

SEINE-RAT RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES

05 - 08: Board Meeting

April 15, 2008

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

Also Present: Marc Hamonic – SD 4 Member

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

066-2008: Laurie Evans – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be hereby approved as circulated.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

067-2008: Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 18, 2008 be hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Some members express their disappointment that there was no R.M. of La Broquerie council representation at the March 18th Board meeting or this meeting as had been anticipated.

IV. DELEGATION

Patrick Watson is present to give his presentation as follows:

- a) Information on the watershed maps project, which is a partnership to share GIS technology – someone has been hired by the province to commence May 15th to work with CD staff.
- b) Distribution of a copy of the *CD update* dated April 2008. Copies are distributed to the Board Members.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Goertzen reports on his activities for the past month including the following: the Groundwater Group, Integrated Water Management Plan including the public consultations, Manitoba Conservation District Association Board, and a workshop on Legal Duties and Liabilities of Board.

VI. FINANCE

- a) Expenditures - For approval.

068-2008: Gerry Maynard – Claude Gagné

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

To March 31, 2008: Cheque #2138 to 2183 for a total of \$148,879.30.

From April 1, 2008: Cheque #2184 to 2193 for a total of \$2,430.41.

CARRIED

069-2008: Claude Gagné – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves that the 2007-2008 unexpended municipal levies and net interest earned at the bank be hereby transferred to the existing General Fund. **CARRIED**

b) Financial statement for the Year Ending March 31, 2008.

070-2008: Claude Gagné – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the Year ending March 31, 2008 be hereby adopted as presented and discussed. **CARRIED**

VII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

Maurice Leclaire, Chairman of Sub-District 9, Laurie Evans, Chairman of Sub-District 8 and Paul Perreault, Chairman of Sub-District 6 give updates on their respective sub-district but have no recommendation for Board approval.

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman of SD 3 & 4 advises that pursuant to a sub-district meeting held on March 31st, the following recommendations are made:

071-2008: Claude Gagné – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a recommendation submitted by Sub-District 3/4 that the Manager sign the Rat River Swamp Operational Agreement letter from Ducks Unlimited which states that the SRRCD will work in cooperation with Ducks Unlimited Canada to operate the Rat River Swamp Project, subject to amendments as determined by Ducks Unlimited Canada. **CARRIED**

072-2008: Gerry Maynard – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a recommendation submitted by Sub-District 3/4 that Marc Hamonic, Jim Swidersky and the Manager be delegated to investigate the location of the proposed dyke within the PFRA Pasture Water Retention Project. **CARRIED**

073-2008: Gerry Maynard – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a recommendation submitted by Sub-District 3 & 4 that the Manager send a letter to the Minister of Water Stewardship and a copy to the local MLA for Emerson Constituency, Cliff Graydon requesting the assistance from the Province of Manitoba regarding the Campbell-Martin Drain. **CARRIED**

074-2008: Maurice Leclaire – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a recommendation submitted by Sub-District 3 & 4 that a letter be sent to Wayne Hildebrand, Manager of the CD Secretariat requesting that the Rat River Watershed be put on the list for the third round of the Integrated Watershed Management Plans initiated by the Province of Manitoba. **CARRIED**

Sonny Peters, Chairman of SD 7 reports on a meeting held on April 14th:

075-2008: Sonny Peters – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a recommendation submitted by Sub-District 7 that a letter be sent to Ron Richardson, Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation requesting that after their inspection of the Manning Canal that a copy of their remedial plan of action for implementation be submitted to the SRRCD. **CARRIED**

Gerry Maynard, Chairman of SD 5 reports that pursuant to a meeting held on April 3, 2008 whereby two members from the R.M. of Montcalm have attended their meeting. He notes however that the agreement has not yet been completed by the Province.

The following recommendation is submitted for Board approval:

076-2008: Gerry Maynard – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a recommendation submitted by Sub-District 5 that Ron Kaatz, Hydraulic & Litigation Engineer from Manitoba Water Stewardship, Water Control System Management be hereby requested to study the survey & comment on the Alvin Stewart small water retention project & the riparian project.

CARRIED

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Jodi Goerzen advises that Kristy-Layne Carr had her baby on March 30th and is now on maternity leave. Jodi gives her report as interim manager starting March 31st.

077-2008: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manager's Report be hereby accepted as presented and discussed.

CARRIED

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Time does not permit the Board to address all the correspondence – so the following items are selected to be addressed immediately and the rest is deferred to another meeting.

Chairman Goertzen leaves the room while Vice Chairman Laurie Evans takes over as the Chair for this next item on the agenda.

d) Manitoba Water Stewardship – CD Act interpretations – After due deliberation of the contents of this letter the Vice-Chair declares that this letter is received as information and will be dealt with at the next organizational meeting in November if it is so required.

Mr. Goertzen returns and proceeds as Chairman.

e) Minister of Water Stewardship – Copy of letter sent to Larry Bugera re appointment to serve on the SRRCD Board. The Board members had no knowledge of this appointment and ask the Manager to investigate into this matter.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – APRIL 23 at 9:00 A.M. – Special Meeting to finish the agenda.

- A notice is to be sent to all Partner Municipalities of the upcoming Board Meeting.

078-2008: Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be hereby declared adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator