

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

3 - 06: Board Meeting

March 21, 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

The Chairman calls the meeting to order at 9:00 am
Also present from the RM of Ritchot are Maurice Leclaire & Ray Philippe

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

020-2006: Jean Gagnon - Chris Goertzen

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

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

021-2006: Laurie Evans - Jean Gagnon

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

CARRIED

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Goertzen gives his report of activities since the last meeting.

V. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) SESCO - Request for funding for Water Quality Monitoring Program - The Manager has acquired data regarding the project which is available for the Board's perusal and also advises that he has submitted an application for external funding.

022-2006: Art Bergmann - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves SESCO's request for the SRRCD to fund the Water Quality Monitoring Program for 2006.

CARRIED

b) A copy of a letter which was sent to the Minister of Conservation requesting updates of activities within an area referred to as the Giroux bog and the peat moss operation is circulated to the Board Members as information.

VI. FINANCE

023-2006: Chris Goertzen - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the following expenditures:

Cheque #1279 - 1299 for a total of \$15,166.97

CARRIED

024-2006: Jake Friesen - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the month ending February 28, 2006 be hereby accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

025-2006: Art Bergmann - Jake Friesen

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

CARRIED

VIII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

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

The consensus of the Board Members is that the sub-districts call meetings to select a Chair & Vice-Chair prior to the April Board Meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a) Hayhurst, Elias, Dudek - Information regarding the 2006-2007 Municipal Insurance renewal.

b) FIPPA - Upcoming Conference

026-2006: Jean Gagnon - Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorizes the Financial Administrator to attend the FIPPA Conference in Winnipeg.

CARRIED

c) Agriculture in the Classroom - Request for CD to become Contributor Member.

027-2006: Art Bergmann - Chris Goertzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves Agriculture in the Classroom's request to become a member with AITC-M as Contributor member at the \$500.00 level and authorize the Manager to attend the upcoming Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg.

CARRIED

d) Oak Hammock Marsh - Request that the CD submit names of teachers who would be interested in attending the Red River & Tour Teacher Conference to be held July 16 to 20th, 2006. The Board directs staff to send the information to the schools and for selection.

e) MCDA - Information is received regarding the possibility of looking at and redefining the criteria for nominations to the CD Awards. The Chair advises that the standards will be discussed at the next MCDA Board meeting.

f) Draft copy of the Terms of Reference of IWMP for the Seine River Watershed - A copy is distributed to the Board Members and discussed.

028-2006: Laurie Evans - Chris Goertzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby gives acceptance to the Terms of Reference of IWMP for the Seine River Watershed and the Chair is hereby authorized to sign the said agreement.

CARRIED

X. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Cooks Creek Conservation District - Received is a report on the activities, expenditures and revenues for the year to February 16, 2006 on Road 13 and 13A Project.

b) MAFRI - Growing Opportunities Newsletter - For Information

c) Whitemud Watershed CD - Annual Report Newsletter - For Information

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- d) Woodlawn Elementary School - A Thank You letter has been received for the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Center school presentations.
- e) Minister of Water Stewardship - The final installment for the Seine River project funded through the Fisheries Enhancement Initiative in 2002-2003 has been received.
- f) Intermountain CD - An invitation to their 9th Annual Banquet has been received.
- g) CD Secretariat and Manitoba Tax Assistance Office - Various comments were made on improving the Riparian Tax Credit Program.
- h) Manitoba Water Stewardship - Information on BMP Top-Up Incentives Program and Riparian Easement Program.
- i) Turtle Mountain CD - An invitation to their annual banquet has been received.
- j) Loewen, Henderson, Banman - Report on Land Purchase - An update is given to the board.
- k) RM of Hanover - Concerns pertaining to water management issues in the Tourond watershed. The matter is referred to the sub-district level.
- l) Village of St. Pierre-Jolys - Their appointments to the SRRCD have been received.
- m) Manitoba Floodway Authority, Manitoba Floodway Authority - An update has been received regarding the Red River Floodway Expansion project relating to the re-use of excavated earth from the project, groundwater protection and snowmobile safety.
- n) Manitoba Pork Council - Received is an information sheet dated March 2, 2006.

XI. NEXT MEETING - April 18, 2006

The Chairman advises that in the interim, the sub-districts shall meet and the chair appointed at these meetings will attend the next meeting where the Chair of the Board will be appointed.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

029-2006: Art Bergmann - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby declared adjourned at 10:40 am
CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator