

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

12 - 06: Board Meeting

December 19, 2006

Present: Cornie Goertzen - SD 4 Chairman
Ray Philippe - SD 6 Vice-Chairman
Laurie Evans - SD 8 Chairman
Rita Bazin - Financial Administrator
Claude Gagné - SD 4 Vice-Chairman
Sonny Peters – SD 7 Chairman
Maurice Leclaire - SD 9 Chairman
Elbert Toews, City of Steinbach and Garry Gaetz, Councillor - R.M. of Reynolds

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

118-2006: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved with the following additions made thereto under New Business:

- a) MRAC report by Ray Philippe
- b) AMM Group Insurance: Request for Coverage Extension

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

119-2006: Claude Gagné – Ray Philippe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on November 21, 2006 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reports on his time spent at the office, the MCDA convention, and MCDA Board business.

Board Members who attended the MCDA Convention had favourable comments to make, however, it is suggested that they would like to hear reports from other conservation districts, as done at previous conventions. The Chair advised that he will bring this suggestion back to the next MCDA Board meeting.

Laurie Evans reports on the ceremony held at the Forks for presentation of funding for 7 CDs who are working on an Integrated Watershed Management Plan.

V. FINANCE

a) Signing Authority

120-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby designates the SRRCD signing authorities as follows: Chairman Cornie Goertzen or Vice-Chairman Laurie Evans and Financial Administrator, Rita Bazin.

CARRIED

b) Expenditures - For approval

121-2006: Laurie Evans – Ray Philippe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the list of expenditures as follows:
Cheque #1469 - 1608 for a total of \$35,553.35. **CARRIED**

c) Financial statement.

122-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the 8 months ending November 30, 2006 be hereby adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

VI. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

There were no sub-district meetings held since the last Board Meeting, however some related issues discussed were as follows:

- Ray Philippe advises that two representatives from the R.M. of Ritchot, one each for Sub-District 4 and 5 have resigned and so two new representatives will be found shortly to fill those positions.
- Other potential projects for next summer and the importance of obtaining licenses and permits early in the New Year, where required.
- Project assets that could possibly be purchased with this year's funds. Anticipated equipment required are chainsaws, inventory for the Lavallée Road project, and a container/trailer to haul equipment to the sites.
- A site to store SRRCD assets will be required shortly and a potential site is discussed which would require permission.
- A Thank You letter needs to be sent to Arvid Ewashko from Manitoba Water Stewardship, in recognition for his assistance with a recent CD project.

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Patrick Watson is present to give his report & answer questions regarding current activities. The Board hereby requests that he prepare a list to identify all projects done to date and to be displayed on a map for easy identification and presentation.

123-2006: Raymond Philippe – Claude Gagné

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

CARRIED

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a) Ray Philippe reports on a MRAC meeting he attended regarding The Greencover Canada Program funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. He leaves a brochure for the office.

b) AMM Group Insurance coverage

124-2006:Laurie Evans – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves Patrick Watson's request to extend his AMM Group Insurance coverage to December 31, 2006.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

a) MCDA Special Board Meeting – Minutes of December 6, 2006 are received for information.

b) Minister of Water Stewardship – Letter and cheque for the Integrated Water Management Plan as submitted personally by the Minister at The Forks in Winnipeg.

b) MCDA – Christmas Greetings & notice of office closure during the holidays.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

125-2006: Maurice Leclaire – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Personnel Committee be delegated to find a qualified candidate for the Manager's position and make a recommendation to the Board.

XI. **NEXT MEETING** – January 16, 2007 – Unless the Personnel Committee needs to call a special meeting before then to make a recommendation to the Board.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

126-2006: Sonny Peters – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby declared adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator