

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

PRESENT : Cornie Goertzen – Chairman SD 3/4 Laurie Evans – Chairman SD 8
 Paul Perreault – Chairman SD 6 Maurice Leclaire – Chairman SD 9
 Larry Bugera – Provincial Appointee Gerry Maynard – Chairman SD 5 (arrives at 9:06 a.m.)
 Jodi Goerzen – Interim Manager Rita Bazin – Financial Administrator

Jim Swidersky had advised that he would be late & arrives at 10:46 a.m.

ABSENT: Sonny Peters

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the R.M. of Hanover board room. Also present are Edwood Oswald, Sub-District 6 Member & Ted Laszczak from the R.M. of La Broquerie, Art Rempel, Sub-District 7 Member and Patrick Watson, Watershed Planner.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

204-2008: Larry Bugera – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

205-2008: Paul Perreault – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the November 17th, 2008 Board Meeting be hereby adopted with the amendment made thereto.

CARRIED

IV. PROVINCIAL UPDATE

Patrick Watson, Watershed Planner and Larry Bugera, Provincial Appointee report on the Provincial Appointees' meeting held in Brandon on December 1st. They advise that the updates from the province will henceforth be coordinated between the two of them. Mr. Watson continues to give his verbal report as follows:

CD Program Framework for the Future – currently undergoing its final edits and will be distributed in January or February. It will also be available in the CD portion of the provincial website.

Integrated Water Management Plan – four new plans were started this year. The Rat River will definitely be on the list of those to commence next year.

Drainage infrastructure workshops – four workshops will be held.

Other upcoming meetings will be scheduled by Sheldon Anderson, Senior Planner and CD staff on various issues, including financial administration issues.

Conservation Districts Annual Financial Report For 2007-2008 – Distribution done at the MCDA convention.

R.M. of Montcalm – The CD Commission has approved the R.M. of Montcalm as being officially part of the SRRCD expansion. The Order-in-Council is still required to complete the process.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Goertzen reports on the meetings he has attended which include the following: preparation of the Draft 2009-2010 Budget and presentation in Winnipeg to the CD Commission, Regional Groundwater Management Group, and meetings with the R.M. of La Broquerie and extra 10 hours spent at the office.

VI. FINANCE

a) List of Expenditures – For Approval

206-2008: Maurice Leclaire – Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the expenditures as per list totalling \$43,460.66.

CARRIED

b) Financial Statement – For month ending November 20, 2008

207-2008 Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the 8 months ending November 30, 2008 be hereby adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

VII. SUB DISTRICT REPORTS

Laurie Evans, Chairman of Sub-District 8 reports on the meeting held on November 17th at the R. M. of La Broquerie Council Chambers. He explains that since there was no quorum for his sub-district at the organizational meeting, elections for Chair and Vice-Chair were held at the November 17th meeting and that the Chair and Vice-Chair have not changed. Mr. Evans describes old and new issues discussed at the meeting, including Fire Road 13 between the R.M. of La Broquerie & Piney. After further deliberation, including Mr. Oswald and Mr. Laczszak's input the following was adopted:

208-2008: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves an expenditure to survey the southerly part of Fire Road 13 from the Poczik corner to Highway 12. **CARRIED**

Gerry Maynard reports on the Sub-District 5 meeting held on December 8, 2008 in St. Malo. Several projects were discussed and the following recommendations are presented for Board approval:

209-2008: Gerry Maynard – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the recommendation submitted by Sub-District 5 that a proposal be developed based on the ALUS projects and adopted to fit the specific needs of the Marsh River Watershed. **CARRIED**

210-2008: Gerry Maynard – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the recommendation to hold a Water Festival in 2009 in La Barrier Park as a one-day venture in conjunction with LaSalle Redboine and Cooks Creek Conservation Districts. **CARRIED**

211-2008: Gerry Maynard – Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves a recommendation to host a banquet in the spring with the following stipulations:

- Invitations be sent to people where work was done on their property;
- That this be an OUTSIDE party at the St. Malo park with events for families.

CARRIED

Paul Perreault, Chairman of Sub-District 6 and Maurice Leclaire, Chairman of Sub-District 9 reports on upcoming sub-district meetings.

Jim Swidersky arrives at 10:46 a.m.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

212-2008: Maurice Leclaire – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RSOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the Manager's report as presented.

CARRIED

Larry Bugera, Edwood Oswald, Ted Lasczcak, Patrick Watson, and Art Rempel leave at 11:00 a.m.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a) Manitoba Water Stewardship – Water Licensing Section

213-2008: Gerry Maynard – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby has no objections to the changes made per application re Lots 3 & 8 of Rat River Settlement (R.M. of DeSalaberry) providing no changes are made in the irrigation process.

CARRIED

b) Duck Unlimited Canada – Letter and Information on ‘*The Impacts of Wetland Loss in Manitoba*’ - Received as information.

c) Tree Canada – Canadian Urban Forest Network and Tree Canada – Received as information.

d) MAFRI – Crop Day (February 5/09) and Forage Day (February 10/09). The Manager gives a report on the SRRCD’s participation in those events.

X. NEXT BOARD MEETING – January 20, 2009

XI. ADJOURNMENT

214 -2008: Paul Perreault – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be hereby adjourned at 12:00 noon.

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator