

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

11 - 06: Board Meeting

November 21, 2006

Present: Cornie Goertzen - SD 4 Chairman
Jean Gagnon - SD 6 Chairman
Maurice Leclaire - SD 9 Chairman
Patrick Watson - Manager
Garry Gaetz, Councillor - R.M. of Reynolds

Claude Gagné - SD 4 Vice-Chairman
Laurie Evans - SD 8 Chairman
Rita Bazin - Financial Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

106-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be hereby approved.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

107-2006: Claude Gagné – Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on October 17, 2006 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reports on his activities, as follows: Budget preparation & presentation to the Commission, attendance at the CEC hearing re Pembina Valley Co-op, and meetings re Human Resources issues, including the termination of the Technician position due to shortage of work. He also advises that at SESCO's last meeting, it was resolved that this committee will hold one last meeting before disbanding.

V. FINANCE

a) Expenditures - For approval.

108-2006: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the list of expenditures as follows:
Cheque #1514 - 1553 for a total of \$34,969.28.

CARRIED

b) Financial statement

109 -2006: Jean Gagnon – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for month ending October 31, 2006 be hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED

110-2006: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manager be hereby authorized to purchase a trailer, chainsaw and culverts for next year's projects for a total maximum amount of \$30,000.

CARRIED

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

111-2006: Jean Gagnon – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manager's Report be accepted as read.

CARRIED

VII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

There were no sub-district meetings held since the last Board Meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a) Work Orders

112-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves an expenditure of up to \$6,000 towards the R.M. of DeSalaberry's Rat River/Joubert Creek riverbed cleanup project.

CARRIED

113-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves Work Order #8006: Giroux – Hwy. #311 Drain Maintenance project.

CARRIED

Work Order #4005: being a water retention project along the Joubert Creek is deferred to the sub-district level for review and recommendation to the Board.

- b) MCDA Convention – Board members are requested to confirm their attendance to the Manitoba Conservation District Association's annual convention so that staff may submit the names accordingly.
- c) MCDA Annual General Meeting – Received as information for SRRCD members to attend even if each municipality is allowed only three votes.
- d) IWMP – The Chair and Vice Chair are delegated to represent the SRRCD at an event planned where The Minister will present cheques to Conservation Districts for the Integrated Watershed Management Plan. This event is planned for November 27th at The Forks.
- e) Manager position – Patrick Watson advises that he is hereby submitting his resignation. He indicates that his last day with the SRRCD will be December 8, 2006.

114-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the Manager's resignation, supports him in his endeavours and wish him the best in the future.

CARRIED

115-2006: Jean Gagnon – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD advertise for the Manager's position as follows:
3 consecutive weeks in The Carillon and 2 consecutive weekend issues in The Winnipeg Free Press, the ETS Centre Job Bank, and that a copy be sent to all Conservation District offices in Manitoba;

AND ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the deadline for accepting all resumés at the SRRCD office will be 4:00 P.M. on December 11th.

CARRIED

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Red River Basin Commission – 24th Annual Land & Water Conference

116-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manager and one Board Member be hereby delegated to attend the Red River Basin Commission's conference in Fargo.

CARRIED

- b) Manitoba Water Stewardship, Planning and Coordination – Letter from Rhonda McDougal advising that the CD Secretariat is experiencing significant staffing changes and that they are working towards filling the vacant Resource Planner positions and plan to regionalize CD Secretariat staff.
- c) Manitoba Water Stewardship, Planning and Coordination – Letter re CD Budget Presentations – Received as information.
- d) Loewen Henderson Banman Driedger – Update re Purchase of SE 36-5-6E – The Board members are informed that the transaction has gone through and the SRRCD now owns the said property.
- e) Fish Futures Newsletter Fall 2006 – Received as information, a copy is available at the office.
- f) MHHC Annual Report 2005-2006 – Received as information, a copy is available at the office.
- g) News Release re Manitoba's Water Protection Plan – Received as Information, a copy is available at the office.

X. NEXT MEETINGS:

Organizational Meeting: Tentatively set for December 13 or 14th, depending on availability of a meeting room.

Board Meeting: December 19, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

117 -2006: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby declared adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator