

## Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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**PRESENT :**        Cornie Goertzen – Chairman SD 3/4        Jim Swidersky – Vice-Chairman SD 3/4  
                         Laurie Evans – Chairman SD 8                    Paul Perreault – Chairman SD 6  
                         Sonny Peters – Chairman SD 7                    Maurice Leclaire – Chairman SD 9  
                         Kristy-Layne Carr – Manager                    Jodi Goerzen – Project Manager  
                         Rita Bazin – Financial Administrator

**EXCUSED:**        Gerry Maynard – Chairman SD 5

**SD MEMBERS PRESENT:**    Claude Moquin – SD 6

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 19, 2009 at the R.M. of La Broquerie Council Chambers.

The Chairman then introduces this summer's teams who are undertaking the well water testing and well inventory project: everyone knows Pierre de Moissac who was here last summer and has been organizing for this year, new staff members are David Beauchamp, Carlie Pauls and Véronique Maynard who all started in the beginning of May. One team has started in the R.M. of Hanover and the other is working in the R.M. of Ste. Anne. They are welcomed to the SRRCD and then excused to return to their duties.

The Board is then introduced to Catherine Gérardy who was hired to manage the Seine River Riparian project on a term basis for approximately one year.

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**070-2009: Sonny Peters – Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**071-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the April 21, 2009 Board meeting be adopted with the amendment made per circulated copy.

**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: meetings re water issues, the Granger Media contract agreement and also worked extra hours on various office administration issues including finding a second pickup for the SRRCD.

### V. FINANCE

List of Expenditures

**072-2009: Jim Swidersky – Maurice Leclaire**

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

**CARRIED**

### VII. PROVINCIAL UPDATE

Patrick Watson is present and elaborates on the Provincial Update dated May, 2009 as per circulated copy:

- a) Conservation District Program Funding
- b) CD Framework for the Future Formula & CD appointments
- c) Surface Water Management Planning
- d) Administration which includes the hiring of another Watershed Planner

**VIII. SUB DISTRICT REPORTS**

Maurice Leclaire gives an update for Sub-District 9 which included a tour in May and proceeds with the following recommendations:

**073-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Jim Swidersky**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepts Sub-District 9 recommendations and hire Centennial Gravel to Proceed with the Lorette Narrows project and Unger Excavating to proceed with the Seine River Flow project payable on a per hour basis. **CARRIED**

Cornie Goertzen gives an update for Sub-District 3/4 which included a spring tour and has the following recommendations for Board approval:

**074-2009: Jim Swidersky-Paul Perreault**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts Sub-District 3/4 recommendations and hire Dean Gould to do the survey for the St. Malo Wildlife project for Geoff Reimer of Manitoba Water Stewardship. **CARRIED**

**075-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Sonny Peters**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts Sub-District 3/4 recommendations and hire Dean Gould to do the survey and design for the DeSalaberry crown land water retention area. **CARRIED**

**076-2009: Jim Swidersky-Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorizes that the SRRCD continue the Rat River/Joubert Creek water testing project and to add an inlet and outlet test of St. Malo Lake. **CARRIED**

**IX. MANAGERS' REPORT**

Included in the report are Board directions obtained regarding the following: Repairs to the GMC Sierra pick-up following an accident; BBQ – now scheduled for September and invitations limited to a maximum of 300 people; an update on the stolen ATV trailer; and the plans for a Seine River Enhancement project opening ceremony/press release to be held in Marchand on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**077-2009: Laurie Evans – Maurice Leclaire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Catherine Gérardy proceed with water quality testing of the Seine River as part of the Seine River Riparian project. **CARRIED**

Jim Swidersky is excused and leaves at 11:30 p.m.

**X. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Manitoba Water Stewardship – copy of letter to Town of Niverville with procedures required to be followed to join the SRRCD. Received as information.
- b) Staff related guidelines procedures

**078-2009-Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby authorizes that \$50 be paid to one summer staff per team for the use of their personal cell phone for the summer and that the following directives be implemented as staff policies & procedures:

- 2 – 15 minutes breaks per day
- no banked time or time off
- no extra mileage be charged if staff chooses to go to nearest restaurant for lunch
- a mandatory half-hour unpaid lunch break per day
- work 35 hours a week

**CARRIED**

- c) Environment Canada – Approval of funding under the Lake Winnipeg Basin Stewardship Fund. Received as information.

d) Board Development Workshops – A list received from Manitoba Water Stewardship is circulated for the board to review for consideration – Deferred to the next meeting.

e) R.M of Hanover Meet and Mingle Golf Day invitation.

**079-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman and the Manager be delegated to attend the R.M. of Hanover's Meet and Mingle Day. **CARRIED**

f) Canada Revenue Agency – Received is a letter pursuant to an audit made in March, 2009 of the information submitted on the 2007-2008 registered charity return with some recommendations.

g) Room to Grow –Wilderness Skills Intensives 2009

**080-2009: Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve an expenditure of \$100 to subsidize the expenses for one youth in the SRRCD to participate in the Room to Grow Wilderness Skills Intensives 2009.

**CARRIED**

h) Canadian Water Resources Association – Invitation to a luncheon.

**081-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the manager and chairman be delegated to attend the Canadian Water Resources Association luncheon on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**CARRIED**

i) AGRIMUM – Caring for our Watersheds

**082-2009: Sonny Peters – Paul Perreault**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manager and Project Manager be delegated to attend the Caring for our Watersheds information day to be held on June 3, 2009.

**CARRIED**

j) MCDA – copies of Manitoba News Releases were submitted for the Board as information.

k) MCDA – Information re Youth Conservation Display Competition and Youth Speaking Competition

**083-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD sponsor one youth for the Conservation Display Competition (Grade 4-8) and one youth for the Speaking Competition (Grade 9-12) for the 2009 MCDA Convention.

**CARRIED**

l) Assiniboine Community College – Environmental Education Conference – Received as information.

m) Agriculture in the Classroom-BM Inc – Thanking the SRRCD for its membership support.

n) Turtle River Watershed Conservation District – Newsletter received as information.

**VI. DELEGATION**

Marilena Kowalchuk, Riparian Program Coordinator for the Manitoba Heritage and Habitat Corporation is present to introduce the idea of using GIS to conduct riparian classification which would fall into the Seine River Integrated Water Management Plan.

**XI. NEXT BOARD MEETING – June 16, 2009.**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. – Paul Perreault

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Cornie Goertzen, Chairman

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Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator