

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

#2 – 05: Board Meeting

February 15, 2005

Present: Cornie Goertzen – Chairman
Jean Gagnon – SD 6 Chairman
Denis Vielfaure – SD 8 Chairman
Patrick Watson – Manager
John Driedger – RM Hanover rep.
Roland Gauthier – SD 4 Chairman
Chris Goertzen – SD 7 Chairman
Art Bergmann – SD 9 Chairman
Charlene Jolicoeur - Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:10 am

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12 – 2005: Jean Gagnon – Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby adopts the Agenda with the additions thereto under New Business:

f) Ed Oswald – Sealing abandoned well

g) BMP Research Study – U of M – SRRCD contribution

CARRIED

III. DELEGATIONS

a) Kim Ominski – Presented University of Manitoba Research Study entitled “Best Management Practices to Improve Productivity and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Production of Grassland Systems using Hog Manure”. The Board members were provided a handout describing the project and also informed about the extensive list of present partners involved in the study. Following the presentation, she made a request to the SRRCD for a \$5000 contribution towards the groundwater monitoring aspect of the project. Her research group would try to have these funds included and matched through a proposal they would submit to an additional funding program.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

13 – 2005: Cornie Goertzen – Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of January 18, 2005 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

V. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Board members commented on success on having the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Center "Watershed Ecovan" visit the local schools, and mentioned that it should probably be a program the CD expands involvement with for next year.

Herschfeld drain project was discussed. Sub-district 7 members will work out details of required study / work plan, and update Board when ready. This is a project that will involve four municipal partners and may be managed and partially funded by the SRRCD. Further discussions will occur once RM of Ste. Anne and Hanover make their appointments to sub-district 7.

VI. FINANCE

14 - 2005: Art Bergmann – Roland Gauthier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the Financial Statement ending January 31, 2005.

CARRIED

15 – 2005: Art Bergmann – Roland Gauthier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the list of expenditures as circulated: January 2 – February 15, 2005 inclusive for a total of \$13,986.00

CARRIED

16 – 2005: Chris Goertzen – Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Manager to make budgeted asset purchases and utilize remaining funds from approved projects not completed towards ensuring these projects are completed in 2005/06.

CARRIED

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

17 – 2005: Denis Vielfaure – Cornie Goertzen

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

CARRIED

Art Bergmann left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

VIII. PAST BUSINESS

No past items for discussion.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

18 – 2005: Jean Gagnon – Roland Gauthier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD encourages Board members to attend the Soils and Crop Day at Niverville and that remuneration be applied to cover associated costs.

CARRIED

The Board expresses support for the presentation of the DRAFT Seine River Study and Open House. The Open House event is to be held at Giroux Hall Feb.16th, 2005.

19 – 2005: Jean Gagnon – Roland Gauthier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD hold a “Managing the Water’s Edge” workshop in partnership with MHC and MAFRI on March 17th, 2005, with no cost to participants.

CARRIED

Members discussed the purchase of the CST/Berger Rotary laser level and decided that it would not be a necessary asset for the SRRCD to acquire at this time.

20 – 2005: Chris Goertzen – Denis Vielfaure

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves Work Order # 04-108 being the sealing of an abandoned well at the Oswald property (NE 19-6-7E).

CARRIED

21 – 2005: Chris Goertzen – Roland Gauthier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board contributes \$5000 towards the groundwater monitoring component of the Beneficial Management Practices Research Study presently being undertaken by the University of Manitoba.

CARRIED

X. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION

- a) Minutes of Eastern Riparian Working Group – Nov. 25, 2004
- b) Red River Basin Commission Upcoming Meetings, Minutes and Info.
- c) CBC producer interested in CD success stories
- d) Climate Change - Program and funding opportunities – Manager will review and look for eligible project ideas.
- e) Part 3 of The Water Protection Act pertaining to Watershed Management Plans – Distributed to all Board members for review and further discussion
- f) PFRA Watershed Summary Reports – SE Manitoba will be printed when available from internet.
- g) Composting Council of Canada- Upcoming Operation Course – No one will attend.

- h) Manitoba Forestry Association- Hybrid Poplar plantations – Potential partnership and project opportunities for SRRCD.
- i) Canada-Manitoba Water Supply Expansion Program advertisement – SRRCD opportunities.
- j) Red River College- Civil/CAD Technology Co-Op Education Program – No seasonal staffing decisions made yet.

XI. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at RM of La Broquerie council chambers

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Chairman at 11:15 a.m.

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman