

Seine-Rat River Conservation District
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PRESENT : Cornie Goertzen – Chairman SD 3 & 4 Laurie Evans – Chairman SD 8
 Gerry Maynard – Chairman SD 5 Paul Perreault – Chairman SD 6
 Sonny Peters – Chairman SD 7 Larry Bugera – Provincial Appointee
 Jodi Goerzen, Interim Manager Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator

REGRETS: Maurice Leclaire – Chairman SD 9
 ABSENT: Claude Gagné – Vice-Chairman SD 3 & 4
 ALSO PRESENT: Roy Enns, SD 7 Member – arrives at 10:35

I. CALL TO ORDER

Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

121-2008: Sonny Peters – Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be hereby adopted as circulated with the following addition:

f) In Camera Session

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

122-2008: Gerry Maynard – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the June 25, 2008 Board Meeting be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

V. PROVINCIAL UPDATE

Patrick Watson from the CD Secretariat is in attendance at the meeting. While distributing a copy of *Provincial Appointee/CD Update – July 2008*, he advises that henceforth, the Board will be receiving a monthly report from the Provincial Appointee or the CD Secretariat.

Also circulated is *Expansion of the SRRCD* to add a portion of the R.M. of Montcalm in Sub-District 5. The R.M. of Montcalm has already paid their levy for 2008-2009 and their appointees have been attending meetings, but Mr. Watson advises that the agreement has yet to be finalized by the Province and now needs Board approval before proceeding. The matter is deferred to the next meeting for more time to review the document prior to adopting.

Also discussed: a) Rat River – on the 2010 provincial list for Integrated Water Management Plan; b) St. Malo Lake Project – Mr. Watson will draft the terms of reference for this project & offers to work with a committee which will be established for the project; c) When asked by the Board, he advises that the Provincial apology to the board members as he had declared on June 2nd – ‘it will not happen’.

VI. FINANCE

a) List of Expenditures – For approval

123-2008: Laurie Evans – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the expenditures as per July 15/08 list.

CARRIED

b) Financial Statement – 3 months ending June 30, 2008

124-2008: Sonny Peters – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the June 30, 2008 Financial Statement.

CARRIED

c) Written – First Quarter Report

125-2008: Laurie Evans – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the written First Quarter Report be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

d) 2008-2009 Budget for final approval.

126-2008 Paul Perreault – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2008-2009 Budget be hereby approved as circulated.

CARRIED

127-2008: Gerry Maynard – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tim Sopuck, Manager of Operations, Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation be hereby invited to attend the August Board meeting to discuss potential water retention areas.

CARRIED

IV. DELEGATION

a) Atlis Geomatics, Inc. – Daniel Brooker and Neel Chooniedass are present to give a presentation and answer questions regarding their services rendered.

b) Collins Barrow – John Grey, Chartered Accountant is in attendance for the 2007-2008 Audited Report.

128-2008: Sonny Peters – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the 2007-2008 Audited Report as completed by Collins Barrow per circulated draft copy and as presented by John Grey.

CARRIED

VII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS – No reports.

VIII. MANAGER’S REPORT

129-2008: Laurie Evans – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Wendy Ralley, Water Quality Specialist, Manitoba Conservation be requested to analyze the well water samples taken during this summer and Rat River/Joubert Creek testing results and report to the Board.

CARRIED

130-2008: Paul Perreault – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Personnel Committee obtain in writing, Kristy-Layne Carr’s decision regarding the duration of her maternity leave.

CARRIED

131-2008: Laurie Evans – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manager’s report be hereby adopted as read and discussed.

CARRIED

132-2008: Laurie Evans – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approve the Personnel Committee’s recommendation regarding over-time hours worked by the Manager and the Financial Administrator accumulated to July 31, 2008.

CARRIED

X. NEW BUSINESS

a) R.M. of La Broquerie – Notice of application for a conditional use order.

133-2008: Paul Perreault – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board has no objection to the conditional use application per R.M. of La Broquerie File #DCU 09-08/Roll #39000.000 but the Board hereby requests that the neighbouring residents notified that the adjacent property owned by the SRRCD was purchased as a water retention area to retain the surface water run-off on the land and to slow the flow downstream and that this could occasionally result in visible surface water on its property for a brief period.

CARRIED

b) Wayne Hildebrand, Manager, Manitoba Water Stewardship, Planning and Coordination Branch, Watershed Planning & Programs – e-mail dated July 2, 2008 has the following comments:

- Municipal appointment procedures in question were ‘uncharted territory’ for the CD Secretariat and his staff could not provide a clear answer when requests for clarification were made (including SRRCD Board members and staff. He advises that the CD Secretariat incurred considerable cost for time, effort & outside help to interpret the CD Act; and adds that:
- The SRRCD Staff withheld information from the Board;
- The SRRCD staff is responsible for scrutinizing all municipal appointments;
- The CD Secretariat staff is available to advise & clarify;
- He trusts that the SRRCD & its municipal partners will work together;
- His staff is ‘available to support the Board to ensure the SRRCD is a success’.

c) Patrick Watson, Planner, Manitoba Water Stewardship, Planning and Coordination Branch, Watershed Planning and Programs (July 9, 2008 e-mail) submits clarifications on the process for sending letters to member municipalities for appointing their representatives and to again advise that it is the CDs and not the Province’s responsibility to review and ensure that all municipal appointments meet the criteria outlined in the CD Act.

d) Little Saskatchewan River C.D. – *2008 Newsletter*. Received as information.

e) Fish Futures Inc. – *Fish News*. Received as information.

f) In Camera Session

134-2008: Paul Perreault – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ‘Committee of the Whole’ meet in camera. **CARRIED**

135-2008: Sonny Peters – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the In Camera meeting adjourn and the Board meeting reconvene. **CARRIED**

Chairman Goertzen reminds the board members that the discussions held while ‘in camera’ are confidential.

XI. NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 19, 2008 – R.M. of La Broquerie Council Chambers.

136-2008: Sonny Peters – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be declared adjourned at 11:30 a.m. **CARRIED**

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator