

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

#4 – 05: Board Meeting

April 19, 2005

Present: Cornie Goertzen – Chairman Rod Beckman - SD 7 Vice-Chair
Art Bergman - SD 9 Chairman Denis Vielfaure – SD 8 Chairman
Roland Gauthier – SD 4 Vice-Chair Patrick Watson – Manager
Rita Bazin – Administrator Sheldon Anderson - MWS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

31 – 2005: Art Bergmann – Roland Gauthier

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda be hereby approved as presented.

CARRIED

III. DELEGATIONS

a) Sheldon Anderson, Resource Planner, Manitoba Stewardship is present to give an update on provincial issues pertaining to Conservation Districts as follows:

- A new conservation district has been created in 2005 – East Interlake CD.
- West Interlake CD and potentially another one in the Swan River area will be started in 2006.
- The SRRCD Order-in-Council is underway. The SRRCD Memorandum of Understanding has expired March 31st, 2005. Further expansion is probable in the near future to include the municipalities of De Salaberry, Springfield and Ritchot, the Town of Ste. Anne and the Village of St. Pierre-Jolys.
- The Commission is meeting on April 27th to approve the 2005/06 CD program funding.
- The boundaries for CD's will now be determined according to watershed, not municipal boundaries.
- A preliminary draft of the Integrated Water Resources Planning and Management in Manitoba document has been sent out and was drafted to give directives to conservation districts. The Board is strongly encouraged to read it, and take note of Pages 22 – 32. The province will be providing funding for certain plans through the newly created Water Stewardship Fund.

b) John McGregor, representative for SESCO, presents a 3-page report on the surface water quality sampling project which they have been involved with within the Rat River watershed. This study was previously funded by "Covering New Ground", PFRA and private sponsorships. However, this year, "Covering New Ground" has declined SESCO's request for funding. SESCO is submitting a request for reconsideration as they feel that it is imperative that the samples are taken again this year. Other funds are there to clean up where necessary. Therefore, Mr. McGregor requests that the SRRCD contribute \$7,700 to ensure continuity for the 2005 sampling year. The money will not be required from the SRRCD if "Covering New Ground" is later approved.

33 – 2005: Roland Gauthier – Denis Vielfaure

WHEREAS Covering New Ground has denied SESCO's request for funding of the 2005 water quality sampling program on the Rat River and Joubert Creek;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby agrees to contribute \$7,700.00 (50% from SD 4's budget and 50% from SRRCD Board budget) providing CNG provincial funding is not approved.

CARRIED

IV. APROVAL OF MINUTES

32 – 2005: Denis Vielfaure – Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on March 15, 2005 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

V. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

VI. FINANCE

A draft of the Financial Statement ending March 31, 2005 is circulated and discussed by the Board Members. A deficit of close to \$8,000.00 is anticipated for 2004-2005 fiscal year.

34 – 2005: Art Bergman - Roland Gauthier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the list of expenditures to April 19, 2005 inclusive for a total of \$30,049.05.

CARRIED

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

35 – 2005: Denis Vielfaure – Art Bergmann

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

CARRIED

VIII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS:

Sub-district 4 Chairman Cornie Goertzen reports that a SD 4 meeting was held on April 7th.

- The new member from the R.M. of Hanover is Councillor Jake Friesen.
- Potential projects and suggestions were noted, including sealing old wells, making improvements to Joubert Creek and putting SRRCD sign up at project sites.

Sub-district 8 Chairman Denis Vielfaure gives his report.

- The new member on this sub-district is Councillor Norman Plett, from the R.M. of Hanover.
- One potential project is under discussion: Project at Lake 29 (Section 29-5-8E) where a drainage channel has been constructed and altered the original conditions of the lake. Members will look at potential for doing some work at this site.
- Beaver control, dam removal and Fireguard 13 are also other planned projects.
- A Sub-district 8 field tour will be planned within the next month.
- Dillon Consulting has not yet submitted its final report on the Seine River study. Sub-district members will strive to complete five of the projects identified within the Final Report within the summer of 2005.

Sub-district 9 Chairman Art Bergmann gives his report.

- Members will undertake one grassed waterway project this summer and are still involved in planning other water management projects for this year.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Annual MCDA Convention – December 5 - 6, 2005, staff will book the rooms.
- b) Approval Randy Eros Rotational Grazing Program for sheep operation.

35-2005: Art Bergmann – Denis Vielfaure

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepts SD 9's recommendation and approve W.O. 05-902 being a rotational grazing project.

CARRIED

- c) Approval of Summer Career Placement Application for summer staff.

36-2005: Art Bergmann – Roland Gauthier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD advertise for the position of Conservation Technician under the Summer Career Placement Program.

CARRIED

- d) New SRRCD logo - Various new logos for the SRRCD are shown to the Board. The final consensus is that the Manager discusses this matter with the Personnel Committee for the final selection.

- e) Well water testing - May 3rd and 31st

37-2005: Denis Vielfaure – Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorizes that the well water testing for 2005 be advertised and held on May 3rd & 31st.

CARRIED

- f) Grassed Waterways - West of Ste. Anne

38-2005: Art Bergmann – Roland Gauthier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts SD 9's recommendation and approve W.O. 05-901 being a grassed waterway project.

CARRIED

- g) Creating a Reserve Account

39-2005: Denis Vielfaure – Roland Gauthier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorizes the Financial Administrator to set up a levy reserve for unmatched municipal funds.

CARRIED

X. CORRESPONDENCE

40-2005: Art Bergmann – Roland Gauthier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a special evening meeting be called on Tuesday May 17th and that the regular board meeting be rescheduled to Wednesday May 18th.

CARRIED

- a) E-mail from Wayne Hildebrand regarding the First Quarter Cheque - Information
- b) Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board – Public Meeting on April 21st in Steinbach - Board members are encouraged to attend.

- c) Interview with Gladys Terichrow from "The Carillon" – Patrick and Cornie spent time with Gladys for article in newspaper.
- d) MCDA - Executive Assistant position – SRRCD assisted with posting advertisement in Carillon newspaper, at MCDA expense.
- e) Watershed Planning Forum, Winnipeg - May 31st

41-2005: Denis Vielfaure – Rod Beckman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT two Board Members be delegated to attend a Watershed Forum in Winnipeg on May 31st and that the Manager prepare a presentation for the said Forum.

CARRIED

- f) Fish Futures Inc. Newsletter - Information
- g) Resolutions from new Municipalities - Issue dealt with by Sheldon Anderson's report. The waiting time for municipalities wishing to join Conservation Districts is a concern to board members. The MCDA is involved with this issue.
- h) Inter-Municipal Golf Tournament at La Broquerie

42-2005: Denis Vielfaure - Rod Beckman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorize the Manager and two Board Members to attend the golf tournament on June 16th.

CARRIED

XI. NEXT MEETING

Special Meeting called for the evening of May 17th in La Broquerie.
Next Board Meeting rescheduled to May 18th, 9:00 am at RM LaBroquerie council chambers.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declares the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator