

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

2 - 2007: Board Meeting

February 20, 2007

Present: Cornie Goertzen - SD 4 Chairman
Paul Perreault - SD 6 Chairman
Maurice Leclaire - SD 9 Chairman
Kristy-Layne Carr, Manager
Claude Gagné - SD 4 Vice-Chairman
Laurie Evans - SD 8 Chairman
Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator

Absent: Sonny Peters – SD 7 Chairman

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

013-2007: Paul Perreault – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be hereby approved with the following additions:

- Human Resources Committee report
- Laurie Evans • Report on IWMP Meetings
 - Peat Moss extraction in R.M. of Ste. Anne
- Paul Perreault • Report on CEC – Hog Industry Review Meeting

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

014-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on January 20, 2007 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. DELEGATION

Patrick Watson, Resource Planner MWSB – Presentation of Conservation Districts Secretariat's Strategic Plan for 2007-2008.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reports on the time spent and issues discussed pursuant to some of the meetings he assisted, including with Manitoba Ombudsman representatives, Red River Basin Symposium in Fargo, MCDA Meeting in Brandon, SESCO, Federal Agri-Food Agricultural Policy Framework in Winnipeg, in lieu of the Manager.

VI. FINANCE

a) Expenditures - For approval

015 -2007: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault

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

Cheque #1634 – 1668 for a total of \$23,081.71 .

CARRIED

b) Financial statement.

016 -2007: Laurie Evans – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the 10 months ending January 31, 2007 be hereby adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

The budgeted levies for 2007-08 have been sent out to the rural municipalities/town/village for their information. The first quarter requests will be sent in early March. The SRRCD has received a cheque for \$20,000 from the R.M. of Hanover being a contribution towards the SRRCD's recent purchase of the SE¼ 36-5-6E.

017-2007: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD send a Thank you letter to the R.M. of Hanover for their contribution for the land purchase. **CARRIED**

018-2007: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the recommendations made by the Human Resources Committee regarding 2007 salary review, effective January 1, 2007. **CARRIED**

VI. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

Laurie Evans reports on a letter received by the R.M. of Ste. Anne council from the Mines Branch of Manitoba Science, Technology, Energy and Mines regarding an application for a Quarry Lease. The application for removal of peat and peat moss is located in an area which could potentially be in an ideal location for water retention. Board Members raise concerns for what is a lack of restrictions on water removal and reclamation (closure fund) when all the peat moss has been removed and the area abandoned.

019-2007: Laurie Evans – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD send a letter to Rhonda McDougal, Director of Manitoba Planning and Coordination

a) to advise her of the Board's concerns regarding the proposed peat moss extraction area in the R.M. of Ste. Anne and hereby requests that permission to the application be postponed until the area is looked at under the Conservation Districts mandate;

b) to request that the Conservation Districts be informed of such proposals and be allowed to raise concerns where these operations conflict with Conservation District mandates.

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this letter be sent to the R.M. of Ste. Anne.

CARRIED

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

020-2007: Claude Gagné – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves an expense to update and circulate copies of the SRRCD Program as per Manager's discretion.

CARRIED

021-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manager's Report be accepted as read.

CARRIED

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Submission of Quotations for 2006-2007 Audit

022-2007: Claude Gagné – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Collins Barrow Chartered Accountants be hereby hired to audit the SRRCD 2006-2007 Audit as per quotation of \$1300 + applicable taxes and out of pocket expenses. **CARRIED**

- b) Quotations for purchase of a trailer

023-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the purchase of a new 8 x 18 Surge Brake Trailer from Penner Trailers as per quotation received.

CARRIED

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Manitoba Ombudsman – Information is received regarding their mandate under The Ombudsman Act.
- b) Guide to Public Participation in the CEC Hog Production Industry Review – Received as information.
Paul Perreault reports on the meeting he attended in Friedensfeld re CEC – Hog Industry Review Meetings.
- c) Rivers West Word and Art Contest – Received as information.
- c) Copy of Credit Valley Report Card – Received as information.
- d) Green Roof Policy Development Workshop – Received as information.
- e) Copy of information to the Seine River Watershed Planning Advisory Team Technical Sub-group members for information.
Laurie Evans gives an overview of IWMP Advisory Team. The process continues whereby various interested groups will have further opportunities to submit their input before the final draft is compiled.
- f) Manitoba Water Stewardship – Copy of Letter to R.M. of Stuartburn re membership in SRRCD – Received as information.
- g) Cooks Creek Conservation District – Minutes of meeting held re Salmon Lake Forestry Road 13 and 13A in Ste. Anne.
- h) Cooks Creek Conservation District – Letter re Forestry Roads 13 & 13A Partnership – Received as information for future funding: SRRCD contribution will be \$1,220.00 for work and maintenance.
- i) Manitoba Hydro – Letter re Approval of SRRCD project under the Forest Enhancement Program – Received as information.
- j) Pembina Valley Hearing Report – Information released re CEC hearings – Received as information.

k) Hometown Green Team – Summer employment opportunities for youth aged 16 to 24.

024-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD apply for 2 positions for summer students under the Hometown Green Team. **CARRIED**

l) Integrated Watershed Management Plan – Minutes of Meetings held on January 11th and February 14th, 2007. Copies of the Minutes are available to the public on the SRRCD website.

XI. **NEXT MEETING** – March 20, 2007

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

025 -2007: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby declared adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator