

Seine-Rat River Conservation District
29 Simard Street, La Broquerie, MB.

PRESENT : Cornie Goertzen – Chairman SD 3 & 4
Jim Swidersky – Vice-Chairman SD 3 & 4
Paul Perreault – Chairman SD 6
Maurice Leclaire – Chairman SD 9
Jodi Goerzen – Interim Manager

Laurie Evans – Chairman SD 8
Gerry Maynard – Chairman SD 5
Sonny Peters – Chairman SD 7
Larry Bugera – Provincial Appointee
Rita Bazin – Financial Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman of Sub-District 3 & 4 and subsequently Chairman of the SRRCD Board (both nominations were made by acclamation at the November 3rd organizational meeting) calls the meeting to order on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the R.M. of La Broquerie Council Chambers. Chairman Goertzen thanks everyone for the continued support. He welcomes Jim Swidersky who was elected vice-chairman of his sub-district and through due process, becomes a Board member.

The Chairman recommends that all SRRCD committees remain status quo.

Dawn from the R.M. of La Broquerie is also present until approximately 9:30 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

187-2008: Larry Bugera – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

188-2008: Laurie Evans – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the October 21, 2008 Board Meeting be hereby adopted with the amendment made to Resolution #186-2008.

CARRIED

Art Rempel, SD 7 arrives at 9:08 a.m. He advises that he has been appointed as the City of Steinbach representative on sub-district 7.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Goertzen reports on the meetings he has attended which include the following: preparation of the Draft 2009-2010 Budget and presentation done in Winnipeg to the CD Commission, the Regional Groundwater Management Group, and meetings with the R.M. of La Broquerie and extra time spent at the office.

VI. FINANCE

a) List of Expenditures – For Approval

189-2008: Sonny Peters – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the expenditures as per list totaling **\$19,789.73**.

CARRIED

b) Financial Statement – A verbal update is given to the Board on the SRRCD financial status to month ending October 31, 2008, including revenues, accounts payable & receivables.

IV. PROVINCIAL UPDATE

Patrick Watson, Watershed Planner is now present to give his verbal report which includes thanking the Board & staff on behalf of the CD Secretariat for the effort that went into preparing and presenting the 2009-2010 budget for the CD Commission. He also advises that the Health Department will now have a representative on the CD Commission.

VII. SUB DISTRICT REPORTS

190-2008: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the proposed schedule of sub-district meetings as a guideline for future meetings. **CARRIED**

191-2008: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a recommendation to sponsor the Oak Hammock Marsh school program for ten (10 schools) at \$500.00 each. **CARRIED**

192-2008: Jim Swidersky – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a recommendation to approve an expenditure of up to \$10,000 to survey crown land in the R.M. of DeSalaberry as potential water retention in order to help determine costs vs retention benefits. **CARRIED**

It is agreed that the Board would like to see a policy drawn up to address benchmarks for expenses vs retention benefit AND also a ‘gate control’ policy for certain projects.

Also discussed are the beaver problems & what the SRRCD could do to help alleviate the problem of culverts being plugged up & looking at different solutions in co-operation with provincial regulations & data. Jim Swidersky advises that he will work on getting information before the Board can establish a policy on education & support pertaining to the beaver population.

Art Rempel leaves at 10:45 a.m.

193-2008: Gerry Maynard – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a recommendation to further investigate the St. Malo Lake Stewardship Plan as a possible project. **CARRIED**

VIII. MANAGER’S REPORT

Discussion & consensus as follows:

- Continue inviting Wendy Ralley or an alternate to answer Board questions.
- Manager to make a list of tasks for technician for January to March & to negotiate with Pierre de Moissac to stay on past December 31st.
- Only 2 summer students will be required for next year’s well testing inventory project.

194-2008: Gerry Maynard – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the quotation submitted by Chris Koop to redesign the SRRCD website as follows: Web design: \$1,250.00 + \$100 annually for updates. **CARRIED**

195-2008: Maurice Leclaire – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the Manager’s report as presented. **CARRIED**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a) Manitoba Conservation Districts Association –AGM – 3 voting delegates per CD

196-2008: Sonny Peters – Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby designate the following people to vote at the MCDA’s Annual General Meeting: Paul Perreault, Cornie Goertzen and Laurie Evans.

CARRIED

b) Red River Basin Commission – 26th Annual Summit Conference

197-2008: Gerry Maynard – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manager and the Chairman be hereby delegated to attend the Red River Basin Commission Summit Conference to be held in Winnipeg on January 20-22, 2009.

CARRIED

c) Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation – Received as information

d) Fish Futures Inc. – Fish News – Received as information

X. IN CAMERA SESSION

198-2008: Paul Perreault – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby sit ‘in camera’ as a Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

199-2008: Maurice Leclaire – Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board meeting hereby reconvene.

CARRIED

200-2008: Laurie Evans – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the agreement made between the Personnel Committee and the Interim Manager with the modifications made to the sick leave and overtime policy.

CARRIED

201-2008: Paul Perreault – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT due to the extra work load and time spent for the SRRCD between November 1, 2007 and November 1, 2008, that a one-time payment of \$1,500 be paid to the SRRCD Chairman.

Vice-Chairman Laurie Evans calls for the vote and declares the motion: **CARRIED**

202-2008: Maurice Leclaire – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT as at November 1, 2008, the Chairman of the SRRCD Board will be paid \$18.00 per hour for extra work pertaining to SRRCD business over and above the amount allotted for meetings.

CARRIED

XI. NEXT BOARD MEETING – December 16, 2008

XII. ADJOURNMENT

203-2008: Sonny Peters – Jerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be hereby adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED