

## Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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**PRESENT :** Cornie Goertzen – Chairman  
Laurie Evans – Chairman SD 8  
Paul Perreault – Chairman SD 6  
Jodi Goertzen – Interim Manager  
Jim Swidersky – Vice-Chairman SD 3/4  
Gerry Maynard – Chairman SD 5  
Maurice Leclaire – Chairman SD 9  
Rita Bazin – Financial Administrator

**ABSENT:** Sonny Peters – Chairman SD 7 and Larry Bugera, Provincial Appointee

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. in the R. M. of La Broquerie council chambers.

Also in attendance is Art Rempel, Sub-District 7 Member

Pat Watson (arrives at 9:15) and Wilfred Chabot, Councillor for the R.M. of La Broquerie arrives at 9:30.

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**001-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Gerry Maynard**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**002-2009: Laurie Evans – Paul Perreault**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the December 16, 2008 Board Meeting be hereby adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Goertzen wishes everyone a Happy New Year and reports on the meetings he has attended which include the following:

- Meetings with council of the Town of Niverville to discuss the feasibility of joining the SRRCD; a joint meeting with Manitoba Conservation and the municipalities of Franklin and Stuartburn regarding water issues; City of Steinbach, Christmas luncheon; and in the office on a few occasions to discuss various issues with staff, sign cheques, etc. He also advises of upcoming commitments.

### IV. PROVINCIAL UPDATE

Patrick Watson, Watershed Planner reviews the written report *Provincial Appointee/CD Update – January 2009* as circulated:

- Impacts of Wetland Loss statistics found in the Ducks Unlimited Fact Sheet and the Conservation Districts' role as watershed organizations.
- Financial Transfers per CD Commission policies & that 'provincial funding cannot be carried over from one fiscal year to the next'.
- Winter workshops:
  - o Infrastructure partnership workshop with four infrastructure CDs
  - o Professional development for staff with Manitoba Water Stewardship providing \$2,000 funding support
  - o Planning a Board governance workshop – to be discussed further

Mr. Watson also advises that a) the integrated water management plan for the Rat River will probably only start in the fall, but the funding will be sent shortly upon signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. A presentation will be made at the next board meeting regarding the changes to the process; a water planning authority will be appointed and shall comprise the Board members or a mixture with the partner municipalities.

He also advises that he will be notifying municipalities who are interested stakeholders in the Rat River watershed to call an informative meeting and advises that it is imperative that the R.M. of Piney and Franklin be included in the process even if they are not yet part of the SRRCD. He proposes a resolution delegating him to send an invitation to such a meeting in February.

**003-2009: Jim Swidersky – Gerry Maynard**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Watershed Planner be delegated to send an invitation to the reeve and one councillor of all the municipalities in the Rat River Watershed to attend a special meeting on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 o'clock to discuss the Integrated Water Management Plan for the Rat River and to determine the composition of the planning authority before the Memorandum of Understanding is signed in March, 2009.

**CARRIED**

b) The Order-in-Council issue has been delayed because of the uncertainty with the R.M. of La Broquerie. Also, their office staff do not have all the by-laws from the current municipal partners. SRRCD staff offers to provide the missing by-laws.

c) Update from the SRRCD on the status of the R.M. of La Broquerie's intention to withdraw from the SRRCD pursuant to meetings held.

**VI. FINANCE**

a) Expenditures

**004-2009: Laurie Evans – Gerry Maynard**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the expenditures from December 16, 2008 to January 20, 2009 as per list.

**CARRIED**

b) Financial Statement – to December 31, 2008

**005-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the third quarter ending December 31, 2009 be hereby adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

c) Third Quarter Report – Written

A draft is given to the Board Members as information. The outcome of discussions from the financial forecast review will be added on and submitted to the CD Secretariat before January 23, 2009.

d) Financial forecast review

Staff presents its findings which are reviewed and discussed with the Board. The financial forecast predicts a deficit – the total amount is contingent on the time factor. Canada Fisheries and Oceans have yet to process three specific riparian projects: two of them benefitting the Seine River and one benefitting the Rat River. The proposed expenses will be included in the third quarter written report to the province.

**VII. SUB DISTRICT REPORTS**

Maurice Leclaire, Chairman of Sub-District 9 reviews some issues discussed at the sub-district meeting held on January 12, 2009 in Ste. Anne. The following recommendations are submitted for board approval:

**006-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Jim Swidersky**

WHEREAS the R.M. of Taché has advised that it will not participate in the Lorette Narrows Project as proposed by the SRRCD and therefore the project cannot proceed as such;

AND WHEREAS Sub-District 9 has resubmitted a recommendation and the Board hereby approves that a survey and soil sampling be done to determine the feasibility of proceeding with a geotechnical design to re-establish the floodplain to allow overflow water to bypass the Lorette Narrows, upon receipt of written consent from the landowners.

**CARRIED**

**007-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a recommendation submitted by Sub-District 9 to remove the culverts in the Seine River in the Town of Ste.Anne, upon DFO approval, leaving the Town of Ste. Anne and the R.M. of Ste. Anne be responsible for building the bridge at a later date.

**CARRIED**

Art Rempel leaves at 10:50 a.m.

**008-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans**

WHEREAS the Board Members' consensus is that the well inventory and wellwater testing project completed in the R.M of La Broquerie and De Salaberry during the summer of 2008 was a success worthy of continuing in other municipalities this summer;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the recommendation submitted by Sub-District 9 to hire four summer staff to expedite the project in the SRRCD.

**CARRIED**

The Chairs of Sub-District ¾ (Cornie Goertzen) and Sub-District 8 (Laurie Evans) advise that meetings are forthcoming. Laurie Evans also discusses the 'Fire Guard 13 south' survey and gives an update on the project to Mr. Chabot. He also advises that the R.M. of Ste. Anne has approved to contribute \$5,000 towards the orthophoto project.

Paul Perreault, Chairman of SD 6 reports on a meeting held at the R.M. of Hanover office on January 19, 2009. He reports on projects discussed at the meeting and has the following recommendation:

**009-2009: Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the recommendation submitted by Sub-District 6 to request all the rural municipalities involved with the Tourond Drain to send a letter to the Seine-Rat River Conservation District to be amalgamated into one letter and sent by the SRRCD to Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation requesting that the Tourond Creek watershed be cleaned out and maintained to the Red River.

**CARRIED**

**010-2009: Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire**

WHEREAS a project has been submitted by Hytek which will be carried out on a municipal road allowance; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby refer the proposed project on 4-5-7E as submitted by Hytek to the R.M. of La Broquerie for discussion between the two entities and request that the SRRCD be notified of any further development.

**CARRIED**

**VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT**

**011-2009: Gerry Maynard – Paul Perreault**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the Manager's report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

a) Manitoba Water Stewardship – Copies of Minutes of Meetings as taken by the watershed planner is submitted and received as information.

The Board members also discuss an e-mail sent by the Manager responding to Mr. Watson's request re changes made by the SRRCD pursuant to meetings held between the R.M. of La Broquerie and the SRRCD. The consensus is that a formal letter be drafted sharing this information addressed to the R.M. of La Broquerie office and with a copy sent to all its councillors and the CAO individually.

b) R.M. of Taché - Subdivision application for Lot 2-Plan 16755 (SE¼ 31-8-5E) – Information received pursuant to meeting attended by the Manager and the Chairman.

c) MAFRI – Farm Production Advisory – Request to sponsor Green Gold Program in 2009.

**012-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a request submitted by Manitoba Agriculture Food and Rural Initiatives to sponsor the Green Gold Program in 2009.

**CARRIED**

d) Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board – ‘How too much of a good thing is hurting Lake Winnipeg – Copies of the compact disk are available at the office.

e) Manitoba Conservation District Association – 2007-2008 Annual Report – Received as information.

f) Youth Summer Employment Programs – Hometown Green Team.

**013-2009: Laurie Evans – Paul Perreault**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby instructs staff to apply for 4 summer technician positions under the Home Town Green Team Program and/or other funding for the wellwater testing and inventory project.

**CARRIED**

g) Manitoba Conservation District Association – Watersmart Program – Information is received regarding a rebate to save water.

h) 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Awards 2009 – Information received.

**X. UPCOMING MEETINGS :**

February 17, 2009 – Board Meeting

February 24, 2009 – Rat River Integrated Water Management Plan

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**014-2009: Gerry Maynard – Jim Swidersky**

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be hereby adjourned at 12:03.

**CARRIED**

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Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

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Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator