

**Seine-Rat River Conservation District**

29 Simard Street – Box 339  
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**MINUTES**

**PRESENT :** Cornie Goertzen – Chairman SD 3 & 4      Laurie Evans – Chairman SD 8  
Jim Swidersky – Vice-Chairman SD 3 & 4      Gerry Maynard – Chairman SD 5  
Paul Perreault – Chairman SD 6      Sonny Peters – Chairman SD 7  
Maurice Leclaire – Chairman SD 9  
Kristy-Layne Carr – District Manager      Jodi Goerzen – Project Manager  
Rita Bazin – Financial Administrator

**ABSENT:** Larry Bugera – Provincial Appointee

**I. CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 A.M.**

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**170-2009: Paul Perreault – Sonny Peters**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**171-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Gerry Maynard**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of September 15, 2009 be hereby adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reports on his activities for the month including attending the following: University of Manitoba – Don Flaten was the speaker at the seminar; Fisheries Enhancement Fund reception & stamp unveiling at Oak Hammock Marsh; Holiday Inn – Speaker on flood levels & flood staging; Southeast Regional Ground Management Plan – Editing of groundwater report; Manitoba Conservation Districts Association – Board meeting; Meeting with Vic Toews re delays by DFO re Seine River Wildlife project; Budget committee meeting – To prepare for the presentation to the Conservation District Commission; Seine River Integrated Water Management Plan – Final review; Trips to the office – nine times for various, 'as needed to be done'.

**V. PROVINCIAL UPDATE**

Patrick Watson circulates a copy of the Provincial Update – October 2009 and highlights a couple of items on the report.

**172-2009: Jim Swidersky – Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT further to resolution #129-2009, sub-districts 6 and 7 remain independent and that the expansion proposal for the Seine-Rat River Conservation District be so amended.

**CARRIED**

**VII. FINANCE**

**173-2009 : Maurice Leclaire – Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the accounts payable as per circulated list.

**CARRIED**

**174-2009 : Sonny Peters – Jim Swidersky**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the financial report for the month ending September 30, 2009 as reviewed along with the Second Quarter Report prepared for submission to Watershed Planning.

**CARRIED**

**175-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Paul Perreault**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the draft 2010-2011 Budget for presentation to the CD Commission on October 28<sup>th</sup>. **CARRIED**

**VI. DELEGATIONS:**

Daniel Brooker from ATGIS Geomatics is present to explain the feasibility of reselling imagery to other clients and keeping the revenue as credit for future upgrades or as payout to the SRRCD.

Charles Granger is present to give an update and request that he needs to meet and interview a few more people and should be finished by mid November to be reviewed at the next meeting.

**VIII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS**

Maurice Leclaire, Chairman of Sub-District 9 reports on a meeting held with the Town of Ste. Anne regarding the Seine River Flow project and pursuant to that meeting, recommends the following:

**176-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Gerry Maynard**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD send a letter to the Province of Manitoba requesting that they contact the Town of Ste. Anne regarding the construction of a new walkway.

**177-2009: Paul Perreault – Laurie Evans**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the above resolution be amended to read that the SRRCD send a letter to the Town of Ste. Anne advising that the SRRCD is prepared to send a letter of support to the province for any arrangement made by the Town of Ste. Anne for funding the construction of a new walkway. **CARRIED**

Sonny Peters, Chairman of Sub-District 7 advises that the meeting called and held on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> did not have a quorum and has no recommendations, but he reviews the subjects discussed.

Paul Perreault, Chairman of Sub-District 6 advises that the sub-district members met on October 6, 2009. One resolution adopted by the sub-district members that a reducer be placed on the 30" culvert on the 25N water retention project (1/2 mile west of PTH 302) to reduce the flow to a 24" culvert. This has since been refused by Hytek.

The following recommendation was also adopted for Board approval:

**178-2009: Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the recommendation submitted by Sub-District 6 that the current pipe be replaced with a plastic pipe (adding 2m in length) next spring to deter beavers on the Hypro project. **CARRIED**

**IX. MANAGERS' REPORTS**

Catherine Gérardy is present to give an update on the Seine River Riparian Project. She reports that she has contacted the landowners and offered program assistance for riparian projects conducive to their situation such as erosion or cleaning. A few were done or will be completed this fall. Unfortunately, some landowners have refused and she will keep a record of her activities.

She has also collected information on other projects: one related to the health of the Seine called 'adopting a river' and another related to education which is an invertebrate sampling project led by Collège Louis Riel.

Kristy-Layne Carr then proceeds with her report.

**X. OLD/DEFERRED BUSINESS**

a) University of Manitoba – Delta Marsh Field Station's Annual Friends of Delta Marsh Dinner. Received as information.

b) Lake Winnipeg Basin Stewardship Fund – Seine River Riparian Enhancement Project

**179-2009: Paul Perreault – Jim Swidersky**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chairman be hereby authorized to sign the Lake Winnipeg Basin Stewardship Fund agreement for the Seine River Riparian Enhancement Project.

**CARRIED**

c) Aquamec Watermaster – Watermaster dredging machine – Received as information.

d) Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre – ‘On The Go’ program

**180-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Gerry Maynard**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board authorize that the SRRCD contribute \$6,000 for the Oak Hammock Marsh ‘On the Go’ presentations providing the presentations follow conservation district mandates.

**CARRIED**

e) MCDA – Annual Conference

**181-2009: Jim Swidersky – Gerry Maynard**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby delegate the Board members or their sub-district vice-chair as alternate, regular staff and the CD award winners to attend the Manitoba Conservation District Association convention in Brandon.

**CARRIED**

**182-2009: Sonny Peters – Maurice Leclaire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cornie Goertzen, Laurie Evans, Gerry Maynard be hereby designated as the voting members from the SRRCD at the MCDA’s annual general meeting in Brandon.

**CARRIED**

**183-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Jim Swidersky**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the December Board meeting be rescheduled to December 7<sup>th</sup> in Brandon.

**CARRIED**

The MCDA Convention agenda is then discussed and the Board has the following recommendations for future MCDA conventions including:

- i) Better communication with other conservation districts in order to learn from one another;
- ii) Regulations involving CD issues such as wetlands, DFO regulations, licensing enforcement, landfill reclamation, beaver problems, erosion/crownlands and forestry.
- iii) Pertinent challenges faced by conservation districts visavis issues that are not the mandate of conservations districts.
- iv) Conservations districts should have a better say of what needs to be addressed at the convention in accordance with future Provincial objectives.

f) MCDA – Newspaper article re ‘Funding to help school have natural playground’. Received as information.

g) Memo copy from the Director of Fisheries to the Director of Planning & Coordination re Seine River IWMP. Received as information.

h) Manitoba Public Insurance – Claim for theft of 2008 Triton trailer. Received as information.

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Seine River IWMP – Final amendments

**184-2009: Maurice Leclaire – Gerry Maynard**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the final amendments made to the Seine River Integrated Water Management Plan as read and forwarded to Lloyd Crooks to complete the edits.

**CARRIED**

b) Jolys Regional Library – request for cloth bags. The Board consensus is to donate 50 bags and suggest that the bags be given to people taking books relating to conservation.

Jim Swidersky leaves at 2:02 p.m.

- c) Cooks Creek C.D. – Scheduling courses for Board members. The Board consensus is that this should be planned for January.
- d) Fish Futures Inc. – Fish News, Fall 09. Available at the office.
- e) Steven Topping, Executive Director, Regulatory & Operational Services – Per correspondence concerning enforcement of illegal drainage. Received as information.
- f) R.N. Betcher, P.Geo, Manager Groundwater Management Section – E-mail concerning benefits from the well inventory programs. Received as information. Staff is instructed to forward a copy of the letter to Rhonda McDougall and Wayne Hildebrand.

g) Manitoba Eco-Network – Water Workshop

**185-2009: Gerry Maynard – Sonny Peters**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cornie Goertzen, Kristy-Layne Carr and Jodi Goerzen be delegated to attend the Manitoba Eco-Network Water Workshop. **CARRIED**

- h) R.M. of Ste. Anne – Response to expansion document. Received as information.
- i) Anonymous Letter – Concerns about the eco friendly cabins on Falcon Lake & High Lake.
- j) MCDA – Manitoba News Releases re sewage disposal & livestock waste management. Received as information.
- k) Manitoba Forage Council – Workshop. Received as information.
- l) Red River Basin Commission – Tour. Staff to arrange a convenient date.
- m) MCDA – Highlights of the MCDA October 2009 Board Meeting

n) Organizational Meeting – November 30, 2009

**186-2009: Gerry Maynard – Paul Perreault**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the organizational meeting be scheduled for November 30, 2009 at the Mennonite Village Museum in Steinbach at 7:00 p.m. **CARRIED**

**187-2009: Paul Perreault – Maurice Leclaire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepts the quote submitted by Kevin Unger for the Dubé project (NW ¼ 1-7-7E) to remove and haul concrete, rock & culvert crossing & stabilize the opposite bank with footer logs for \$11,680 + applicable taxes. **CARRIED**

**XI. NEXT BOARD MEETING – November 17, 2009**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**188-2009: Sonny Peters – Paul Perreault**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 2:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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CORNIE GOERTZEN, CHAIRMAN

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RITA BAZIN, FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR