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MINUTES

6 - 06: Board Meeting

June 20, 2006

Present: Cornie Goertzen - SD 4 Chairman
Jean Gagnon - SD 6 Chairman
Laurie Evans - SD 8 Chairman
Patrick Watson - Manager
Claude Gagné - SD 4 Vice-Chairman
Chris Goertzen - SD 7 Chairman
Maurice Leclaire - SD 9 Chairman
Rita Bazin - Financial Administrator

Also present: Phyllis Creedon, Councillor from the R.M. of Reynolds and Sheldon Anderson, Resource Planner from Manitoba Water Stewardship.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:10 am

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

055-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans

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

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

056 -2006: Jean Gagnon – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on May 16, 2006 be hereby adopted with the correction made to #048-2006.

CARRIED

Chris Goertzen gives his report for Sub-District 7. The following issues are also discussed:

a) Sub-District 7 has looked into the feasibility of purchasing land which would be a good site for a water retention area. The R.M. of Hanover is interested in partnering in such a purchase. The Board consensus is that the SRRCD continue to actively pursue this prospect;

b) The City of Steinbach has recently completed a study for a \$3 million project for water retention / flood protection. A copy of the study is provided to the SRRCD;

c) Reminds the Board that the sub-districts need to ensure that all projects are re-affirmed under CD policies versus municipal responsibilities before they are recommended at the Board level.

Chris Goertzen leaves at 9:20 am

IV. DELEGATION

Present is Dennis Schindler, MAFRI to give a presentation on the Equivalent Agri-Environmental Farm Planning project. Mr. Schindler advises that the next step for the SRRCD would be to look at the BMP list and become familiar with the farm planning program.

057-2006: Laurie Evans – Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Seine-Rat River Conservation District participates in the Equivalent Agri-Environmental Farm planning process.

CARRIED

Sheldon Anderson, Resource Planner from Manitoba Water Stewardship is present to give updates on CD Commission activities and discuss such matters as the Conservation Districts Commission letter regarding the 2006-07 Budget Allocations.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Goertzen gives his report of activities since the last meeting, including issues discussed at the MCDA Board meeting he attended on June 9th in Brandon, including the presentation made by Wayne Hildebrand, CD Program Manager. Copies of some of the information given at the meeting are available at the office for Board Members upon request.

VI. FINANCE

a) Expenditures - For approval.

058-2006: Claude Gagné – Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the list of expenditures as follows:
Cheque #1356-1393 for a total of \$27,780.16 **CARRIED**

- b) Financial statement for month ending May 31, 2006 – A copy is distributed as information.
- c) Draft copy of the audited 2005-2006 Financial Statement for year ending March 31, 2006 - Distributed to the board to review.
- d) 2006-2007 Budget - For approval

059-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approved the 2006-2007 Budget as reviewed.
CARRIED

SD 6 – Jean Gagnon reports: Members intend to concentrate mostly on Herschfeld East project. Jean Gagnon leaves at 11:10 am

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager reports on his activities since the last Board meeting. The Manager also distributes a draft copy of a letter to be sent out to participating municipalities and receives a verbal consensus from the Board Members to send it out as is.

VIII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

SD 4 – Cornie Goertzen gives his report. The sub-district recommends initiation of pursuing a project on the Cam-Mart Drain and wishes to invite the R.M. of Stuartburn to further discuss this matter. Board consensus is for the sub-district to proceed.
SD 9 – Maurice Leclaire gives his report. Dumping rubble on riverbanks is also discussed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a) Participation in CEC hearing for the Pembina Valley Water Co-op proposal. SRRCD participation in a proposed Clean Environment Commission hearing is discussed. The consensus is that there is a lack of data and that SRRCD involvement would be beneficial to the municipalities who have concerns regarding the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Supplemental Groundwater Supply System project. Funding is available to cover costs of hiring consultants to gather the necessary data regarding this project. The Manager is to keep the Chairman updated on this matter.

060-2006: Claude Gagné – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD apply for funding and based on the funding available, hire up to two consultants to gather data for submission to a forthcoming hearing regarding the Pembina Valley Water Co-op project.

CARRIED

b) Manitoba Conservation re: Beaver Management Workshop

061-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manager and the Chair or a Board Member be hereby authorized to attend the Beaver Management Workshop as per information received.

CARRIED

c) Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre re: International Water Institute's Red River & You Teacher Conference.

062-2006: Claude Gagné – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD sponsor 2 teachers and approve to pay for two Red River & You Registrations at a cost of \$200 (U.S. Funds) per registration.

CARRIED

X. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Agriculture in the Classroom – Received is a Thank you letter for SRRCD support.

b) Manitoba Water Stewardship – IWMP Technical sub-group meeting information.

c) Manitoba Water Stewardship/CD Commission – 2006-07 Budget Allocation.

d) Minister of Conservation – Acknowledging SRRCD letter regarding PVWC proposal.

e) Government of Canada, Fisheries and Oceans – Received is a copy of a letter regarding a proposed shoreline erosion protection project. The consensus is that the SRRCD should be more involved in the process and that Neil Fisher be invited to the next Board meeting and be requested to make recommendations regarding landowners' responsibilities.

XI. NEXT MEETING – July 18th, 2006

XII. ADJOURNMENT

063-2006: Laurie Evans – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby declared adjourned.

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator