

SEINE-RAT RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

123 Simard Street – Box 339
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PRESENT: Cornie Goertzen, Chairman SD 3 & 4
Earl Funk, Chairman SD 7
Art Bergmann, Chairman SD 9
Jeff Renton, CD Manager
Jodi Goerzen, Project Manager

Jim Swidersky, Vice-Chairman SD 3 & 4
Bob Brandt, Chairman SD 8
Larry Bugera, Provincial Appointee
Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator

ABSENT: Gerry Maynard, Chairman SD 5
Dylan Barkman, Chairman SD 6

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

132-2011: Larry Bugera – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the agenda with the following additions under New Business:

- i) *Evaluation of Strategic Planning workshop*
- j) *Expansion of Rat River watershed*

CARRIED

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

133-2011: Earl Funk – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of October 18, 2011 Board meeting and Special meeting held on November 2, 2011 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Goertzen reports on his activities for the past month with meetings attended as follows: SRRCD expansion in Vita (Oct. 20) Fish Enhancement reception (Oct. 25) Strategic Planning (Nov. 2) & three committee meetings (finance for 2012-2013 budget and personnel) and 4 additional hours at office.

V. **MANITOBA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**

MCDA Conference: Early Bird Registration – November 15, 2011: Board consensus is that having the MCDA Conference too close to the AMM Convention, makes it harder to take more time off. The Chair and Vice-Chair along with staff and Chris Randall, SRRCD's Conservation Award winner, will be registering on behalf of the SRRCD at this time.

VI. **FINANCE**

- a) Accounts payable

134-2011: Art Bergmann – Jim Swidersky

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

CARRIED

b) Financial Statement

135-2011: Larry Bugera – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial statement for the month ending October 31, 2011 is hereby accepted as discussed. **CARRIED**

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Jeff Renton gives his monthly report.

VIII. MANITOBA WATER STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Patrick Watson gives his verbal report which includes the following updates:

- watershed planner positions: Permission was granted to advertise for the two vacant watershed planner positions;
- Conservation District Expansion: the city of Brandon will be joining the CD family thereby requiring \$100,000 of Manitoba Water Stewardship monies, and will possibly affect the SRRCD, and the Roseau River joining the SRRCD in April, 2012; congratulations to Cornie Goertzen, Jim Swidersky and Jeff Renton for the additional time spent towards the Roseau River watershed to join; Patrick advises that he will prioritize with the legalities of having the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation also becoming partners as they do not fall under provincial legislation;
- Reiterates the importance of keeping good rapport with the municipal partners.
- The Board advises that it will be sending a letter to Wayne Hildebrand with their impression of the new way of presenting the 2012-2013 draft budget to the CD Commission last week at Oak Hammock Marsh.

IX. DELEGATION

Present from Red River Basin Commission are Robin Gislason, North Basin Manager, Lance Yohe, Executive Director and Jay Sagin, Senior Research Scientist, Hydro Modeling. Mr. Yohe explains a project currently underway with the assistance of Jay Sagin, Hydro Modeling is used to help evaluate different flooding scenarios and in an effort to reduce flooding along the Red River on both sides of the U.S./Canada Border.

136-2011; Art Bergmann – Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves that the SRRCD establish a relationship that would be mutually beneficial to the SRRCD and the Red River Basin Commission as per proposal.

CARRIED

X. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

Updates were given by the sub-district chairmen, however there have not been any meeting since the last Board meeting.

The CD Manager, Jeff Renton gives an update on the DeSalaberry Crown Land water retention project and requests a Board decision per quotes submitted:

137-2011: Jim Swidersky – Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the lowest quote as submitted by Unger Excavating of \$15,487.50 constructing a berm for the DeSalaberry Crown Land water retention project as per quote dated November 13, 2011. **CARRIED**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Roseau River Watershed – SRRCD Expansion Proposal. By-laws from participating municipalities need to be submitted to Manitoba Water Stewardship. Received as information.
- b) Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation – Notice of Intent to File Caveat on Lots 84 & 85 Plan 6003. Noted with no objections or concerns.
- c) Crown Lands & Property Agency – Application to purchase NE ¼ 26-7-8E for proposed Theme Park. The Board consensus is that the area is not feasible and does not fit the municipality's development plan. The CD Manager is to send a letter to this effect and to include the Board's gratitude for being provided the opportunity to review and comment on such projects.
- d) Manitoba Conservation – Proposal to amend the Pocock Lake Ecological Reserve Boundary
138-2011: Art Bergmann – Bob Brandt
The Board hereby supports the Pocock Lake Ecological Reserve proposal and wish them well and supports this initiative. **CARRIED**
- e) 1st Lorette Scouts – Request for support re Seine River clean-up project
139-2011: Bob Brandt – Larry Bugera
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD Board supports the 1st Lorette Scouts' Seine River Bank Stabilization Project initiative. **CARRIED**
- f) R.M. of La Broquerie – Rain Garden project approval to a cost-sharing agreement. Received as information.
- g) Rhonda McDougal, Director, Planning & Coordination – 2010-2011 Conservation Districts Annual Report. Received as information.
- h) Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation – 2010-2011 Annual Report. Received as information.
- i) Strategic Planning Workshop – November 2, 2011 Meeting Evaluation. The workshop was discussed. The final consensus is that Jeff Renton and Patrick Watson prepare a follow-up without the facilitator hired for the workshop in question with the Watershed Planning & Programs Manager to be so advised.
- j) Expansion of Rat River Watershed. The by-law from the R.M. of Piney has been received by Manitoba Water Stewardship and will probably be included in the 2012-2013 budget year.
- k) In Camera session
140-2011: Larry Bugera – Earl Funk
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby meeting 'in camera'. **CARRIED**
- 141-2011: Larry Bugera – Bob Brandt**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 'in camera' be hereby adjourned and that the Board meeting reconvene. **CARRIED**
- 142-2011: Earl Funk – Art Bergmann**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby hire Chris Randall as a casual resource technician per employment agreement. **CARRIED**

I) Red River Basin Commission Annual Conference

143-2011: Bob Brandt – Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chairman, the CD Manager and the Project Manager be hereby authorized to attend the Red River Basin Commission conference to be held in Winnipeg, January 24 & 26, 2012.

CARRIED

XII. NEXT BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, January 17, 2011

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 12:14 p.m.: Jim Swidersky

CORNIE GOERTZEN, CHAIRMAN

RITA BAZIN, FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR