

SEINE-RAT RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

123 Simard Street – Box 339
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PRESENT:	Cornie Goertzen, Chairman SD 3/4	Jim Swidersky, Vice-Chairman 3/4
	Gerry Maynard, Chairman SD 5	Dylan Barkman, Chairman SD 6
	Earl Funk, Chairman SD 7	Bob Brandt, Chairman SD 8
	Art Bergmann, Chairman SD 9	Larry Bugera, Provincial Appointee
	Kristy-Layne Carr, CD Manager	Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator
	Jodi Goerzen, Project Manager	

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
Jeff Renton is introduced to the Board and welcomed as the person hired as interim manager for a one year term.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

001-2011: Jim Swidersky – Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be hereby adopted with the following additions:

- f) Other:
 - Gerry Maynard – Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Grants
 - Earl Funk – Promotional bags
 - Art Bergmann – Drainage protocol

CARRIED

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

002-2011: Gerry Maynard – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of December 14, 2010 be hereby adopted with additions.

CARRIED

IV. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Goertzen reports on his activities since the last Board meeting on behalf of the SRRD: Project Management Team (PMT) for the Rat River IWMP (Dec. 20); 2 meetings for the DeSalaberry Crown Land water retention project (Dec.21 & Jan.7); visits to three lumber yards with the Project Manager for the lookout tower in Kleefeld (Dec.22). Grunthal Lumber has since delivered the lookout tower material (value approximately \$4,000). He is also charging for an additional 5 hours for general office related issues.

V. **MANITOBA WATER STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

No report.

VI. **FINANCE**

a) Accounts payable

003-2011: Jim Swidersky – Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts payable be hereby approved for payment as per list.

CARRIED

b) Financial Statement

004-2011: Larry Bugera – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial statement for the month ending December 31, 2010 be hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED

c) Credit card for Interim Manager

005-2011: Gerry Maynard – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves that a Visa credit card be approved for Jeff Renton, Interim Manager with the same credit limit as the other SRRCD staff members. **CARRIED**

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Kristy-Layne Carr reads the Managers' report.

While speaking about the DeSalaberry Crown Land water retention project, Gerry Maynard adds that he feels that the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) has a grant available that fits the project and that the SRRCD should apply.

006-2011: Gerry Maynard – Dylan Barkman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD hereby apply for grant monies under the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Blue Water Fund for the DeSalaberry Crown Land water retention project. **CARRIED**

007-2011: Gerry Maynard – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD present at the Friends of Assiniboine Conservatory "Gardening Saturday" on March 26, 2011 to promote the concept of Rain Gardens. **CARRIED**

008-2011: Gerry Maynard – Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD hire two additional staff members for the summer and apply for the Hometown Green Team for additional external funds. **CARRIED**

Chairman Goertzen wishes Kristy-Layne well for her and the anticipated birth of her child. This is Kristy-Layne's last meeting before she goes on maternity leave.

DELEGATIONS

Daniel Brooker from ATLAS Geomatics is present to give an update to the Board regarding the imagery taken a couple of years ago. He advises that there is currently approximately \$30,000 in a reserve fund as credit for future SRRCD purchases or updates.

Chris Randall, Master's Student, Natural Resources Institute, University of Manitoba is present to explain his willow bioengineering trials and demonstration projects and requests partnering with the SRRCD to complete his project.

009-2011: Bob Brandt – Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board hereby supports in principle, Chris Randall's proposal under the Natural Resources Institute, University of Manitoba to review erosion protection projects across the SRRCD and to study the potential for willow bioengineering as an alternative to stone rip-rap;

AND ALSO BE RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD provide in-kind support for the willow bioengineering trials and demonstration projects. **CARRIED**

VIII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

No reports

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a) MTS – Quote re office telephone repairs/upgrade

The Board directs staff to do more research in the voicemail upgrade and contact Manitoba Hydro to request financial assistance in repairing MTS system caused during a hydro outage in December.

b) Manitoba Forestry Association – Request for Envirothon volunteers

010-2011: Gerry Maynard – Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the three full-time staff members be hereby authorized to volunteer at the April 29th regional event at Oak Hammock Marsh. **CARRIED**

- c) AMM Annual Report. Received as information and kept in the office.
- d) Memorandum of Understanding – Received as information. The Board has no concerns and therefore the matter is tabled until the final draft is available.
- e) R.M. of Taché
The Board instructs staff to follow-up with the R.M. of Taché regarding their request to meet the SRRCD Board. The Board instructs staff to invite all SRRCD partner municipalities currently without a representative on the SRRCD Board to send a representative to attend monthly SRRCD Board meetings on their R.M.'s behalf should they so choose.
- f) Additional Board items:
 - i) Promotional Items – Earl Funk
011-2011: Earl Funk – Gerry Maynard
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD approach different organizations to sponsor the use of environmentally friendly bags. **CARRIED**
 - ii) Art Bergmann pledges on behalf of the R.M. of Ste Anne that when putting new culverts, a drainage license will be obtained and he is asking other municipalities to do the same.

X. NEXT BOARD MEETING – February 15, 2011

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- 012-2011: Gerry Maynard – Dylan Barkman**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting is adjourned at 11:45 a.m. **CARRIED**

CORNIE GOERTZEN, CHAIRMAN

RITA BAZIN, FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR