

SEINE-RAT RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

123 Simard Street – Box 339
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PRESENT: Cornie Goertzen, Chairman SD 3 & 4
Gerry Maynard, Chairman SD 5
Earl Funk, Chairman SD 7
Art Bergmann, Chairman SD 9

Jim Swidersky, Vice-Chairman SD 3 & 4
Dylan Barkman, Chairman SD 6
Bob Brandt, Chairman SD 8

Jeff Renton, CD Manager
Jodi Goerzen, Project Manager

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chairman calls the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

001-2012: Bob Brandt – Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

002-2012: Jim Swidersky – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the November, 2011 Board Meeting be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Goertzen gives a report of his activities since the last Board meeting: including an update on the health issues he has sustained during the holidays; his attendance at the MCDA Conference held on December 12 -14 and with the assistance of the CD Manager & Vice-Chairman Swidersky, comments on the event and that they will be submitting an evaluation. He also notes that 2012 marks the SRRCD's 10th anniversary. He then indicates that Vice-Chairman Swidersky is interested in attending the Red River Basin Commission Conference and asks the Board to delegate him to attend also.

003-2012: Earl Funk – Dylan Barkman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby delegate Jim Swidersky to attend the MCDA Conference and that all related expenses be approved.

CARRIED

V. **MANITOBA CONSERVATION DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

- a) MCDA Conference – Evaluation for CD's to be filled out.
- b) Executive Nominations – None at the time.

VI. **FINANCE**

- a) Accounts Payable

004-2012: Dylan Barkman – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED that the November & December expenses be hereby approved for payment as per list.

CARRIED

- b) Financial Statement

005-2012: Jim Swidersky – Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Third Quarter Report be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Jeff Renton, CD Manager gives his report and indicates he needs direction regarding requests to hunt on SRRCD land as another request was received at the office requesting permission to hunt on SRRCD land (W 21-5-7 E). .

006-2012: Gerry Maynard – Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby establish a policy that that no more than two people be authorized to hunt on a quarter section of land upon receiving permission from the CD Manager. **CARRIED**

Well Sealing Program – Issues with landowners submitting applications for sealing abandoned wells such as changing their mind, providing insufficient details or not returning calls prior to sealing wells. This issue is unnecessarily costing the SRRCD and service provider large amounts of time to follow up.

007-2012: Gerry Maynard – Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a policy be established that a fee of \$100 fee accompany each application for every abandoned well sealed and that the fee be refunded upon completion of the project. **CARRIED**

Willow harvesting program – Chris Randall prepared a report on the feasibility of snow cache system for preserving willows during the planting season and setting up a plantation. A plantation would not be cost effective, however a cache system on CD land would be inexpensive it is recommended that the CD pursue this.

Understory Planting Program – Orders have been placed with Pineland Nursery for 200 bur oak saplings, 200 ash saplings, 200 bur oak seedlings, 200 ash seedlings. 50% of stock will be planting in the understory of Joubert Creek and 50% will be planted in the Lower Seine River. Gerry Maynard inquired about planting in SD5. Manager will look into acquiring more stock for SD5.

Watershed Mapping Program – East Interlake Conservation District currently has a program whereby they undertake drain and culvert mapping for their watersheds. This data has been useful for local municipalities, and better facilitates proper watershed management throughout the area. This program may fit within the SRRCD's mandate. Manager and a technician from EICD will be invited to present the program at the next Board meeting in February.

VIII. MANITOBA CONSERVATION AND WATER STEWARDSHIP

Patrick Watson, Watershed Planner reads his report as follows: **CD Administration:** CD Act will be updated giving opportunities for input; **Provincial Throne Speech:** Patrick highlights the part which focuses on protecting our water; and an update on watershed planning positions & staff.

IX. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

Each chairman gives his respective sub-district's report. .

X. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation – Request for partnership in filing caveat on SW 7-6E. Deferred
- b) Wayne Hildebrand, Manager Watershed Planning – Strategic Planning Session Response
- c) Eric Rempel, Steering Committee, South Eastman Transition Initiative – Forest Enhancement Project Steering Committee.
- d) Alice Lefebre, Katimavik – Volunteers for CD programs

008-2011: Earl Funk – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby supports Katimavik's initiative and approve to further discuss the possibility of having a volunteer work with the SRRCD. **CARRIED**

- e) Manitoba Water Stewardship – Receipt & response to SRRRCD request for Li-DAR acquisition
- f) Minutes of the Seine River Tributary Diversion Project Committee, November 16, 2011.
- g) Ducks Unlimited Canada – Wetland drainage. Deferred.
- h) Technician Meeting in Portage la Prairie – February 2nd

009-2012: Gerry Maynard – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jodi Goerzen be hereby authorized to attend the Technician meeting in Portage la Prairie.

CARRIED

- i) 2012-2013 Municipal Levies – Revision

010-2012: Gerry Maynard – Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manager is hereby authorized to accept an invitation to sit on the Hanover Education Committee.

CARRIED

XI. IN CAMERA SESSION

011-2012: Gerry Maynard – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board meet ‘In Camera’ at 12:09 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

CARRIED

012-2012: Art Bergmann – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ‘In Camera’ session be hereby adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

CARRIED

013-2012: Gerry Maynard – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves Kristy-Layne Carr’s returning as CD Manager with revised hours as per the Personnel Committee’s recommendation, to be reviewed September 1st, 2012.

CARRIED

014-2012: Bob Brandt – Dylan Barkman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorize that a gift certificate be given to Jeff Renton in gracious appreciation for his year’s service as interim manager.

CARRIED

XII. NEXT BOARD MEETING – February 22nd 2012. Art Bergmann asks to be excused from the next Board meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

015-2012: Bob Brandt – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 12:40 p.m.

XIV. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

The Strategic Planning Session is called to order with all present except Dylan Barkman at 1:00 p.m.

Jeff Renton reviews the goals from the IWMP and Process with the Board members.

As this meeting needs to be adjourned at this time, a meeting will be called on January 31st to finish discussing the rest of the goals.

The Chairman declares this meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Cornie Goertzen
Chairman

Rita Bazin
Financial Administrator