

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

29 Simard Street – Box 339
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PRESENT : Cornie Goertzen – Chairman SD 3/4 Laurie Evans – Chairman SD 8
Gerry Maynard – Chairman SD 5 Paul Perreault – Chairman SD 6
Sonny Peters – Chairman SD 7 Maurice Leclaire – Chairman SD 9
Larry Bugera – Provincial Appointee

Kristy-Layne Carr – Manager Jodi Goerzen – Project Manager
Rita Bazin – Financial Administrator

EXCUSED: Jim Swidersky – Vice-Chairman SD 3/4

ALSO PRESENT: Jean Gagnon – SD 3 & 4 (R.M. of La Broquerie), David Menard – SD 9 (R.M. of Taché)
Bill Wilton – SD 9 (R.M. of Ritchot) arrives at 9:10 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 21, 2009 at the R.M. of La Broquerie Council Chambers.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

040-2009: Larry Bugera – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

041-2009: Gerry Maynard – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the March 17, 2009 Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Goertzen reports on his activities for the SRRCD since the last Board meeting and gives an update the following: South East Groundwater Management Plan, personnel, Save our Seine and also worked extra hours on various office administration issues.

042-2009: Laurie Evans – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Maurice Leclaire be added as an alternate on the personnel committee.

CARRIED

V. FINANCE

a) List of Expenditures

043 -2009: Larry Bugera – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the expenditures as per list reviewed and discussed with Board members.

CARRIED

b) Financial Statement – to March 31, 2009

The Financial Administrator reports on the financial status of the SRRCD to the year-ending March 31, 2009 and that the balance of the provincial levy remaining is \$44,611.23 and \$17,522.65 municipal levies.

Following an update on the carry-forward projects approved at the last meeting:

044-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Gerry Maynard

WHEREAS the SRRCD had requested a carry-forward totalling \$94,000 for 2008-2009 uncompleted projects which has been approved by Manitoba Water Stewardship;
AND WHEREAS an update reveals that some of those projects cannot be completed before July 31, 2009;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD notify the province that the total carry-forward required has been revised to \$62,000. **CARRIED**

045-2009: Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the extra unexpended funds from municipal levies (\$2,022.65) and interest earned (\$2,624.99) be transferred to the General Reserve Account. **CARRIED**

VI. PROVINCIAL UPDATE

- None

VII. SUB DISTRICT REPORTS

Laurie Evans and Maurice Leclaire join to make the following recommendations on behalf of their respective sub-districts on the next two issues:

046-2009: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves sub-districts 8 & 9 recommendations to proceed with the Seine River Riparian Enhancement Project as detailed in the LWBF grant. **CARRIED**

047-2009: Gerry Maynard – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves sub-districts 8 & 9 recommendations to proceed with the Seine River Film Documentary Projects as proposed by the Granger Media Group proposal with the amendment made to the rights clause to belong to the SRRCD only. **CARRIED**

048-2009: Laurie Evans – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the rain garden proposal in cooperation with the R.M. of La Broquerie as follows:

- the SRRCD maximum contribution is \$5,000;
- maintenance is the R.M. of La Broquerie's sole responsibility.

CARRIED

049-2009: Laurie Evans – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board supports the concept of a photo contest proposal with more details to follow. **CARRIED**

Paul Perreault has the following recommendations:

050-2009: Paul Perreault – Laurie Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accept Sub-District 6 recommendations and approve that Orlando Hiebert be hired to conduct a survey east of Highway 302 on 25N for 2 miles in consultation with Sub-District 8, to determine the exact slope of the drain. **CARRIED**

051-2009: Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accept Sub-District 6 recommendations and approve that Orlando Hiebert be hired to survey S 4-5-7E in the R.M. of La Broquerie and that consent of entry be obtained from the owners. **CARRIED**

052-2009: Paul Perreault – Larry Bugera

WHEREAS municipalities who have obtained orthophotos would find that a buffer of two miles within the neighbouring municipality to be an asset to obtain additional data for projects along the intermunicipal boundaries;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be sent to all partner municipalities requesting that a buffer of two miles be added beyond the municipal boundaries at no additional charge. **CARRIED**

Maurice Leclaire reports on other activities in Sub-District 9 with the following recommendations for Board approval:

053-2009 Maurice Leclaire – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accept the recommendation submitted by Sub-District 9 and approve that Dean Gould's proposal for the Lorette Narrows project (including cost estimate) be accepted with an \$80,000 contingency fund for unforeseen costs. **CARRIED**

054-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans

BE IT REWSOLVED THAT the Board accepts a recommendation submitted by Sub-District 9 to proceed with the Seine River flow project per Dean Gould's recommendations upon Department of Fisheries and Ocean's approval. **CARRIED**

Cornie Goertzen gives an update on SD 3 & 4 activities and has the following recommendation.

055-2009: Gerry Maynard – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accept the verbal consensus obtained from the majority of Sub-district 3/4 members and approve that Dean Gould be hired to conduct a survey/proposal for the Camille Nault project for \$5,590. **CARRIED**

MANAGERS' REPORT

Chairman Goertzen welcomes Kristy-Layne back from her leave as of April 6, 2009 and thanks Jodi Goerzen for filling the position in the interim.

Kristy-Layne then gives the Project Manager's report and the Manager's report simultaneously.

The Board is given a variety of promotional suggestions as researched by staff.

056-2009: Gerry Maynard – Sonny Peters

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the following as promotional expenses:

- a) Shopping bags – an additional \$5,000;
- b) 2009-2010 program flyers;
- c) 8 shirts for summer staff; and
- d) 16 golf shirts all with SRRCD logos.

CARRIED

057-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes that the wellwater testing program be continued on a monthly basis (the fourth Friday of each month) with the first pickup date on April 25th in cooperation with participating municipal partners. **CARRIED**

058-2009: Paul Perreault – Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approve a fee of \$850 for the Riparian Control workshop in Winnipeg and delegate the Manager to attend. **CARRIED**

059-2009: Sonny Peters – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorize Jodi Goerzen to attend the Kelsey Conservation District's water festival and retreat to be held in The Pas. **CARRIED**

060-2009: Larry Bugera – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopt the Managers` reports. **CARRIED**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Hayhurst Elias Dudek – Group general insurance program - Renewal premium approved with invoices.

- b) Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs – Provincial Land Use Policies – A copy circulated to Board Members.
- c) SRRCD Expansion Discussion - A copy of a draft proposal as drawn up by the watershed planner has been distributed and is reviewed by the Board for future consideration.
- d) Composting Program

061-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD sell composter bins at \$28 each including GST and that all municipal partners be offered to sell to their residents at that price in cooperation with the SRRCD.

CARRIED

- e) Watershed Planning & Programs – 2009-10 Fiscal Year Strategic Plan – Copies distributed for review by the Board.
- f) Copy of newsletter: Province Announces Stepped up Assault on Phosphorus to Clean up Lake Winnipeg – Received as information.
- g) Kelsey Conservation District – Copy of letter to MCDA re annual convention as discussed in the Chairman’s report.
- h) Manitoba Conservation Districts Association – MCDA Info Day – to be held today – no one could attend because of the Board meeting.
- i) Minister of Water Stewardship – Copy of Integrated Watershed Management Plan for the Rat River Watershed. A cheque has been received in the amount of \$25,000 to assist in the preparation of the plan.
- j) Minister of Water Stewardship – Funding in the amount of \$25,000 has been approved to assist in the delivery of the Seine River Riparian Enhancement Program. A cheque in the amount of \$22,500 has accompanied the letter. 10% is being held in trust upon approval of the final report.
- k) Minister of the Environment - Approval from the federal government for funding under Environment Canada’s Lake Winnipeg Basin Stewardship Fund under the Seine River Riparian Enhancement Program.
- l) Manitoba Water Stewardship – Copy of a response from Steve Topping to a landowner regarding flooding issues within the Rat River Watershed.
- m) Manitoba Farm Writers & Broadcasters Association – Agricultural Awareness Award. Received as information
- n) Sunshine Greenhouse – A quote re landscaping proposal at the R.M. of La Broquerie municipal building, As discussed in the Managers’ reports.
- o) West Souris Conservation District – Invitation to annual banquet - Received as information.
- p) Envirothon Volunteer Newsletter – April, 2009. Received as information.
- q) Whitemud Conservation District – Copy of the Whitemud News – Received as information.
- r) Financial Administrators’ meeting

062-2009: Laurie Evans – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED that the Financial Administrator be hereby delegated to attend the Financial Administrators' meeting in June. **CARRIED**

- s) Hometown Green Team – Approved 2 of the 4 positions that the SRRCD had applied for. The mandatory forms will be submitted for the two qualifying candidates for final approval.
- t) MCDA – MCDA April Board Information. The report has been addressed in the Chairman's report.
- u) MCDA – re Winnipeg Fostering Sustainable Behaviour Workshops. Received as information.
- v) Canadian Water Resources Association – Luncheon on April 29th, 2009

063-2009: Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve an expenditure of \$15.00 and authorize Jodi Goerzen to attend the CWRA luncheon. **CARRIED**

064-2009: Paul Perreault – Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby meet in camera. **CARRIED**

Staff and those in attendance leave the Boardroom.

065-2009: Larry Bugera – Maurice Leclaire

BE IT RESOLVED that the 'in camera' meeting hereby adjourn. **CARRIED**

Resolutions adopted after the 'in camera' per attached.

X. NEXT BOARD MEETING – May 19, 2009.

CORNIE GOERTZEN, CHAIRMAN

RITA BAZIN, FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR