

SEINE-RAT RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES

10 - 07: Board Meeting

October 16, 2007

Present: Cornie Goertzen - SD 3/4 Chairman Claude Gagné – SD 3/4 Vice-Chairman
Gerry Maynard – SD 5 Chairman Paul Perreault – SD 6 Chairman
Sonny Peters – SD 7 Chairman Laurie Evans – SD 8 Chairman
Maurice Leclaire – SD 9 Chairman
Kristy-Layne Carr – Manager Rita Bazin – Financial Administrator

Also Present: Marc Hamonic – SD 4 Member Garry Gaetz – SD 8 Member
Elbert Toews – SD 7 Member arrives at 9:30 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. and welcomes everyone present, including Patrick Watson, Watershed Planner.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

122-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be hereby approved with the following item added under Deferred Business: Letter to Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation re Can Mart Drain.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

123-2007: Gerry Maynard – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on September 18, 2007 be hereby adopted with the correction made to #121-2007.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Goertzen reports on his activities for the past month and attendance to the following:

- 15th Annual Stamp Painting Competition Reception & Unveiling
- R.M. of Hanover's Meet and Mingle Golf Day
- Pre-budget meetings & presentation to the Commission
- Manitoba Conservation District Association (MCDA) Meeting in Brandon
- Pre-budget meeting with Greg Selinger
- Sub-District meeting – report & recommendations to follow

V. FINANCE

a) Expenditures - For approval.

124-2007: Laurie Evans – Paul Perreault

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

Cheque #1902 - 1938 for a total of \$36,946.22.

CARRIED

b) Financial statement & Second Quarter Report for the Month Ending September 30, 2007.

125-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement and 2nd Quarter Written Report for the 6 months ending September 30, 2007 be hereby adopted as discussed with the amendment made thereto.

CARRIED

VI. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

Paul Perreault, Sub-District 6 Chairman gives an update on potential and on-going projects and has one recommendation for the Board's approval:

126-2007: Paul Perreault – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby supports the recommendation made by Sub-District 6 that the Manager sends a letter to Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation requesting that the Tourond Drain be cleaned out. **CARRIED**

Gerry Maynard, Sub-District 5 Chairman - a meeting has been called for October 17th.

Sonny Peters, Sub-District 7 Chairman gives a follow-up to a project which would enhance a water retention area. Quotations were received and the following recommendation is made for the Board's approval:

127-2007: Sonny Peters – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a project to raise a portion of Marchand Road for water retention (Work Order #7003); AND THAT a quotation of \$2,900.00 as submitted by Harel's Sand & Gravel for C Base and A Base be hereby accepted with the R.M. of LaBroquerie to finish off the project as per recommendations submitted by Sub-District 7. **CARRIED**

Laurie Evans, Sub-District 8 Chairman gives a follow-up report on the St. Roch Road Project and has the following recommendation:

128-2007: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves to contribute 50% towards the St. Roch Road Project (Work Order #8011) as proposed by the R.M. of LaBroquerie per Sub-District 8 recommendations. **CARRIED**

Cornie Goertzen, Sub-Districts 3 & 4 Chairman gives a report on his sub-district's meeting held last night. The following recommendations are submitted for Board approval:

129-2007: Cornie Goertzen – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the quotation of \$12,365.00 as submitted by Ken Wiens for the Camille Nault Project (Work Order #4015) AND THAT the project be cost-shared with the R.M. of DeSalaberry as recommended by Sub-Districts 3 & 4. **CARRIED**

130-2007: Claude Gagné – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the recommendation submitted by Sub-Districts 3 & 4 to pursue the option of transferring land currently owned by Ducks Unlimited in the Pansy area for the purpose of water retention. **CARRIED**

A letter from Manitoba Crown Lands regarding a permit to keep trailers near the St. Malo Park is discussed. The matter is deferred until the R.M. of DeSalaberry's input has been received.

Maurice Leclaire Sub-District 9 Chairman reports on projects his sub-district members discussed on October 3, 2007 and has the following recommendations:

131-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves that a letter be written to the Minister of Water Stewardship requesting an appointment to discuss a problem with debris in the Seine River at the 'Lorette Narrows' AND THAT Rhonda McDougal of Water Stewardship be also notified. **CARRIED**

132-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorizes an expenditure of up to \$2000 to remove concrete blocks in the Seine River (Work Order #9002) per Sub-District 9 recommendation.

CARRIED**133-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Sonny Peters**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves Sub-District 9 recommendations that a survey and designs be done for the Teleglow Water Retention Project (Work Order #9001).

CARRIED**VII. MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Manager gives a report on her activities and an update on SRRCD projects.

134-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Sonny Peters

BE RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the expense for printing flyers to be submitted with the City of Steinbach's water bills.

CARRIED**VIII. DEFERRED BUSINESS**

a) Offsite Watering Program – Maximum Amount

135-2007: Laurie Evans – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the maximum amount for offsite watering projects be deferred for recommendation by the Manager.

CARRIED

b) Compensation for Water Retention Projects – Will not be pursued at this time.

c) Letter to Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation re Can Mart Drain – The consensus is to submit the draft copy of the letter read by the Chairman with the amendments made thereto.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a) Red River Basin – Request for a resolution of Support

136-2007: Claude Gagné – Paul Perreault

FORWARD: The land and water resources within the Red River Basin are crucial to the health of the economy, the resilience and prosperity of communities, the health of fish and wildlife, and the well being, health and enjoyment of everyone who lives, works, and visits the basin. The complex geopolitical nature of the Red River Basin presents challenges to effective integrated land and water management. To overcome these challenges, we need to work together across boundaries in a spirit of cooperation and friendship to achieve common goals for land and water management.

WHEREAS, we recognize that our actions today impact the legacy we leave the next generation;

WHEREAS, we realize that working together allows us to develop and implement creative solutions to problems that work toward the betterment of the whole basin;

WHEREAS, the Red River Basin Commission (RRBC) is a unique organization working across jurisdictional boundaries to foster and facilitate a cooperative approach within the basin and is a well established forum for identifying, developing and implementing solutions to cross boundary issues;

WHEREAS, the RRBC has developed the Red River Basin Natural Resource Framework Plan (RRB-NRFP) through in-depth basin-wide consultation as a guideline to aid in achieving a basin-wide approach to integrated natural resource management;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seine-Rat River Conservation District hereby declares support for the RRB-NRFP in principle as a guideline for moving forward with a shared vision for the future;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Seine-Rat River Conservation District will do its part to work toward this common vision by implementation projects, programs, and actions in our area as we are able that will contribute to this shared vision.

CARRIED

b) Farm Stewardship Association of Manitoba – 2006/2007 Annual Report
The report is received as information and a copy will be kept at the office.

c) Pembina Valley Conservation District's Invitation to an Appreciation Dinner

137-2007: Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves that two tickets be purchased for the Appreciation Dinner for Don Alexander, Chairman of the Pembina Valley C.D. for 17 years; AND THAT Chairman Cornie Goertzen and his wife be delegated to attend.

CARRIED

d) Manitoba Conservation District Association – Videos entitled 'Winter Watering Systems'
The SRRCD office has also several copies from Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration which are available for distribution.

e) MCDA Convention – December 11 & 12, 2007

138-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Board members or alternate and staff members be hereby delegated to attend the Manitoba Conservation District Association Convention in Brandon AND THAT the registrations, accommodations, meals and mileage expenses for attending the convention be hereby authorized.

CARRIED

f) Eastman 4-H Council – Response to public speaking program invitation. The letter is read and received as information.

139-2007: Paul Perreault – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the following expenses for the youth (and his/her chaperone) who will representing the SRRCD at Manitoba Conservation District Association's Youth Speaking competition: 1 day MCDA registration & banquet ticket, motel accommodations for 1 night, mileage & meals.

CARRIED

g) Copy of a letter from Manitoba Water Stewardship – Water Control Works & Drainage Licensing to the R.M. of Ste. Anne. Board Member Laurie Evans indicates that he will obtain more information from the R.M. of Ste. Anne and will then report to the Manager and Chairman at which time the SRRCD can send a response accordingly.

Elbert Toews leaves at 12:10 p.m.

h) Manitoba Agriculture Food & Rural Initiatives – Request for the SRRCD to sponsor a Composting seminar in La Broquerie

140-2007: Maurice Leclaire – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a sponsorship of approximately \$400 for the Manitoba Agriculture Food & Rural Initiatives' composting seminar to be held in La Broquerie for local producers.

CARRIED

The Chairman reports on a meeting he was invited to in Vita regarding the Roseau River Watershed proposal. Attendance at the meeting included representatives from the Red River Basin, Manitoba Water Stewardship, the rural municipalities of Piney, Franklin, Montcalm, and Stuartburn. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the water hydrology study done on the Roseau River Watershed Plan and the formation of the Roseau River Watershed District to implement the plan. Also discussed was the creation of the Roseau River Conservation District which would involve the hiring of a technician and having the administration run out of the Seine-Rat River Conservation District office. He advises that a proposal will be forthcoming soon.

i) The SRRCD has received an e-mail from the Southeast Sno-Riders Snowmobile Club. They are requesting permission to use Forest Road 13 and 13a as snowmobile trails. The Board members have no concerns to this request.

X. NEXT MEETINGS

a) *ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING* – November 8, 2007

141-2007: Claude Gagné – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the annual organizational meeting for the SRRCD be scheduled for November 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. (tentatively at the La Broquerie Hotel).

CARRIED

b) *NEXT BOARD MEETING* – November 20, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

142-2007: Paul Perreault – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby declared adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator