

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

2 - 06: Board Meeting

February 21, 2006

Present: Cornie Goertzen - SD 4 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 Bergmann - SD 9 Chairman
Rita Bazin - Financial Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:00 am and welcomes the following: Larry Bugera, Bill Remenda, Cyril Inman, Claude Gagne, Marie-Therese Lefevre, and Maurice LeClaire representing the Rural Municipalities of De Salaberry and Ritchot and the Village of St-Pierre-Jolys.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

008 - 2006: Laurie Evans - Jake Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be hereby approved with the following addition made under NEW BUSINESS: f) MOU with the Province of Manitoba - For Board approval.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

009 - 2006: Jake Friesen - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on January 17, 2006 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reports on issues discussed pursuant to the MCDA meeting held on February 7, 2006 in Brandon.

V. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) A copy of a letter sent to the Minister of Conservation and the Director of Manitoba Environmental Assessment & Licensing Branch re Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. proposal as sent by the SRRCD is distributed to the Board members for the Board's information.

Chris Goertzen submits a copy of a similar letter sent by the City of Steinbach, also for the Board's information.

b) Letter sent by the Manager to councils of the Town of Ste. Anne, the rural municipalities of Ritchot and DeSalaberry and the Village of St. Pierre-Jolys explaining the need for council appointments - copies were given to Board members as information.

VI. FINANCE

010 - 2006: Chris Goertzen - Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the following expenditures:

Cheque #1250 - 1278 for a total of \$34,800.20

CARRIED

011-2006: Jean Gagnon - Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the Financial Statement for the month ending January 31, 2006. **CARRIED**

012-2006: Art Bergmann - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accept the quotation as submitted by Meyers Norris Penny for the SRRCD 2005-2006 year end audit. **CARRIED**

013-2006: Jake Friesen - Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approve in principle, the proposal made by MCDA to put out a Request for Proposal to accounting firms for services to audit Conservation Districts and MCDA. **CARRIED**

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

014-2006 : Laurie Evans - Jean Gagnon

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

VIII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

Laurie Evans gives a report pursuant to the February 14th sub-district 8 meeting.

015-2006: Laurie Evans - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be sent to Manitoba Conservation requesting updates on any changes to, or closure of the existing operations at Premier Peat Moss Ltd. in the R.M. of Ste. Anne. **CARRIED**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a) Work Orders for approval - None to approve.

b) Hiring a new staff person - The matter is referred to the human resource committee for recommendation - the matter has already been decided - the committee's mandate will be to get a short list for the next board meeting.

c) Manager's Meeting

016-2006: Jake Friesen - Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby delegate the Manager to attend the Manager's annual meeting. **CARRIED**

d) Hometown Green Team

017-2006: Laurie Evans - Jean Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the two positions applied for under the Home Town Green Team program. **CARRIED**

e) SESCO - Request for funds for the continuation of the 2006 water quality monitoring program. The matter is deferred until the next meeting. More information is required.

f) MOU between the Province of Manitoba and the SRRCD for the designation of a Water Planning Authority and for the development and implementation of an Integrated Watershed Management Plan for the Seine River Watershed - a copy of the document is given to the Board members.

118-2006: Laurie Evans - Chris Goertzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorizes the Chairman to sign the MOU with the Province of Manitoba which designates the Board of Directors of the SRRCD as the Water Planning Authority of the Seine River watershed and initiates the development of an IWMP for the Seine River watershed.

CARRIED

X. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Canada Revenue Agency - SRRCD has been officially registered as a charitable organization. For info
- b) Manitoba Agriculture - Thanking for support to Crop Day held February 9th.
- c) Manitoba Agriculture - Thanking for support to Forage Day, February 14th.
- d) Upcoming meetings to discuss proposed nutrient management regulations. For info
- e) Rivers West - Red River Corridor Association - Workshops. For info
- f) MCDA - Copy of letter sent to Manitoba Pork Council for sponsoring lunch at MCDA conference.
- g) East Souris River Watershed Management Plan - Copy sent by Turtle Mountain CD. For info
- h) Manitoba Agriculture - GO Team meeting. For info
- i) IISD - re: Adaptive Policies for Agriculture and Water Resources - The Manager will participate in request if required.
- j) Loewen, Henderson, Banman, Driedger - Update on land purchase.
- k) R.M. of Ritchot - Council appointments to the SRRCD sub-districts. For info
- l) Copy of letter from R.M. of Hanover to Manitoba Water Stewardship. For info

XI. NEXT MEETING - March 21, 2006

XII. ADJOURNMENT

019:2006: Art Bergmann - Chris Goertzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby declared adjourned at 10:20 am

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator