

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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PRESENT : Laurie Evans – Chairman SD 8
Gerry Maynard – Chairman SD 5
Maurice Leclaire – Chairman SD 9
Cornie Goertzen – Chairman SD 3/4 (arrives at 9:45 a.m.)
Jodi Goerzen – Interim Manager
Jim Swidersky – Vice-Chairman SD 3/4
Paul Perreault – Chairman SD 6
Larry Bugera – Provincial Appointee
Rita Bazin – Financial Administrator

EXCUSED: Sonny Peters – Chairman SD 7

ALSO PRESENT: Jean Gagnon – SD 3 & 4 (R.M. of La Broquerie), David Menard – SD 9 (R.M. of Taché)
Réal Curé – SD 3 & 4 (Village of St-Pierre-Jolys), Patrick Watson, Watershed Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER

Cornie Goertzen has been delayed and therefore Vice-Chairman of the Board, Laurie Evans calls the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. on March 17th 2009 at the R.M. of La Broquerie Council Chambers.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

032-2009: Gerry Maynard – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

033-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the February 17, 2009 Board Meeting be adopted as circulated with the added explanation to Resolution No. 29 as requested by the Administrator.

CARRIED

V. FINANCE

a) Expenditures

034 -2009: Paul Perreault – Larry Bugera

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

CARRIED

b) Financial Statement – to February 28, 2009

035-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the month ending February 28, 2009 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

c) Carry-Over agreement

036-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepts the Manitoba Water Stewardship Grant Funding Agreement – General Terms and Conditions and submit the following unfinished projects for approval to carry forward:

- Camille Nault Erosion Project - \$22,000
- Lorette Narrows - \$20,000
- Seine River Flow - \$37,000
- Seine River Wildlife Water Retention - \$15,000

CARRIED

VII. PROVINCIAL UPDATE

Patrick Watson, Watershed Planner circulates a copy of the *Provincial Update – March 2009* and highlights some of the topics on the report.

Cornie Goertzen arrives at this point and proceeds as Chairman of the meeting.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Goertzen reports on his activities for the SRRCD since the last Board meeting which include the following meetings: personnel committee, Seine River project, R.M. of Franklin, 2 for the Seine River Groundwater Management Plan, Rat River IWMP in St. Malo and also worked 5 extra hours on various office administration issues.

VI. DELEGATION

Present are Charles Granger & Ray Granger from the Granger Media Group to present a budget as previously requested by the Board & further discuss their proposal. The Board discusses this proposal as it relates to other projects to be undertaken under the Manitoba Water Stewardship Seine River Riparian Enhancement Program's grant funding agreement which was approved last month. After some deliberation, the Board is also concerned that the Sub-Districts 8 & 9 need to review and make a recommendation before proceeding. The consensus is that additional staff will be required to fulfill the stipulations of these projects, including the proposal to film the Seine River.

037-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposal made by the Granger Media Group be tabled to the sub-district level for recommendation to the Board. **CARRIED**

VIII. SUB DISTRICT REPORTS

There were no sub-district meetings held since the last Board meeting except Sub-District 7 had a meeting and in the absence of the Chair, the Manager updates the Board on projects discussed at the meeting. There are no recommendations for Board approval.

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager requests Board direction for requests she has received to obtain the orthophoto data purchased by the SRRCD. The Watershed Planner reminds the Board that the Province should also have access to the data for its share of contribution to the data.

038-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault

WHEREAS the SRRCD has the copyright to the orthophoto data obtained from ATLAS Geomatics Inc.; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board authorizes that the data be used by the municipal partners who have contributed additional funds towards the purchase and by Manitoba Water Stewardship for their use in watershed planning initiatives. **CARRIED**

039-2009: Larry Bugera – Gerry Maynard

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

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Manitoba Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives – Manitoba Sustainable Agriculture Practices Program – Received as information.
- b) Manitoba Water Stewardship, Wetland Planner – Wetland Restoration Incentive Program – Received as information
- c) Manitoba Water Stewardship – Copy of letter to Council of Municipalities in the Rat River Watershed – Received as information.
- d) R.M. of La Broquerie – New appointment to SRRCD Sub-District 6 – Councillor Claude Moquin has been appointed to replace Councillor Edwood Oswald.

- e) Manitoba Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives – Thank you letter to the SRRCD for supporting Crop Day and Forage Day.
- f) Manitoba Water Stewardship, Water Resource Officer – Copy of letter to R.M. of Taché re Water Rights License issued.
- g) Fish Futures – Fish News Volume 7, Issue 4 – Available at office.
- h) Fisheries & Oceans Canada – Response to proposal riverbank stabilization – Rat River – Approval for a portion of the Camille Nault (Work Order No. 4015) project.
- i) Intermountain C.D” – Annual Banquet invitation – Received as information.
- j) Agriculture in the Classroom – MB. Inc. – Invitation to 20th Annual General Meeting & renewal of membership. No one attending the meeting, renewal of membership approved with the invoices.
- k) Manitoba Water Stewardship – CD Summary of Activities and External Funding
Received as information for staff to complete at year end.
- l) Provincial rate increase received as information – also new rates for CD to use of 40 cents per kilometre.
- m) Manitoba Conservation Districts Association – Notice of new MCDA Board meeting – April 7th.

For the next Board meeting, Jean Gagnon requests that he receive the same package as the Board members. He indicates that he will be attending meetings and needs more information to report to his Council. The Board consensus is to have extra information packages available for other sub-district members attending the Board meetings.

XI. NEXT BOARD MEETING – April 21, 2009

XII. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourns at 12:50 p.m.

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator