

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

#7 – 05: Board Meeting

July 19, 2005

Present: Cornie Goertzen - Chairman
Jean Gagnon - SD 6 Chairman
Norman Plett - SD 8 Vice-Chairman
Patrick Watson - Manager
Sheldon Anderson - Resource Planner
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 9:05 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

68-2005: Art Bergmann - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda be hereby approved as presented

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

69-2005: Jean Gagnon - Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on June 21, 2005 be hereby adopted with the following amendments made thereto:

Under *Delegation*: the mandate of the MHHC be eliminated;

Under *Resolution #60-2005*: where the duck nesting tunnels will be installed, be eliminated;

Under *Resolution #62-2005*: that Work Order 05-804 be amended to read that it is an erosion control project; and

Under *Resolution # 65-2005*: the motion was seconded by Art Bergmann

CARRIED

IV. FINANCE

a) Financial Statement for 3 months ending June 30, 2005

70-2005: Art Bergmann - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for three months ending June 30, 2005 be hereby adopted

CARRIED

b) Auditor's Report for 2004-2005

71-2005: Art Bergmann - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 be hereby adopted

CARRIED

c) List of Expenditures

72-2005: Chris Goertzen - Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the list of expenditures to July 19, 2005 as follows: Cheque #1059 to 1082 - \$17,404.67

CARRIED

d) 2005-2006 Budget

73-2005: Jean Gagnon - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the 2005-2006 Budget as revised

CARRIED

V. MANAGER'S REPORT

74-2005: Art Bergmann - Jean Gagnon

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

CARRIED

VI. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

The Sub-district 7 report is given by the manager

Jean Gagnon leaves at 10:00 a.m.

75-2005: Chris Goertzen - Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD lobby the provincial government to increase financial support to Manitoba Water Stewardship in order to provide effective improvements to the provincial drainage system and increase staff availability to undertake their work

CARRIED

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a) Letter from Manitoba Water Stewardship

Sheldon Anderson further elaborates on the information provided in this letter from the Chair of the Conservation Districts Commission regarding the 2005-2006 Budget Allocation and other Manitoba Conservation Districts activities including SRRCD on-going expansion

b) City of Steinbach re: SRRCD resolution

76-2005: Art Bergmann - Norman Plett

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby respond to the City of Steinbach's letter requesting clarification that the preliminary figures quoted in the SRRCD Resolution #53-2005 are intended as proposed estimates and that the Province would consult the City of Steinbach before any figures were changed

CARRIED

c) MCDA re: Manitoba Conservation Beaver Removal Program - For Information

d) CD Policy for Consideration re: Conflict of Interest - a reminder is received regarding conflicts of interest members may face while carrying on their mandates as committee members

e) Discussion on Water Related Issues - the Chairman indicates that he has discussed this issue with some of the Board Members prior to the meeting and a discussion entails regarding a very serious area south of Highway 210, on the eastern boundary of the R.M. of La Broquerie, an area continuing to and past the Watson P. Davidson Management area. The water coming from the east side of the inter-municipal boundary should be slowed down. The Board would like to see the sub-district member's work with the province to address this problem

77-2005: Art Bergmann - Chris Goertzen

WHEREAS the Board is concerned with the excess water coming from the east into the SRRCD and feels that a solution should be found to deal with this situation; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby request Sub-district 8 to evaluate the situation and work with the provincial water resources staff for initial recommendation

CARRIED

Chris Goertzen leaves at 11:06 a.m.

f) Work Orders

78-2005: Norman Plett - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the recommendation made by SD 6 and approves W.O.05-601 - a surveying project on Borland West Drain

CARRIED

79-2005: Art Bergmann - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the recommendation made by SD 7 and approves W.O. 05-704 being a water retention project

CARRIED

80-2005: Jake Friesen - Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the recommendation made by SD 4 and approves W.O. 05-404 being a drainage improvement project

CARRIED

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

a) ALUS: Farm Leaders Urge Ministers to Support Conservation Programs - For Information

b) MCDA - For the convention in December, nominations are required for a Conservation Family and CD Builder awards - Board Members request that criteria be sent to them to enable them to make recommendations at the next meeting

c) Manitoba Water Stewardship re: Provincial Sustainability Report - Some specifics from the lengthy report have been highlighted for the Board's information

d) Manitoba Well Water Sampling Program - Information was sent to the municipalities for residents who were recently flooded and are concerned about the drinking water

e) BDM Composting - Mr. Gerard Dubé has created a new business in the R.M. of Ste. Anne and requests the SRRCD endorsement for his new business endeavors. He also requests financial support for the demonstration day planned to promote this new business. It is noted that the provincial agricultural representative is assisting Mr. Dubé in his business endeavors.

81-2005: Art Bergmann - Norman Plett

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorize the manager to write a letter of support to BDM Composting

CARRIED

82-2005: Jake Friesen - Norman Plett

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby sponsor BDM Composting by providing coffee and donuts to a maximum of \$100.00

CARRIED

Environmental Farm Plan Workshops - John McGregor has brought information regarding this workshop

Red River Basin Commission has supplied a copy of the Natural Resources Framework Plan - a copy is available at the office

IX. NEXT MEETING

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for August 16th at 8:30 a.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

83-2005: Norman Plett - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator