

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

#3 – 05: Board Meeting

March 15, 2005

Present: Cornie Goertzen – Chairman
Jean Gagnon – SD 6 Chairman
Denis Vielfaure – SD 8 Chairman
John MacGregor - Ag Rep
Chris Goertzen - SD 7 Chairman
Art Bergman - SD 9 Chairman
Patrick Watson – Manager
Marguerite Cote - Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:15 am

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

22 – 2005: Jean Gagnon – Denis Vielfaure

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby adopts the Agenda with the additions thereto: under Finance: d) Appointment of Auditors 2004-2005

New Business: b) Fireguard 13 & 13 A Agreement

Correspondence & Information: k) Update on mileage and meal rates for 2005

l) R.M. of Hanover first reading and appointments of SRRCD members

m) Kim Ominski - U of M Thank You letter for project contribution

CARRIED

III. DELEGATIONS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23 – 2005: Chris Goertzen – Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of February 15th, 2005 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

V. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

VI. FINANCE

24 - 2005: Chris Goertzen – Denis Vielfaure

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the Financial Statement ending February 28, 2005.

CARRIED

25 – 2005: Jean Gagnon – Art Bergman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the list of expenditures as circulated: February 15, to March 15, 2005 inclusive for a total of \$21,052.12.

CARRIED

26 – 2005: Chris Goertzen – Art Bergman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the firm of Meyers Norris Penny be appointed as auditors for the fiscal year 2004-2005.

CARRIED

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

27 – 2005: Jean Gagnon – Denis Vielfaure

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

CARRIED

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gerry Dube expresses concerns over excessive water flow within Seine River from La Broquerie to Ste. Anne, and asks the Board what can be done to slow the rapid increase in flow, and stream bank erosion problems. Gerry is told by the Board that sub-district 8 members have had numerous discussions on this issue and have placed top priority on these issues for immediate discussions and planning at the sub-district level.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Board received and approved of information related to Liability Insurance Program Renewal with Hayhurst Elias Dudek (HED) Inc.

Art Bergman reported on the March 10th meeting at the Cooks Creek Conservation District office. Art was thrilled that the Salmon Lake and Forest Road 13 and 13A (Stefanson Report) was finally being approved by the Province. The plan includes upgrades to Fireguard 13 & 13A instead of decommissioning the road as suggested by Manitoba Conservation (Forestry). All partner financial commitments, including the contribution from the SRRCD of \$3,050/year for two years were outlined in the draft

agreement to be signed by all partners. The agreement contribution from Manitoba Water Stewardship is \$25,000/year for two years.

28 – 2005: Art Bergman - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chairman of the SRRCD signs the Agreement between Manitoba Water Stewardship, the Rural Municipalities of Reynolds, Tache and Ste. Anne, the Seine-Rat River CD, and the Cooks Creek CD, to be involved in the upgrade work at Fireguard 13 and 13A as presented.

CARRIED

29 – 2005: Chris Goertzen - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD approach Manitoba Water Stewardship to become involved in the initiation of an Integrated Watershed Management Plan for the Seine River watershed, to be used as an essential future planning tool.

CARRIED

Chairman Goertzen brought up the topic of changing the name of the Seine-Rat River Conservation District for discussion amongst Board members. No name change was suggested and the present name will remain.

Chairman Goertzen also mentioned that the province has submitted the required papers to the CD Commission for approval of an Order in Council to make the SRRCD an officially formalized Conservation District in the province. The SRRCD expects notification within the next month.

30 – 2005: Jean Gagnon - Denis Vielfaure

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board move in camera to discuss personnel matters.

CARRIED

31 – 2005: Denis Vielfaure – Art Bergman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board move back into the regular meeting.

CARRIED

Chris Goertzen leaves at 11:05 a.m.

X. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION

- a) Levy requests mailed to municipal partners and Cash Flow Submission to Province
- b) 13 Lessons learned from East Souris River Watershed Plan
- c) Call for Fish Futures Project Proposals 2005 from SRWA Alf Mesebrowski
- d) Warning letter from Water Stewardship - Wayne Hildebrand reminding all CD's of surveying limitations and illegal survey work.

- e) Sustainable Communities Initiative Final Report submitted
- f) SESCO Water quality results received at SRRCD
- g) Manager meeting follow-up from Wayne Hildebrand WSD
- h) Government Summer Student Funding - Hiring a student for summer projects - no discussions at this point
- i) MRAC 9th Annual Meeting in Brandon March 19th - no one will attend
- j) Received resolution from RM of Springfield to join SRRCD with portion of RM not included in Cooks Creek CD
- k) 2005 Provincial mileage and meal rates for Board members and staff
- l) R.M. of Hanover letter notifying of first reading of bylaw to join SRRCD including the appointed Council representatives
- m) Kim Ominski – University of Manitoba BMP Research Study - SRRCD received Thank You letter for \$5000.00 contribution to groundwater monitoring component of study

XI. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday - April 19th, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the R.M. of La Broquerie Council Chambers

XII. ADJOURNMENT

30-2005 Art Bergman - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:55 am

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman