

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

10 - 06: Board Meeting

October 17, 2006

Present: Cornie Goertzen - SD 4 Chairman
Jean Gagnon - SD 6 Chairman
Laurie Evans - SD 8 Chairman
Patrick Watson - Manager
Phyllis Creedon, Councillor - R.M. of Reynolds

Claude Gagné - 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 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

093-2006: Claude Gagné – Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be hereby adopted. **CARRIED**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

094-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the September 19, 2006 Board Meeting be hereby adopted. **CARRIED**

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Cornie Goertzen reports on his activities, including attending the F.E.I. Fisheries Stamp Reception and a MCDA Board meeting. Copies of various issues discussed at the MCDA meeting are available at the office for information.

An update is given on the acquisition of land for water retention.

MCDA Convention – The Board has received a copy of the upcoming MCDA convention Agenda. The consensus is that the Board Members attend the Convention in December, but that the minimal SRRCD representation should include the manager, financial administrator and the Chair. The Staff is instructed to reserve accordingly.

V. DELEGATION

Present from the R.M. of La Broquerie are Reeve Ken Mantie, Councillors Ronald Vielfaure, Wilfred Chabot, Fernand Piché, Rod Beckman and CAO Laurent Tetrault. Council's concerns regarding the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative supplemental groundwater supply proposal are discussed. The consensus expressed in this discussion is that there is a lack of data available to reassure residents that this project will not impact their needs, and therefore, has left most people wondering whether the proper studies have been done to ensure that water can be recharged during drier years.

The Board Members agree that the SRRCD has to be involved. The Manager is instructed to contact and try to obtain information from Glen Koroluk who spearheaded a group of municipalities to compile a report which probably addresses these concerns. The SRRCD and the partnering municipalities should also make individual presentations at the Clean Environment Commission hearing to be held November 7 and 9, 2006.

VI. FINANCE

a) Expenditures – For approval

095-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the list of expenditures as follows:
Cheque # 1469 to 1513: Total \$85,480.32. **CARRIED**

b) Financial Statement – 2nd Quarter Report

096-2006: Laurie Evans – Chris Goertzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the 2nd Quarter Report and Financial statement for month ending September 30, 2006 as presented. **CARRIED**

c) Draft 2007/2008 Budget – Amended

097-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the amendment made to the Draft 2007-2008 SRRCD Budget by adding thereto the R.M. of Stuartburn's levy contribution. **CARRIED**

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

098-2006: Jean Gagnon – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED that the Manager's Report be hereby accepted as read. **CARRIED**

VIII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

Sub-District 4 – Cornie Goertzen gives last night's meeting highlights.

Present is Councillor Jake N. Friesen, R.M. of Hanover to extend his Best Wishes at the upcoming municipal elections to the Board Members. He indicates that he is not running for council, but has enjoyed working with the SD 4 members and as a Board Member.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a) Work Orders

099-2006: Chris Goertzen – Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves Work Order #1006 being an expenditure of approximately \$3,000 for the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre – Environmental Education presentation (8 schools at \$375.00 each);
AND ALSO BE IT RESOLVED that the presentations to the schools in the SRRCD be approved evenly and on an alternate basis if necessary. **CARRIED**

100-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves Work Order #4004 – Can-Mart Drain erosion control project. **CARRIED**

101-2006: Jean Gagnon – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves Work Order #6000 - Herschfeld East water retention project upon receiving approval of a Water Rights License. **CARRIED**

102-2006: Laurie Evans – Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves Work Order #8000 - Riparian project. **CARRIED**

103-2006: Laurie Evans – Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves Work Order #8005 - Seine River cleanup and management project.

CARRIED

104-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby delegates the Manager to attend the hydrology workshop at Delta Marsh.

CARRIED

b) Manitoba Water Stewardship – Drainage Issues

MCDA has requested conservation districts' input on drainage issues that Board Members would like to see addressed with Water Stewardship. Board consensus is to submit the following issues:

- i) Time frame for getting licences approved for drainage projects
- ii) Highways Department decisions which have negative impact on municipal drains
- iii) More funding in provincial drains and water retention projects

c) MCDA Meeting to discuss MRAC project

A request is received for conservation districts to volunteer space for a possible regional meeting. The Manager is instructed to arrange for a meeting to be held in Steinbach and that Mark Reimer is asked to be the SRRCD representative.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Clean Environment Commission – Pembina Valley Water Co-op Hearing dates – November 7 and 9th.

b) Ag in the Classroom – Another successful Amazing Ag Adventure – Project Coordinator thanks all the people involved in the event.

c) Phil Weiss – Thank you letter and advising that he has accepted a new position elsewhere and is leaving the CD program as of October 30th.

XI. NEXT MEETING – November 21, 2006

XII. ADJOURNMENT

105-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Chris Goertzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby declared adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator