

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

05 - 07: Board Meeting

May 15, 2007

Present: Cornie Goertzen - SD 4 Chairman
Paul Perreault - Chairman
Laurie Evans - SD 8 Chairman
Kristy-Layne Carr - Manager
Claude Gagné - SD4 Vice-Chairman
Sonny Peters - SD 7 Chairman
Maurice Leclaire - SD 9 Chairman
Rita Bazin - Financial Administrator
Marc Hamonic – SD 4 Member (R.M. of DeSalaberry)
Elbert Toews – SD 7 Member (City of Steinbach)
Garry Gaetz – SD 8 Member (R.M. of Reynolds) arrives at 9:30 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and welcomes those present, including John McGregor, Farm Production Advisor in Steinbach and Patrick Watson, Resource Planner, CD Secretariat in Winnipeg.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

046-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be hereby accepted as presented.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

047-2007: Claude Gagné – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 17, 2007 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. DELEGATIONS

Chairman Goertzen leaves the room for the next item and Laurie Evans, Vice-Chairman presides for the following delegation:

a) **Ron Goertzen** is present to request permission to harvest the hay that is growing on property owned by the SRRCD which is located on the SE¼ 36-5-6E.

048-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ron Goertzen is hereby authorized to harvest any hay that is produced on the portion of SE 36-5-6E at no charge, as long as the land and its use remains as is and that the following conditions are upheld:

- a) No mechanical use permitted on the land except for cutting, baling and removal of hay;
- b) No chemicals, including fertilizers or manure to be spread on the land;
- c) No changes to the land, including new drainage or unnecessary damage caused by wet conditions (i.e.: substantial ruts);
- d) Bales must be removed in a timely manner;
- e) If conditions do not permit the timely removal of bales and they lose their value, they must still be removed and disposed of off-site;
- f) No burning of vegetation due to the presence of peat moss;

AND ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT this agreement is reviewed on an annual basis.

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen returns to the meeting and resumes as Chairman.

- b) Laurie Evans introduces *Jodi Goerzen* who has been selected by the Personnel Committee as Technician for the summer months. She started working on May 7th and will be working up to September 7th 2007. The need for extending her assistance past that time will be reviewed before the end of this term.
Jodi is officially welcomed by the Board Members.

049-2007: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the recommendations made by the Personnel Committee to hire Jodi Goerzen. **CARRIED**

- c) **John McGregor**, Farm Production Advisor gives his presentation on the programs that the SRRCD intends to get involved with, including the Green Gold Program and continuing the water quality monitoring of the Rat River and Joubert Creek. Mr. McGregor also leaves three cheques which are sponsorships for the Green Gold Program from the following corporations:
Southeastern Farm Equipment, FeedRite and Deer Country.

050-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves to pay a mileage rate of 45 cents per kilometre and \$100 per day to Roger Bérard for the 2007-2008 water sampling of the Joubert Creek and the Rat River. **CARRIED**

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Cornie Goertzen gives his report on the past month in review, including the following: interviews with The Co-operator and corrections that will need to be made in The Dawson Trail Dispatch regarding an article regarding the SRRCD; IWMP meetings that were held; The Province has hired someone to compile the State of the Watershed Report and Laurie Evans has accepted to help; his involvement with the hiring of summer help; attending a Council Meeting at the R.M. of Piney; and his attendance at Sub-district 4 and 8 tours.

VI. FINANCE

- a) Expenditures - For approval.

051-2007: Laurie Evans – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the list of expenditures to May 15, 2007 including: *Cheque numbers 1730 to 1754 : \$17,235.94.*

CARRIED

- b) Quarterly Report to March 31, 2007

052-2007: Claude Gagné – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the written Fourth Quarter Report as submitted to the Province be hereby adopted and distributed to the Municipal Partners and all sub-district members as presented.

CARRIED

- c) Financial statement – A report is given explaining the first month ending April 30, 2007 including municipal levies received to date, the draft 2007-2008 budget showing on the report for the Board's information and expenditures approved to date.

VII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

Sub-District 8 Chairman, Laurie Evans recommends the following project for Board approval.

053-2007: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the recommendation submitted by Sub-District 8 and hereby approves a grass buffer establishment (Work Order # 8008) under the Riparian Management Program. **CARRIED**

Sub-District 4 Chairman Cornie Goertzen presents the following recommendation for Board approval:

054-2007: Cornie Goertzen – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD investigate the feasibility of the Lonesand Water Retention project with a maximum of \$15,000.00 for engineered studies and survey. **CARRIED**

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

055-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manager be hereby authorized to approve Riparian Management and Rotational Grazing applications provided that a sub-district member closest to the project attend the site visit and the project fits within the confines of the 2007-2008 budget. **CARRIED**

056-2007: Sonny Peters – Maurice Leclaire

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

The consensus is that Jodi Goerzen assist Roger Bérard in the water quality monitoring of the Joubert Creek and Rat River project.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a) R.M. of Piney – Delegation at May 8th Council Meeting attended by the Manager and the Chairman for SRRCD presentation.

b) Agriculture in the Classroom – Teacher Learning Adventure

057-2007: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD sponsor two teachers to attend the Teacher Learning Adventure for a cost of \$100 per teacher registration. **CARRIED**

c) MCDA – Draft 2007 – 2010 Strategic Plan. The Board Members request a copy for perusal and defer for review at the next Board meeting.

Paul Perreault asks to be excused and leaves at 10:45 a.m.

d) MCDA – News Release re Provincial Wildlife Management Area – the news release is read to the Board as information. The Board requests staff to obtain information regarding the status of the Watson P. Davidson Wildlife Management located in the R.M. of La Broquerie.

e) Manitoba Water Stewardship – report on enforcement of drainage licenses, etc.

058-2007: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby request that the Province send copies of drainage licenses applications issued within the SRRCD.

CARRIED

f) Provincial News Release – New Funding for Drainage Projects to Protect Province's Waterways. Information is received regarding new funding for drainage projects.

059-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED That the Board hereby authorize a maximum of \$1,000 for Grass/Tree Buffer Establishment applications for the Riparian Management Program.

CARRIED

Sonny Peters asks to be excused and leaves at 11:00 a.m.

060-2007: Laurie Evans – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby re-establish the offsite watering component of the Riparian Management Program as follows:

Ratio: 75% SRRCD/25% Operator up to a maximum of \$2,000.00 for equipment.

CARRIED

X. **NEXT MEETING** – June 19, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

061-2006: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby declared adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator