

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

#5 – 05: Board Meeting

May 18, 2005

Present: Cornie Goertzen – 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 Bergman - SD 9 Chairman
Rita Bazin – Financial Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

43-2005: Jean Gagnon - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda be hereby approved as presented.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

44-2005: Art Bergmann - Chris Goertzen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on April 19, 2005 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a) The two Board Members who will attend the Inter-municipal Golf Tournament on June 16th:
Chris Goertzen - golf & supper, Cornie Goertzen - supper only.
- b) The Watershed Forum on May 31st - Art Bergmann and Jean Gagnon (or their designate) will be attending.

V. FINANCE

- a) Provincial 4th Quarter Report year ending March 31, 2005

45-2005: Jake Friesen - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fourth Quarter Report - Statement of Expenditures to March 31, 2005 be hereby adopted as submitted to the Province.

CARRIED

- b) Financial Statement for month ending April 30, 2005

A copy of the 2005-2006 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for month ending April 30, 2005 is submitted for the Board's information.

c) List of Expenditures - For approval

46-2005: Chris Goertzen - Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves expenditures to May 18, 2005 as follows: Cheque #995 to 1025: - \$22,260.19.

CARRIED

VI. STAFF REPORTS

The Manager gives his report. He also requests that another item be added to the agenda regarding the 5-year expansion of the SRRCD as requested by the CD Secretariat to be discussed later under Correspondence.

47-2005: Jean Gagnon - Laurie Evans

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

CARRIED

The Financial Administrator gives a report of duties performed as directed by the Manitoba Conservation Districts Manual and some other duties which may occur now and again. The consensus is that a monthly report by the Financial Administrator is not required. Board Members indicate that the Manager can take the minutes of the sub-district meetings.

It is also noted that Board Members do not have to go through the Chairman to request work to be done by the office staff.

The consensus is that a Thank You card be sent to Marguerite Cote in recognition for her help in the office during the Financial Administrator's absence.

VII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS:

Reports are received from each sub-district Chair.

John McGregor, Ag Rep is present. The Board requests that he give updates, on behalf of SESCO, on the following:

- a) Rat River Water Quality testing and b) what provincial projects and programs he anticipates will be undertaken in the future in conjunction with the SRRCD projects.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Appointment of Vice-Chair: Laurie Evans has already been appointed Vice-Chair at last night's special meeting.

b) Appointment of Personnel Committee

48-2005: Art Bergmann - Chris Goertzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jean Gagnon shall retain signing authority in the absence of the Chair and THAT the Chair and Vice-Chair be appointed to the Personnel Committee.

CARRIED

c) Work Orders - For approval

49-2005: Chris Goertzen - Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts SD 8's recommendation and approves W.O. 05-801 (E½ 22-5-8E - Porcherie Gauthier) being a Riparian Project.

CARRIED

50-2005: Chris Goertzen - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts SD 7's recommendation and approves W.O. 05-702 for sealing 5 abandoned wells on Herbsigwil Farms property.

CARRIED

51-2005: Chris Goertzen - Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED that the SRRCD cover 100% of the costs to seal abandoned wells up to the allotted amount per 2005-2006 budget and THAT this policy be reviewed next year.

CARRIED

Pursuant to a discussion regarding paying for a project that was already done and has not received sub-district approval, the Manager is instructed to get other CD policies to help draft policies for the following for the Board's consideration:

- i) Board approval regarding work that has already been done;
- ii) Approval of projects by sub-district before introduction to the Board; and
- iii) A policy for Corporate Funds.

d) Managing the Water's Edge program

52-2005: Chris Goertzen - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves SRRCD involvement in the *Managing the Water's Edge* program.

CARRIED

e) Beaver Control

A policy for beaver control is given to the Board Members for review - the matter is deferred to the next meeting.

Chris Goertzen leaves at 11:10.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

The Manager introduces a draft of the SRRCD 5-year Long Term Financial Plan including estimates for expansion as requested by the CD Secretariat for Board discussion and predictions.

53-2005: Laurie Evans - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed Annual Levies for 2006/07 be hereby amended and that the Board submit the following estimated future benchmarks to the CD Secretariat:

R.M. of La Broquerie	\$28,000.00	R.M. of Springfield	\$ 1,000.00
R.M. of Ste. Anne	\$20,000.00	R.M. of Tache	\$20,000.00
R.M. of Hanover	\$25,000.00	City of Steinbach	\$20,000.00
R.M. of De Salaberry	\$20,000.00	Town of Ste. Anne	\$ 2,000.00
R.M. of Reynolds	\$ 1,000.00	Village of St. Pierre-Jolys	\$ 3,000.00
R.M. of Ritchot	\$20,000.00		

THAT future levy contribution estimates be tied with land assessment;
AND ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed 5 year expansion be limited to the following: R.M. of La Broquerie, R.M. of Ste. Anne, City of Steinbach, R.M. of Hanover, R.M. of De Salaberry, R.M. of Ritchot, Town of Ste. Anne, Village of St. Pierre-Jolys, R.M. of Reynolds, R.M. of Springfield, and R.M. of Tache.

CARRIED

a) Summer Career Placement Initiative - Funding for the Conservation Technician position has been approved - For Information

b) Integration of the Agriculture Policy Framework (APF) - For Information

Pursuant to yesterday's presentation by Wayne Hildebrand regarding proposal for the initiation of Integrated Water Resources Planning and Management in Manitoba - Sheldon Anderson will be requested to attend the next Board meeting for direction as to how the Board should proceed with this plan.

X. NEXT MEETING

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 21st, 9:00 am at RM LaBroquerie council chambers.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declares the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator