

SEINE-RAT RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES

03 - 08: Board Meeting

February 19, 2008

Present: Cornie Goertzen - SD 3/4 Chairman
Gerry Maynard – SD 5 Chairman
Laurie Evans – SD 8 Chairman
Kristy-Layne Carr – Manager
Rita Bazin – Financial Administrator
Claude Gagné – SD 3/4 Vice-Chairman
Paul Perreault – SD 6 Chairman
Maurice Leclaire – SD 9 Chairman
Jodi Goerzen – Technician

Also Present: Marc Hamonic – SD 3/4 Member
Patrick Watson, Planner - CD Secretariat

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

030-2008: Laurie Evans – Paul Perreault

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

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

031-2008: Claude Gagné – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the following Minutes of the Board Meetings as circulated:

- a) Regular Meeting held on January 15, 2008; and
- b) Special Meeting held on February 6, 2008.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Goertzen reports on his activities since the last Board meeting.

V. FINANCE

- a) Expenditures - For approval.

032-2008: Paul Perreault – Laurie Evans

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

Cheque #2066-2108 for a total of \$136,685.14.

CARRIED

- b) Financial Statement – to January 31, 2008

033-2008: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the month ending January 31, 2008 be hereby adopted at presented.

CARRIED

VI. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

The sub-district reports are received from the Chairman of the Sub-Districts with updates from Maurice Leclaire - SD 9, Paul Perreault - SD 6, Gerry Maynard - SD 5, Laurie Evans – SD 8 on their respective sub-district activities.

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman of Sub-Districts 3 & 4 submits the following recommendations for the Board's consideration and approval:

a) Lonesand Water Retention Project

034-2008: Gerry Maynard – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves Sub-Districts 3 & 4 recommendations and hereby requests Denis Andrews, Consultant to look at the possibility of water retention in the Lonesand area and to submit a quotation for such a project;

AND ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT because of the magnitude of this project, the SRRCD hereby requests technical assistance from the province.

CARRIED

Recommendation received from Sub-Districts 3 & 4 to rent a helicopter in order to view the Lonesand area better – The Board consensus is that a topographical map of the area can be obtained from the Province at no cost and would provide all the information required.

b) East Pansy Ducks Unlimited Cells

035-2008: Gerry Maynard – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves Sub-Districts 3 & 4 recommendations and the Manager and Sub-District Members, Marc Hamonic and Jim Swiderski are hereby delegated to meet with Dave Dobson from Ducks Unlimited to discuss the maintenance of the existing cells near Pansy.

CARRIED

c) Camille Nault Bank Erosion Project – The Board discusses this project and how to fulfill one of the three requirements submitted by the R.M. of DeSalaberry.

036-2008: Claude Gagné – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves Sub-Districts 3 & 4 recommendations and the Manager is hereby authorized to submit the plan for the Camille Nault erosion project to Ron Katz for his professional opinion.

CARRIED

d) St. Malo Lake Water Retention – Marc Hamonic as a DELEGATION

An update is given by Marc Hamonic on the St. Malo Lake as a potential water retention project. The consensus is that the R.M. of the DeSalaberry, the SRRCD Manager, Water Stewardship and a steering committee for the St. Malo Lake Water Retention project would need to meet and discuss the requirements and feasibility of undertaking this project.

e) H. Bernie Schlamp Water Retention (on Joubert Creek)

037-2008: Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the recommendation made by Sub-Districts 3 & 4 and hereby approves that the SRRCD proceed with the Bernie Schlamp Water Retention project on the Joubert Creek at the expense of the SRRCD and that the Manager arrange a meeting with all landowners involved to discuss this project.

CARRIED

f) R.M. of Hanover/PFRA Pasture Water Retention

The recommendation made by Sub-Districts 3 & 4 to hire Orlando Hiebert if the R.M. of Hanover is not able to survey the site as a potential water retention area is deferred.

g) Tree Planting Project in Grunthal

038-2008: Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Sub-Districts 3 & 4 recommendations the Board hereby approves that the SRRCD staff assist with the proposed shelterbelt project in Grunthal by applying for trees to Manitoba Hydro.

CARRIED

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager gives her report for the past month.

The Board discusses delays incurred for projects in the SRRCD requiring approval from the Department of Fish and Oceans, and after due deliberation, the following is adopted:

039-2008: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Rhonda McDougal, Director of Planning & Coordination - Department of Water Stewardship requesting that all water retention projects completed by the Conservation Districts be considered for 'credits' under fish habitat programs to help offset other projects requiring compensation from the Department of Fish and Oceans; AND ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT a request be submitted for the SRRCD to be considered for any program available whereby it could obtain such credits.

CARRIED

IX. DEFERRED BUSINESS

a) Impact on changes in Species at Risk Regulations for the Sturgeon

040-2008: Maurice Leclaire – Claude Gagné

WHEREAS the Board is concerned with the ramifications of putting the sturgeon on the Species at Risk list for many drainage projects; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD send a letter to its municipal partners and to all Manitoba conservation districts requesting them to respond to this new proposal before March 31, 2008.

CARRIED

X. NEW BUSINESS

a) Manitoba Conservation – Lorette Water Supply System Upgrade

The information is received as information.

b) Summer Staff – Board Approval for Hiring 2 People

041-2008: Gerry Maynard – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves that the SRRCD submit an application for two (2) summer positions under the Home Town Green Team Program.

CARRIED

c) Conservation Districts Financial Administrator's Meeting

042-2008: Claude Gagné – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorizes an expenditure of \$490.00 as a deposit required to reserve accommodations for the upcoming Financial Administrators meeting.

CARRIED

d) Watershed Planning to Lake Winnipeg Basin Objectives – Workshop

043-2008: Laurie Evans – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby delegates three (3) people from the SRRCD to attend the "Connecting Watersheds to Basins" Workshop.

CARRIED

e) Information on Upcoming 2008-2009 Programs

044-2008: Maurice Leclaire – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves to subsidize costs for building Rain Gardens in the SRRCD by contributing 50% towards each project cost up to a maximum of \$500 per project;

AND ALSO BE RESOLVED THAT because this is a pilot project, the Board hereby approves that a maximum of ten (10) projects be approved to be subsidized in 2008-2009.

CARRIED

f) Auditor appointment for 2007-2008

045-2008: Claude Gagné – Maurice Leclaire

WHEREAS three invitations to submit quotations for auditing the Seine-Rat River Conservation District have been requested;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the lowest quotation as submitted by Collins Barrow and that the firm be hereby appointed as the SRRCD auditor for the two fiscal years of 2007-2008 and 2008-2009.

CARRIED

g) Land Purchase Agreement Update

An update is given as information: an offer has been submitted to the vendors and the papers have been signed by both parties. The SRRCD is waiting for the required approval from the CD Secretariat's office to transfer the expense from *Water Retention* to *Assets* per the SRRCD's *2007-2008 Budget*.

046-2008: Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be hereby adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

CARRIED

X. **NEXT MEETING – March 15, 2008**

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator