

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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PRESENT : Cornie Goertzen – Chairman SD 3/4	Jim Swidersky – Vice-Chairman SD 3/4
Laurie Evans – Chairman SD 8	Gerry Maynard – Chairman SD 5
Paul Perreault – Chairman SD 6	Sonny Peters – Chairman SD 7
Art Bergmann – Vice-Chairman SD 9	Larry Bugera – Provincial Appointee
Jodi Goertzen – Interim Manager	Rita Bazin – Financial Administrator

EXCUSED: Maurice Leclaire – Chairman SD 9

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m. in the R. M. of La Broquerie council chambers and welcomes everyone including:
Jean Gagnon and Randy Biedler (R.M. of La Broquerie - SD3 & 4), Art Rempel (City of Steinbach - SD 7) and David Menard (R.M. of Taché - SD 9).

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

015-2009: Laurie Evans – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

016-2009: Gerry Maynard – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the January 20, 2009 Board Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

V. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Goertzen welcomes everyone present and reports on his activities for the SRRCD since the last Board meeting which include:

- Attendance at the Red River Basin Commission’s annual conference ‘Shaping the Basin’s Future Together’
- While at the conference, he also met with the Reeve of the R.M. of Franklin to discuss the Roseau River watershed
- South East Groundwater Management plan – Laurie Evans elaborates on the discussions held at the last meeting
- Assisted the Manager with the display at Beef Days in Rosa, Crop Days and Forage Days in Giroux
- Attended the Sub-District 8 meeting
- MCDA meeting in Portage la Prairie: discussions were held on the MCDA Magazine, annual conference and watershed planning
- Conference call at the SRRCD office with Sheldon Anderson & Wayne Hildebrand in Neepawa regarding SRRCD expansion proposals
- Meeting with the R.M. of La Broquerie & Hytek representatives regarding Hytek project proposal
- And eighteen additional hours in the office regarding expansion, grants, preparing for the meetings, responding to media questions, etc.

VII. FINANCE

a) Expenditures

017-2009: Paul Perreault – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the expenditures as per list.

CARRIED

b) Financial Statement – to January 31, 2009

018-2009: Laurie Evans – Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the month ending January 31, 2009 be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

IV. PROVINCIAL UPDATE

Patrick Watson, Watershed Planner is present to give a verbal update which include:

- Invitations were sent to the municipalities to the upcoming February 24th meeting regarding the Rat River Integrated Watershed Management Plan. Questioned whether the Roseau River First Nations have been notified – since they own a small parcel of land abutting the Rat River watershed, the Manager offers to notify them;
- Great news – the R.M. of La Broquerie rescinded the motion to withdraw from the SRRCD;
- Confirmed whether information of the Wayne Hildebrand's Watershed Planning & Programs Report per February 3rd meeting & Manitoba Water Stewardship's Waterway Infrastructure Meeting Summary were received by the Board members;
- Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation's Wetlands Restoration Incentive Program.

VI. DELEGATION

Present are Charles Granger & Rey Granger from the Granger Media Group to present a proposal to work with the National Film Board on a budget to film the Seine River as a 25 minute educational film clip for presentations at schools in the southeast. They indicate they would also want to partner with the SRRCD to incorporate the project with SRRCD needs. The Chair thanks them for their presentation and invites them to return when their budget is completed with a request.

VIII. SUB DISTRICT REPORTS

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman of Sub-districts 3 & 4 gives an update following a meeting held on January 26, 2009 and has the following recommendation for board approval:

019-2009: Cornie Goertzen – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepts the recommendations submitted by Sub-District 3 & 4 and approves to pay for printing extra copies of the St. Pierre Diversion study which was prepared by Genevar; AND THAT a committee consisting of Réal Curé, Henry Funk, Marc Hamonic and Raymond Gagné be given the mandate of compiling information from the study for recommendation.

CARRIED

Laurie Evans, Chairman of Sub-District 8 gives an update following a meeting held on February 2, 2009 and has the following recommendations for the board's consideration:

020-2009: Laurie Evans – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Board approve a recommendation submitted by Sub-District 8 that the SRRCD work in co-operation with the Seine River Wildlife Association and request Dean Gould to provide a survey and engineering design plan options for a potential project in accordance with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

CARRIED

021-2009: Laurie Evans – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve a recommendation submitted by Sub-District 8 to spend up to \$3,000 to survey the feasibility of seeding grass on a strip of two (2) miles with a basin of ten (10) feet for a potential grassed waterway project in Ritchot.

CARRIED

A consensus on Fireguard 13 and 13a South project is that it be left up to the R.M. of La Broquerie for consideration and follow-up pursuant to the surveys done.

Art Rempel leaves at 11:00 a.m.

022-2009: Laurie Evans – Paul Perrault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve a recommendation for the Seine River Clean-up project (Work Order #8017) with a maximum of up to \$5,000. **CARRIED**

023-2009: Paul Perreault – Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hire Dean Gould as the project engineer for assistance on water retention and riparian management projects requiring his input. **CARRIED**

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

024-2009: Larry Bugera – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accept the Manager's verbal report as presented.

CARRIED

X. NEW BUSINESS

a) Expansion proposal for the Rat River and Roseau River watersheds. Conversations were held with Manitoba Water Stewardship, Watershed Planning & Programs in Neepawa and a few SRRCD board and staff members, per discussions in the Chairman's Report – Received as information.

b) Establishing a minimum municipal levy – Deferred

c) Watershed Planning & Programs – Notice of meeting re introductory presentation on developing a Watershed Management Plan for the Rat River Watershed – addressed in the Provincial Appointee's report.

d) Watershed Planning & Programs – Administrative Professional Development – Policy Workshop

025-2009: Laurie Evans – Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board delegate the Financial Administrator to attend the workshop as requested and Board Members Perreault & Leclaire of the policy committee, if possible.

CARRIED

e) Rat River Integrated Watershed Management Plan - Memorandum of Understanding to designate a water planning authority & management plan

026-2009: Gerry Maynard – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chair be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Province of Manitoba for the Red River Integrated Water Management Plan. **CARRIED**

f) R.M. of La Broquerie – Notice of hearing for Conditional Use Application (NW¼ 21-5-7E) – Received as information.

g) R.M. of La Broquerie – Resolution No. 055-09, to rescind Resolution No. 429-08 – Received as information.

h) R.M. of La Broquerie – Re Road/Dyke at 4-5-7E (Hytek)

027-2009: Laurie Evans – Sonny Peters

WHEREAS Hytek proposes to build a road/dyke (4-5-7E) and will provide the material required for the construction and the R.M. of La Broquerie has approved an expenditure of \$15,000;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves an expenditure of up to \$10,000 (including a 30'' x 10 meter culvert for the water retention project;

And ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the SRRCD be consulted in writing of any alterations to this project. **CARRIED**

i) R.M. of La Broquerie – Credit on municipal taxes – Update by staff and received as information.

Gerry Maynard leaves at 12:45 p.m.

j) Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation – Notice of filing caveat on RL 398

028-2009: Larry Bugera – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board has no objection to the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation’s notice of filing a caveat on RL 398. **CARRIED**

k) Manitoba Conservation – Sustainable Resource & Policy – Appeal re denial to purchase crown land.

029-2009: Paul Perreault – Larry Bugera

WHEREAS new information has been received from the R.M. of DeSalaberry regarding a request to lease land (Lot 2 Block 3 Plan 20844);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board has no objection to the application and that Manitoba Conservation’s Sustainable Resource & Policy Management Branch should be so notified.

CARRIED

l) MCDA – Request for volunteers for MCDA Convention – Received as information.

m) Manitoba Water Stewardship – Seine River Riparian Enhancement Program – Funding approval.

030-2009: Jim Swidersky – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board authorize the Manager to sign the Manitoba Water Stewardship Seine River Riparian Enhancement Program’s grant funding agreement. **CARRIED**

n) Manitoba Hydro – Manitoba Hydro Forest Enhancement Program – Received as information.

o) R.M. of DeSalaberry – Invitation to Inter-municipal curling event – Received as information.

p) R.M. of Ste. Anne – Grant for 2008 Orthophoto project – Consensus is for staff to forward the R.M. of Ste. Anne’s \$5,000 contribution as follows: R.M. of Hanover - \$2,000, R.M. of Ritchot - \$2,000, and the R.M. of DeSalaberry - \$1,000.00.

q) AECOM re Freshwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Projects – Received as information.

r) Manitoba Envirothon – Request for volunteers – Received as information.

s) Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives – Thank you for support of Forage Day.

t) Teleglows – Thank you card.

u) Manitoba Conservation Districts Association – Watershed Planning & Programs Report for February 3rd meeting – Copies circulated to Board Members & received as information per discussion in Watershed Planner’s report.

v) Manitoba Water Stewardship – Waterway Infrastructure meeting summary – Copies circulated to Board members & received as information and per discussion in Watershed Planner’s report.

XI. NEXT BOARD MEETING – March 17, 2009

XII. ADJOURNMENT

031-2009: Jim Swidersky – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be hereby adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

CARRIED