities undertaken by Canada-Manitoba Farm Stewardship program.

Jake Friesen leaves at 11:35 am

e) Water for Life 2005 - Conference - Administration to obtain agenda for a representative

**106-2005: Laurie Evans - Jean Gagnon**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorize a representative from the SRRCD to attend the Water for Life conference in Winnipeg.

**CARRIED**

f) Project Management Services - For information

g) Ag in the Classroom - Thanking for cooperation and helping to make the event a success.

h) Budget Presentation to Manitoba Water Stewardship, MCDA Executives and CD Secretariat - October 20<sup>th</sup> in Morris.

i) Ortho photo Updates - Correspondence from the Province of Manitoba regarding possibly updating provincial ortho photo dataset.

j) Advertising in CD Magazine - The Financial Administrator shall help MCDA find potential businesses in the area with Board Member's help.

**IX. NEXT MEETING**

Next Board Meeting - October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**107-2005: Jean Gagnon - Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby adjourned at 11:50 am

**CARRIED**

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**Cornie Goertzen, Chairman**

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**Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator**