

**Seine-Rat River Conservation District**

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**MINUTES**

**4 - 06: Board Meeting**

**April 18, 2006**

**Present:** Cornie Goertzen - SD 4 Chairman  
Jean Gagnon - SD 6 Chairman  
Laurie Evans - SD 8 Chairman  
Patrick Watson - Manager

Claude Gagne - SD 4 Vice-Chairman  
Chris Goertzen - SD 7 Chairman  
Maurice Leclaire - SD 9 Chairman  
Rita Bazin - Financial Administrator

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m. and welcomes Councilor Phyllis Creedon, of the RM of Reynolds.

The Chairman advises that the appointment of the Board's Chairman and Vice-Chair cannot be made as anticipated because some sub-districts have not met. This process is postponed to the next Board meeting.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**030-2006: Jean Gagnon - Maurice Leclaire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be hereby approved as distributed.

**CARRIED**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**031-2006: Chris Goertzen - Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on March 21, 2006 be hereby adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Goertzen gives his report of activities since the last meeting. Pursuant to his MCDA meeting in Brandon, a draft copy of MCDA's Strategic Plan is distributed to the Board Members for their input.

**V. FINANCE**

a) Expenditures

**032-2006: Chris Goertzen - Maurice Leclaire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the list of expenditures as follows:

*Cheque #1300-1335 for a total of \$13,350.41*

**CARRIED**

b) Draft Financial Statement

**033-2006: Jean Gagnon - Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft copy of the Financial Statement for the month/year ending March 31, 2006 be hereby accepted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**VI. MANAGER'S REPORT**

**034-2006: Jean Gagnon - Maurice Leclaire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the Manager's report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**VII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS**

The Board Members give a report on the sub-district they represent. Each member gives an update on the selection of sub-district Chair and Vice-Chair.

- a) Sub-district 4 - Cornie Goertzen continues as Chair and Claude Gagne is Vice-Chair.
- b) Sub-district 5 - There is no representative on the Board yet since the members have not met.
- c) Sub-district 6 - Jean Gagnon reports that the issue was not resolved because of a tie vote. The matter has been deferred to another upcoming meeting.
- d) Sub-district 7 - Chris Goertzen informs that the positions have remained status quo.
- e) Sub-district 8 - Laurie Evans advises that their selection was deferred to an upcoming meeting.
- f) Sub-district 9 - Maurice Leclaire is now Chair and Art Bergmann is the Vice Chair.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Home Town Green Team - The office has received verbal assent to the SRRCD application for two positions. Laurie Evans advises that the Personnel Committee has met and selected a candidate to recommend to the Board for the newly created position of Resource / GIS Technician. This person also qualifies under the Home Town Green Team program.

**035-2006: Laurie Evans - Jean Gagnon**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the Personnel Committee's recommendations and hire David Forbes as Resource / GIS Technician.

**CARRIED**

- b) La Verendrye Golf Course - Advertising Opportunities

**036-2006: Chris Goertzen - Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby assigns the responsibility of determining how to promote the SRRCD to the Manager providing it is done within the perimeter of the SRRCD budget.

**CARRIED**

- c) Red River Basin Commission - Water Management Workshop - For info

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Olywest Public Forum - April 20, 2006

**037-2006: Maurice Leclaire - Claude Gagne**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorizes the Manager to attend the Olywest Public Forum in Winnipeg.

**CARRIED**

**OTHER ISSUES INTRODUCED BY BOARD MEMBERS:**

- a) Minutes of Board Meetings for sub-district members

**038-2006: Maurice Leclaire - Claude Gagne**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a draft copy of the minutes of the Board meetings be e-mailed to the sub-district members who have an e-mail address when the minutes are completed.

**CARRIED**

- b) A general consensus is reached that each sub-district project brought to the board for recommendation include a completed form outlining why the project is in its jurisdiction and not done on a provincial drain.

c) The Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. review - No response has been received to the letters of concern sent by the SRRCD, and some members, including the City of Steinbach and RM of Hanover.

**039-2006: Jean Gagnon - Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT another letter be sent to Manitoba Conservation requesting a response and that a copy of this letter also be sent to our local political representatives Kelvin Goertzen and Ron Lemieux.

**CARRIED**

d) The board members would like to have SRRCD projects identified by a sign at each site.

e) Board Members discuss the feasibility of keeping the surrounding municipalities informed of Conservation District activities on a regular basis.

Councilor Creedon advises that her council has started the process to join the SRRCD and ensures that she will follow up on the current status.

X. **NEXT MEETING** - May 16, 2006

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

**040-2006: Maurice Leclaire - Claude Gagne**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby declared adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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**Cornie Goertzen, Chairman**

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**Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator**