

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

4 - 06: Board Meeting

April 18, 2006

Present: Cornie Goertzen - SD 4 Chairman
Jean Gagnon - SD 6 Chairman
Laurie Evans - SD 8 Chairman
Patrick Watson - Manager

Claude Gagne - SD 4 Vice-Chairman
Chris Goertzen - SD 7 Chairman
Maurice Leclaire - SD 9 Chairman
Rita Bazin - Financial Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m. and welcomes Councilor Phyllis Creedon, of the RM of Reynolds.

The Chairman advises that the appointment of the Board's Chairman and Vice-Chair cannot be made as anticipated because some sub-districts have not met. This process is postponed to the next Board meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

030-2006: Jean Gagnon - Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be hereby approved as distributed.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

031-2006: Chris Goertzen - Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on March 21, 2006 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Goertzen gives his report of activities since the last meeting. Pursuant to his MCDA meeting in Brandon, a draft copy of MCDA's Strategic Plan is distributed to the Board Members for their input.

V. FINANCE

a) Expenditures

032-2006: Chris Goertzen - Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the list of expenditures as follows:

Cheque #1300-1335 for a total of \$13,350.41

CARRIED

b) Draft Financial Statement

033-2006: Jean Gagnon - Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft copy of the Financial Statement for the month/year ending March 31, 2006 be hereby accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

034-2006: Jean Gagnon - Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the Manager's report as presented.

CARRIED

VII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

The Board Members give a report on the sub-district they represent. Each member gives an update on the selection of sub-district Chair and Vice-Chair.

- a) Sub-district 4 - Cornie Goertzen continues as Chair and Claude Gagne is Vice-Chair.
- b) Sub-district 5 - There is no representative on the Board yet since the members have not met.
- c) Sub-district 6 - Jean Gagnon reports that the issue was not resolved because of a tie vote. The matter has been deferred to another upcoming meeting.
- d) Sub-district 7 - Chris Goertzen informs that the positions have remained status quo.
- e) Sub-district 8 - Laurie Evans advises that their selection was deferred to an upcoming meeting.
- f) Sub-district 9 - Maurice Leclaire is now Chair and Art Bergmann is the Vice Chair.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Home Town Green Team - The office has received verbal assent to the SRRCD application for two positions. Laurie Evans advises that the Personnel Committee has met and selected a candidate to recommend to the Board for the newly created position of Resource / GIS Technician. This person also qualifies under the Home Town Green Team program.

035-2006: Laurie Evans - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the Personnel Committee's recommendations and hire David Forbes as Resource / GIS Technician.

CARRIED

- b) La Verendrye Golf Course - Advertising Opportunities

036-2006: Chris Goertzen - Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby assigns the responsibility of determining how to promote the SRRCD to the Manager providing it is done within the perimeter of the SRRCD budget.

CARRIED

- c) Red River Basin Commission - Water Management Workshop - For info

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Olywest Public Forum - April 20, 2006

037-2006: Maurice Leclaire - Claude Gagne

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorizes the Manager to attend the Olywest Public Forum in Winnipeg.

CARRIED

OTHER ISSUES INTRODUCED BY BOARD MEMBERS:

- a) Minutes of Board Meetings for sub-district members

038-2006: Maurice Leclaire - Claude Gagne

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a draft copy of the minutes of the Board meetings be e-mailed to the sub-district members who have an e-mail address when the minutes are completed.

CARRIED

- b) A general consensus is reached that each sub-district project brought to the board for recommendation include a completed form outlining why the project is in its jurisdiction and not done on a provincial drain.

c) The Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. review - No response has been received to the letters of concern sent by the SRRCD, and some members, including the City of Steinbach and RM of Hanover.

039-2006: Jean Gagnon - Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT another letter be sent to Manitoba Conservation requesting a response and that a copy of this letter also be sent to our local political representatives Kelvin Goertzen and Ron Lemieux.

CARRIED

d) The board members would like to have SRRCD projects identified by a sign at each site.

e) Board Members discuss the feasibility of keeping the surrounding municipalities informed of Conservation District activities on a regular basis.

Councilor Creedon advises that her council has started the process to join the SRRCD and ensures that she will follow up on the current status.

X. **NEXT MEETING** - May 16, 2006

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

040-2006: Maurice Leclaire - Claude Gagne

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby declared adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator