

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

#9 – 05: Board Meeting

September 20, 2005

Present: Cornie Goertzen - SD 4 Chairman
Jean Gagnon - SD 6 Chairman
Laurie Evans - SD 8 Chairman
Patrick Watson - Manager
Jake N. Friesen - SD 4 Vice-Chairman
Chris Goertzen - SD 7 Chairman
Art Bergmann - SD 9 Chairman
Rita Bazin - Financial Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:00 am

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

92-2005: Jean Gagnon - Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda be hereby approved with the following additions:

- NEW BUSINESS:** g) Water Quality Monitoring
CORRESPONDENCE: h) 2006/07 Budget Presentation
i) Ortho photo updates
j) Advertising in MCDA Magazine

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

93-2005: Jean Gagnon - Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on August 16, 2005 be hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED

IV. FINANCE

- a) Financial Statement for 5 months ending August 31, 2005

94-2005: Art Bergmann - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the five months ending August 31, 2005 be adopted as reviewed and discussed.

CARRIED

- b) List of Expenditures - For approval

95-2005: Art Bergmann - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of expenditures be approved:
Cheque #1107 to 1131: \$23,054.16.

CARRIED

Chris Goertzen arrives at 9:45 am

- c) Draft 2006-2007 Budget - The proposed draft is reviewed and discussed. The Board is concerned with potential problems the SCCRD could face with the addition of all the municipalities the province proposes to accept to join the district as at April 1, 2006. It is deemed more feasible if SRRCD expansion of interested partners be split over two years to

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facilitate a substantial expansion. The Chair shall telephone the new partners to be postponed to advise them as soon as possible.

Changes are made to the draft budget according to the impending expansion.

96-2005: Art Bergmann - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board invite the rural municipalities of Ritchot and De Salaberry, the Village of St. Pierre-Jolys and the Town of Ste. Anne to join the Seine-Rat River Conservation District as at April 1, 2006; and THAT the rural municipalities of Taché, Springfield and Reynolds be hereby requested to wait until April 1, 2007.

CARRIED

97 - 2005: Art Bergmann - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2006-2007 draft budget be hereby accepted with the adjustments made thereto and that the Chair, Vice-Chair and Manager be hereby delegated to present the budget as required.

CARRIED

V. MANAGER'S REPORT

98-2005: Jean Gagnon - Chris Goertzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manager's report be hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED

The Board discusses the feasibility of compiling a list of abandoned wells in the CD that could be potential hazards and would require sealing. The CD could then contact these landowners and offer to help them seal their wells.

VI. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

Cornie Goertzen, Chair of SD 4 reports on his sub-district's meeting held on September 16th.

99-2005: Laurie Evans - Chris Goertzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the recommendation made by Sub-District 4 and approves Work Order #05-405 being a water retention project on Chopyk Road.

CARRIED

The feasibility of purchasing a tree planting spade is discussed. The matter is deferred until more information has been obtained.

Chris Goertzen, Chair of SD 7 gives his report on a meeting held on September 13th.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a) MCDA Convention Agenda - a copy is circulated to the Board members.

100-2005: Jean Gagnon - Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board Members be hereby delegated to attend the MCDA Convention or a designated alternate as well as the Financial Administrator and Manager.

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b) Course for approval

101-2005: Jake Friesen - Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorizes the Financial Administrator to attend the one-day course as requested.

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c) Fisheries Enhancement Initiative: Reception held on September 19th. Chairman Goertzen gives his report.

d) AMM - Correspondence with invoice for membership; and e) MCDA - Correspondence re AMM invoice. An invoice was sent to all the Conservation Districts who receive their liability insurance with the Hayhurst, Elias, Dudek. This is the first time AMM has invoiced CDs for an Associate Membership for one year. The matter is deferred until the next MCDA Board meeting where the matter will be discussed.

102-2005: Art Bergmann - Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby tables the invoice from AMM for an Associate Membership fee for 2005-2006.

CARRIED

f) Work Orders - For approval

103 -2005: Chris Goertzen - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the recommendation made by Sub-District 7 and approves Work Order #05-701 being a water retention/wetland project.

CARRIED

104 -2005: Jean Gagnon - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the recommendation made by Sub-District 7 and approves Work Order #05-705 for abandoned wells to be sealed.

CARRIED

Board Members request a running inventory and update on the monitoring of projects for the next meeting.

g) Water Quality Monitoring - The Board members discuss plans for the future of water quality monitoring when SESCO ceases to exist, as anticipated, once all its members have joined the SRRCD. The Chair invites John McGregor who is present to give an update regarding this project. Mr. McGregor advises that the project should continue and that other funding partners could be available to continue the program if the Board so wishes. The cost would be approximately \$7,700 for sampling and analyzing the water. Additional cost would be incurred for collecting the samples. Mr. McGregor also assures the Board Members that if problems are identified, there are corrective measures available to help landowners.

105-2005: Chris Goertzen - Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves that SRRCD become the successor of the water quality monitoring project currently managed by SESCO.

CARRIED

Chris Goertzen leaves at 11:20 a.m.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Manitoba Conservation - Surface Water Quality Assessment Program under Sustainable Development Innovations Fund - the final report has been submitted and final grant payment received, thereby concluding grant funding support for this initiative.

b) Office of the Minister of Water Stewardship - acknowledging receipt of correspondence from SRRCD Chairman regarding resolution #75-2005.

c) Manitoba Hydro - Forest Enhancement Program - For Information

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d) MCDA - Copy of letter from the Chair of MCDA to the Technical Director of PFRA. John McGregor gives an update on recent activities undertaken by Canada-Manitoba Farm Stewardship program.

Jake Friesen leaves at 11:35 am

e) Water for Life 2005 - Conference - Administration to obtain agenda for a representative

106-2005: Laurie Evans - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorize a representative from the SRRCD to attend the Water for Life conference in Winnipeg.

CARRIED

f) Project Management Services - For information

g) Ag in the Classroom - Thanking for cooperation and helping to make the event a success.

h) Budget Presentation to Manitoba Water Stewardship, MCDA Executives and CD Secretariat - October 20th in Morris.

i) Ortho photo Updates - Correspondence from the Province of Manitoba regarding possibly updating provincial ortho photo dataset.

j) Advertising in CD Magazine - The Financial Administrator shall help MCDA find potential businesses in the area with Board Member's help.

IX. NEXT MEETING

Next Board Meeting - October 18th at 9:00 am

X. ADJOURNMENT

107-2005: Jean Gagnon - Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby adjourned at 11:50 am

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator