

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

1- 06: Board Meeting

January 17, 2006

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

001-2006: Jean Gagnon - Laurie Evans

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

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

002-2006: Jake Friesen - Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on December 20, 2005 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

IV. DELEGATION

Barry Oswald, Manager of Water Planning, Manitoba Water Stewardship is present to explain, answer questions and summarize the steps required by the Province to proceed with the Integrated Watershed Management Plan process.

V. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Offer to purchase land - 21-5-7E - The Chairman gives an update. The vendors have verbally accepted the last offer submitted by the SRRCD. The agreement has been brought to the vendor's lawyer for the final transactions.

VI. FINANCE

003-2006: Chris Goertzen - Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the expenditures be hereby approved: *Cheque #1223 to 1249* for a total of \$30,426.13.

CARRIED

004-2006: Jean Gagnon - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement to December 31, 2005 be hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Third Quarter Report: The Board receives a draft copy of the third quarter report to be submitted to the province and directs staff to distribute a copy to partner municipalities.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

005-2006: Jean Gagnon - Chris Goertzen

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

CARRIED

VIII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

There were no sub-district meetings since the last Board meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Work Orders - There are no work orders for approval.
- b) Rat River-Joubert Creek study - A copy of the draft report is available at the office for Board members. Sub-district members are encouraged to read the report and make recommendations to the Manager. The municipalities involved with this report should also receive a copy of the report. A meeting to present the draft report will be held in mid-February in St. Pierre-Jolys.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) MCDA - Training needs survey for CD staff and board members - The submission date is January 26, 2006.
- b) MCDA - Updates on MCDA web page - For information.
- c) Board Governance & Policy Workshop - For information - The Board indicates an interest in having this or a similar workshop in this area. Staff is directed to get more information on this matter for the next meeting.
- d) MCDA - Information regarding a summer tour in Ontario - The Board is not interested at this point.
- e) Environment Act Proposal - Pembina Valley Water Cooperative - For information

006-2006: Chris Goertzen - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chairman send a letter to Manitoba Conservation - Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch, Minister of Conservation, and the Minister of Water Stewardship expressing frustration and disappointment with not being contacted during the initial review and presentation of the proposed Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. Supplemental Groundwater Supply project;

AND THAT the Seine-Rat River Conservation District request notification and involvement from Manitoba Conservation regarding relevant future Environment Act proposals and issues

CARRIED

Jean Gagnon leaves at 11:00 am
Chris Goertzen leaves at 11:10 am

Items for discussion at the next meeting:

- a) Hiring a new staff person.
- b) The rebuilding of the peat moss plant and related issues.

XI. **NEXT MEETING** - February 21st at 9:00 am

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

007-2006: Art Bergmann - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby adjourned at 12:00 noon
CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator