

SEINE-RAT RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES

08 - 07: Board Meeting

August 21, 2007

Present: Cornie Goertzen – SD 4 Chairman
Gerry Maynard – SD 5 Chairman
Sonny Peters – SD 7 Chairman
Maurice Leclaire – SD 9 Chairman
Kristy-Layne Carr – Manager
Rita Bazin – Financial Administrator

Claude Gagné – SD 4 Vice-Chairman
Paul Perreault – SD 6 Chairman
Laurie Evans – SD 8 Chairman
Jodi Goerzen – Technician

Marc Hamonic – SD 4 Member and Elbert Toews – SD 7 Member

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and welcomes April Kiers North from the Red River Basin Commission.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

087-2007: Paul Perreault – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be hereby approved.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

088-2007: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on July 17, 2007 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Goertzen reports on the MCDA meeting he attended in Portage la Prairie on August 7th. He also reports on the MCDA Tour hosted by Lake of the Prairies C.D. The other two who also attended give their reports of what they saw and learned on the tour.

V. DELEGATION

Marc Hamonic on behalf of the R.M. of DeSalaberry, explains that an invoice for \$6,000 was submitted to the SRRCD for the Rat River winter cleanup project in December, 2006 and paid in full by the SRRCD. However, he indicates that the work was not done to the R.M. council's satisfaction and consequently the monies were not all spent at that time as indicated on the said invoice. He assures the Board that the project will be completed this fall and hereby requests that the R.M. of DeSalaberry be able to use the unexpended portion paid by the SRRCD for cost of the work to be terminated this year.

089-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the R.M. of DeSalaberry's request to use unexpended funds allocated for the river clean-up project in 2006 for completion in 2007 be hereby approved.

CARRIED

VI. FINANCE

a) Expenditures - For approval

090-2007: Gerry Maynard – Sonny Peters

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

Cheque #1825 -1856: \$25,763.83.

CARRIED

b) Financial statement for the Month Ending July 31, 2007

091-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for month ending July 31, 2007 be hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED

c) Letter – Acting Deputy Minister of Water Stewardship

The Acting Deputy Minister of Manitoba Water Stewardship advises that the Conservation Districts Commission has approved an allocation of \$325,000 to the Seine-Rat River Conservation District for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

d) 2007-2008 Budget

092-2007: Claude Gagné – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the 2007-2008 Budget as discussed and that the municipal levies remain at the original amounts.

CARRIED

VII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

Paul Perreault, SD 6 – The sub-district members have been approached with a proposal involving a portion of land which could potentially be used as a water retention area. This could possibly help reduce water going to Tourond Creek watershed.

093-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby agrees in principal with the water retention proposal as submitted by Sub-District 6 providing the following is obtained:

- a) more research regarding the parameter of benefits, including a cost benefit analysis,
- b) a survey of the area and a physical tour of the land,
- c) provincial input regarding future repercussions of such land purchases.

CARRIED

Maurice Leclaire, SD 9. Matters addressed: Setting up a meeting with the Town of Ste. Anne to discuss issues regarding the Seine River; the Lavallée Road project; and concerns regarding maintenance of the river banks of the Seine River by landowners.

VIII. MANAGER’S REPORT

094-2007: Paul Perreault – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manager’s Report and presentation be hereby received.

CARRIED

095-2007: Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorizes that sealing abandoned wells south of the SRRCD boundaries be dealt with in the following manner:

- *Within 5 miles of the SRRCD boundary:* the bentonite (approximately \$200) + mileage expenses will be paid to the service provider;
- *Over 5 miles of the SRRCD boundary:* to be reviewed by the Board on an individual basis.

CARRIED

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a) Conservation Family Award

096-2007: Laurie Evans – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby declares that the *Seine River Shepherds* be declared the recipients of the Seine-Rat River Conservation District's 2007 Conservation Family Award;

AND ALSO BE IT RESOLVED that the SRRCD pay Mr. & Mrs. Eros's expenses to attend the MCDA Convention in December, 2007 where the award will be presented.

CARRIED

b) Winnipeg Free Press article

Laurie Evans introduces an article he has seen regarding water quality and thereby presents his concerns regarding our water quality and the capacity of improvement occurring in the tributaries going to Lake Winnipeg. A discussion ensues regarding public awareness of nitrate and phosphorous levels and the responsibility of taking proactive measures and initiatives in getting the public involved.

c) Compensation for Water Retention Projects – Deferred.

d) Personnel Committee Report

097-2007: Laurie Evans – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby move to sit 'in camera' to hear the Personnel Committee's Report.

CARRIED

098-2007: Sonny Peters – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 'in camera' meeting adjourn and that the Board Meeting resume.

CARRIED

099-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the recommendations made by the Personnel Committee.

CARRIED

X. NEXT MEETING – September 18, 2007

XI. ADJOURNMENT

100-2007: Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby declared adjourned.

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator