

SEINE-RAT RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES

09 - 07: Board Meeting

September 18, 2007

Present: Cornie Goertzen - SD 3/4 Chairman Claude Gagné – SD 3/4 Vice-Chairman
Gerry Maynard – SD 5 Chairman Sonny Peters – SD 7 Chairman
Laurie Evans – SD 8 Chairman Maurice Leclaire – SD 9 Chairman
Kristy-Layne Carr – Manager Rita Bazin – Financial Administrator
Jodi Goerzen – Technician

Also Present: Marc Hamonic – SD 4 Member Garry Gaetz – SD 8 Member
Elbert Toews – SD 7 Member arrives at 9:22 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. and welcomes those present, including Patrick Watson, Resource Planner.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

101-2007: Gerry Maynard – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be hereby approved.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

102-2007: Laurie Evans – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on August 21, 2007 be hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Goertzen reports on his activities for the past month including the following:

- Regarding the IWMP with Buzz Crooks;
- Alternative Land Use Service pilot project in Oak River – Cornie Goertzen & Laurie Evans recently went to Oak River to learn more about the pilot project and give a brief report on the ALUS tour;
- Sub-District 3 & 4 meeting – Report to follow;
- Attended Niverville and Montcalm council meetings with the Manager;
- A presentation in Winnipeg on nitrogen & phosphorous levels in Lake Winnipeg.

V. DELEGATION

Patrick Watson, Watershed Planner

- a) Makes comments and compares the Integrated Watershed Plans he has received from LaSalle-Redboine & Seine-Rat River Conservation Districts. He also advises that he will be working more closely with the SRRCD on finishing the IWMP;
- b) Distributes an updated copy of the Water Protection Act; and
- c) Advises that his department has changed its name and is now the Planning and Coordination Branch, Watershed Planning and Programs.

VI. FINANCE

a) Expenditures - For approval.

103-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Claude Gagné

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

Cheque #1856 – 1901 for a total of \$31,867.24.

CARRIED

b) Financial statement for the Month Ending August 31, 2007.

104-2007: Sonny Peters – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the 5 months ending August 31, 2007 be hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED

c) 2008-2009 Budget – For Discussion and Approval

105-2007: Claude Gagné – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the DRAFT 2008-2009 Budget as discussed for presentation to the Commission on October 10th.

CARRIED

106-2007: Gerry Maynard – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Board Members be appointed to represent the SRRCD for the 2008-2009 Draft Budget to the Commission:

Cornie Goertzen, Laurie Evans and Paul Perreault or Claude Gagné as alternate.

CARRIED

VII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

Maurice Leclaire, SD 9 Chairman advises that they have yet to meet with the Town of Ste. Anne, but the letters to landowners along the Seine River west of Ste. Anne regarding a river clean-up will be sent this week.

Cornie Goertzen, SD 3/4 Chairman indicates that a meeting was held on September 10, 2007 and has the following recommendations for Board approval:

107-2007: Claude Gagné – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD hereby approves the recommendation made by Sub-Districts 3 & 4 to send a request to the Province to have Can-Mar Drain designated as a provincial drain; and therefore, the Manager is hereby instructed to draft a letter to this effect for Board consideration at its next meeting.

CARRIED

108-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the following two R.M. of Stuartburn DFO Compensation projects as per recommendations received from Sub-Districts 3 & 4:

a) Ford crossing by Lourde's Island, south of Pansy (26-3-6E): SRRCD contribution of \$2,500 ;

b) The barrier to fish project (9-7-3E): the SRRCD will cost-share up to a maximum of \$2,500 with the R.M. of Stuartburn

CARRIED

109-2007: Gerry Maynard – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the recommendations from SD 3 & 4 and approves Work Order #4015 being the C. Nault Erosion project to be cost-shared 50/50, up to a maximum of \$12,000 with the R.M. of DeSalaberry.

CARRIED

- The Board's consensus is that future bank erosion projects be submitted to the Board for approval only if structures are involved and that this be considered for implementation as a CD policy.
- The Board also discusses a current policy regarding the number of sub-district meetings to be held during the year. Board's consensus is that the time between meetings be staggered better and that some sub-districts need to meet more often than three or four times per year, and that this policy needs to be reviewed.

Sonny Peters, SD 7 Chairman indicates that his sub-district discussed many potential projects, including the following:

- a) Different projects that would qualify to cost-share with the rural municipalities;
- b) Water retention projects, including researching on 'rain garden' projects – the Board is receptive to the concept, but needs more information;
- c) Raising awareness of water conservation;
- d) Lobbying the province regarding the upgrading of the Manning Canal;
- e) Marchand Road as a good barrier to retain water;
- f) Tree planting projects.

110-2007: Sonny Peters – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a tree planting project under the Manitoba Hydro Forest Enhancement Grant (Work Order #7000) in the R.M. of Hanover as recommended by SD 7. **CARRIED**

111-2007: Sonny Peters – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a 2-year tree planting project in the City of Steinbach (Work Order #7002) as recommended by SD 7. **CARRIED**

The consensus is that if this tree planting project does not qualify for grants, the project could possibly be done in partnership with the City of Steinbach.

112-2007: Sonny Peters – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the recommendations submitted by SD 7 that the SRRCD lobby the province to re-evaluate the state of the Manning Canal with the goal towards upgrading its capacity to meet the current inflow and meet the continuous flow year round. **CARRIED**

113-2007: Laurie Evans – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the recommendations submitted by SD 7 that a survey be done and that the Manager obtains some cost estimates and the benefits of raising a portion of Marchand Road as a water retention project and potential flood protection barrier for the City of Steinbach. **CARRIED**

114-2007: Sonny Peters – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby further stipulates that up to one mile of Marchand Road be surveyed according to SD 7 recommendations. **CARRIED**

Gerry Maynard, SD 5 indicates that he has discussed some projects with his sub-district members (he met with a sub-district member, with the other on the phone), He apologizes that they met without the Manager or other staff member to record any minutes of a meeting, and lists his sub-district's direction and projects, including having St. Malo Lake considered as a potential water retention area. The matter is deferred and resubmitted to Sub-District 4 for official recommendation.

DELEGATIONS (Continued)**April Kiers North**, Red River Basin Commission

Information is given regarding the Red River Basin Commission.

She also requests that the Board consider adopting a resolution of support to the Commission's goals and objectives. This matter is deferred for further consideration.

Buzz Crooks and **Barry Oswald**, as **IWMP Management Members** are present to discuss the Integrated Water Management Plan with the Board members and to get some feedback on the first cut draft. The appendices, maps and table of contents are forthcoming.

Garry Gaetz leaves at 11:55 a.m.

The Board Members are requested to submit any comments to the Project Management Team before September 25th for its consideration.

Elbert Toews leaves at 12:30 p.m.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT**115-2007: Claude Gagné – Maurice Leclaire**

BE RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves an expenditure of \$1600 to seal an abandoned well as per quotation received from René's Backhoe.

CARRIED

116-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the staff be hereby authorized to have a computer technician evaluate the office computer status & expend the required funds to ensure good computer performance.

CARRIED

117-2007: Claude Gagné – Sonny Peters

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

CARRIED

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Manitoba Water Stewardship, Water Science and Management Branch – Information is received regarding the Sandilands Drilling and Observation Well Installation
- b) MCDA Executive Director – Information is received regarding the MCDA Convention & Annual General Meeting. Resolutions for the Convention need to be submitted by October 12th. More information is forthcoming for the Board's consideration.
- c) Fish Enhancement Fund – 15th Annual Stamp Painting Competition Reception & Unveiling

118-2007: Claude Gagné – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby delegates the Chairman to attend the 15th Annual Stamp Painting Competition Reception and Unveiling along with two administrative staff members on behalf of the SRRCD.

CARRIED

- d) R.M. of Hanover's Meeting and Mingle Golf Day – September 25, 2007
The Chairman and Manager will be attending the supper only on behalf of the SRRCD.

e) Offsite watering Program – Information is given to the Board for consideration to revise the maximum amount, but the discussion on the matter is deferred until the next Board meeting.

f) Courses for approval.

119-2007: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the following expenses for the Technician: Half of the tuition fee (or \$500) re GIS Course at the Assiniboine Community College; and the fee (or \$53) to attend the GIS Course in Winnipeg + mileage and out of pocket expenses. **CARRIED**

120-2007: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the following amendment and that the Technician be reimbursed for the full fee (or \$1,000) for the GIS Course to be taken through the Assiniboine Community College. **CARRIED**

**Patrick Watson points out that the Manager needs to be present at all sub-district meetings and that it is imperative that staff be involved and minutes taken at ALL sub-district meetings before any recommendation can be presented at the Board level.

X. NEXT MEETINGS

2008-2009 Draft Budget Committee: September 24th at 9:00 a.m.

Board Meeting: October 16, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

121-2007: Sonny Peters – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby declared adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator