

SEINE-RAT RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES

04 - 08: Board Meeting

March 18, 2008

Present: Cornie Goertzen – SD 3/4 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
Jodi Goerzen – Technician

Claude Gagné – SD 3/4 Vice-Chairman arrives at 9:50 a.m.

Also Present: Marc Hamonic – SD 4 Member
Roy Enns – SD 7 Member arrives at 9:45 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

047-2008: Laurie Evans – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be hereby approved as follows:

- Addition to NEW BUSINESS after p) Revision of Indemnities; and
- Deletion of DELEGATION – Deferred as requested. **CARRIED**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

048-2008: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on February 19, 2008 be hereby adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Goertzen reports on his activities for the past month and advises that he has accepted the position of Chairman of the Southeast Regional Groundwater Management Plan. Laurie Evans is the Vice-Chairman.

V. **DELEGATION** – Patrick Watson, CD Secretariat – is present but advises that he will not be making his presentation today.

VI. FINANCE

a) Expenditures - For approval.

049 -2008: Maurice Leclaire – Sonny Peters

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

Cheque #2109 to 2138 for a total of \$28,402.78. **CARRIED**

b) Financial statement for the Month Ending February 29, 2008.

050-2008:Laurie Evans – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the month ending February 29, 2008 be hereby adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

VII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

The Sub-District Chairmen are called upon to give their reports.

Paul Perreault, SD 6 Chairman gives his report and reads a letter received from Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation advising that their department cannot approve the request to remove a culvert on PR 302 & 25 N in the R.M. of La Broquerie until flooding threats in the area have been addressed.

Gerry Maynard, SD 5 Chairman. He will be calling a meeting shortly to include the two representatives from the R.M. of Montcalm.

Maurice Leclaire, SD 9 Chairman gives an update of activities and the status of projects in his sub-district. He also has projects for Board approval as follows:

051-2008: Maurice Leclaire – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a Sub-district 9 recommendation that a meeting be called with Mrs. Derocher regarding the debris on her property which is inhibiting the flow of the Seine River.

CARRIED**052-2008: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to SD 9 recommendations that the Seine River clean-up project east of PTH 59 to Ile des Chênes be hereby approved.

CARRIED**053-2008: Paul Perreault – Gerry Maynard**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves that the workers who helped with the Seine River Cleanup project be paid \$15 per hour and that other expenses incurred relating to the project be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Claude Gagné arrives at this point.

054-2008: Maurice Leclaire – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves SD 9 recommendations that the SRRCD meet with the R.M. of Taché and Manitoba Conservation to discuss potential water retention areas.

CARRIED**VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Manager gives her report. She also reads a thank you letter from the principal of the Niverville School for sponsoring the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre presentation.

055-2008: Sonny Peters – Gerry Maynard

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

CARRIED**056-2008 : Claude Gagné – Maurice Leclaire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves that 500 brochures about the rain garden program be printed and distributed to all the urban centres in the SRRCD.

CARRIED**057-2008: Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the purchase of a Ricoh Aficio MP 1561 SPF and extra tray per quotation received.

CARRIED

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a) R.M. of Montcalm – Resolution re joining the SRRCD.
The R.M. of Montcalm indicates that it wishes to join the Marsh River Sub-District 5.
- b) R.M. of Morris – Letter re NOT joining the SRRCD.
The R.M. of Morris indicates that it does not wish to join a Conservation District at this time.
- c) Hayhurst Elias Dudek – Municipal General Insurance Program.
Received is an up-date on renewal of the Municipal Insurance Program – Received as information.
- d) Policies for Board approval – Deferred.
- e) TMCD & UARCD – Responses re CD Framework for the Future Discussion Document.
Copies of the responses submitted by Turtle Mountain Conservation District and Upper Assiniboine River Conservation District are circulated to the Board Members as information.
- f) Wayne Hildebrand, Water Stewardship – Requesting response re CD Framework.
The Manager will send Mr. Hildebrand a copy of the resolution adopted at the last meeting in this regard.
- g) Mid Assiniboine River C.D. – Notice of Closure of the Conservation District. The letter is read to the Board and received as information.
- h) Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada – TreeVitalize Your Landscape. Received as information.
- i) Ag in the Classroom – Annual General Meeting. Received as information.
- j) Manitoba Access & Privacy Conference 2008

058-2008: Laurie Evans – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Administrator be hereby delegated to attend the Manitoba Access & Privacy Conference 2008 in Winnipeg.

CARRIED

- k) Manitoba Rural Adaptation Council – Annual General Meeting. Received as information.
- l) South East Regional Groundwater Management Plan – The schedule for upcoming workshops is received as information.
- m) Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives – Received is a Thank you letter for being a displayer & sponsor at Crop Day and Forage Day.
- n) Bois de Sioux Watershed District – Water Retention.
Information is given by the Manager and the Board's consensus is that this information be referred to MCDA as a suggestion for its annual tour. The CD can also follow up on its own initiative.
- o) Manitoba Tall Grass Prairie Preserve – Prairie Day Event

059-2008: Gerry Maynard – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves that SRRCD staff members accept the invitation to attend the Prairie Day Event to be held in the R.M. of Stuartburn.

CARRIED

p) Priti Shah of PRAXIS Conflict Consulting – Workshop

060-2008: Claude Gagné – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves to pay for two registrations and delegate 2 people to attend the 'Legal Duties & Liabilities of Boards' workshop.

CARRIED

q) Indemnity review

061-2008: Gerry Maynard – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following rates be hereby approved for sub-district members:

Indemnity - \$75.00 per meeting or \$150.00 for a full day

Mileage - per provincial rates

Meal - for Board Members attending Board meetings.

DEFEATED

Further discussion of indemnities is deferred for further consideration and deliberation at the next meeting.

r) In Camera Session – Received is a letter from the Deputy Minister of Water Stewardship. The letter indicates that the SRRCD's request to the CD Secretariat to transfer funds in order to purchase land has not been approved. The matter needs to be discussed further.

062-2008: Paul Perreault – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby meet 'in camera' as a committee of the whole.

CARRIED

063-2008: Claude Gagné – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adjourns the 'in camera' meeting to resume its regular Board meeting.

CARRIED

Laurie Evans leaves at 12:40 p.m.

064-2008: Maurice Leclaire – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a net expenditure of \$50,000 for aerial survey photography in association with any interested partner municipalities.

CARRIED

X. NEXT MEETING – April 15, 2008

XI. ADJOURNMENT

065-2008: Gerry Maynard – Claude Gagné

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be hereby declared adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator