

# Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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## MINUTES

February 19, 2019

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cornie Goertzen, Chair SD-3&4 and Chair of Board  
Jim Swidersky, Vice-Chair SD-3&4 and Vice-Chair of Board  
Ed Penner, Chair SD-2  
Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5

Alvin Derksen, Vice-Chair SD-6  
Jake Hiebert, Vice-Chair SD-7  
Bob Brandt, Chair SD-8  
Art Bergmann, Chair SD-9

### STAFF:

Jodi Goerzen, District Manager  
Dorthea Grégoire, Watershed Technician

Chris Randall, Project Supervisor  
Béatrice Mukahirwa, Bookkeeper

**GUEST:** April North, SD Watershed Planner

#### I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:03 am

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

##### 04-2019: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

##### 05-2019: Ed Penner – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

b. January 23, 2019 and February 1, 2019 Electronic Board Meetings

##### 06-2019: Bob Brandt – Jake Hiebert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 and February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Electronic Board Meetings be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

#### IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Payables

##### 07-2019: Jim Swidersky – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the finances as presented for a total of \$70,199.61; whereas, cheque number 8218, 8219 & 8225 to

8245 are approved for a total of \$57,881.51, pre-authorized payments are approved for \$2,678.14, employee payroll is approved for \$9,392.87, and direct deposits are approved for \$247.09.

**CARRIED**

b. Financial Monthly Report for January 31, 2018

**08-2019: Jim Swidersky - Jake Hiebert**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Monthly Report as presented by the Finance Committee.

**CARRIED**

**V. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**09-2019: Jim Swidersky – Alvin Derksen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board goes in camera at 9:23 am.

**CARRIED**

**10-2019: Ed Penner – Harold Janzen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board goes out of camera at 9:31 am.

**CARRIED**

**11-2019: Bob Brandt – Art Bergmann**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the recommendation of the personnel committee to increase wages by 3% for all employees effective April 1, 2019.

**CARRIED**

**VI. CHAIR REPORT**

Cornie Goertzen presents a summary of his activities to the board. Discussion follows

**VII. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Jodi Goerzen, District Manager, presents her report to the board and receives the following direction:

**Consensus** for staff to explore a partnership with the Manitoba Forestry Association to provide consistent shelterbelt and tree planting programming to southeastern Manitoba

**Consensus** for staff to proceed with office maintenance including snow clearing, small repairs and new tables for the board room.

**VIII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS**

**Sub-District 6 – Tourond Creek Watershed**

No meeting

**Sub-District 7 – Manning Canal Watershed**

Chair Rod Beckman has resigned, by-election to occur to elect new chair at the upcoming meeting.

## **Sub-District 3 & 4 – Rat River & Joubert Creek Watershed**

### **12-2019: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves to move forward with the E. Froese Water Retention Project at NW 31-05-05E; whereas, a letter of support is received from the Municipalities of De Salaberry, Hanover and St. Pierre-Jolys with the intent of the project to reduce adverse impacts downstream.

**CARRIED**

### **13-2019: Jim Swidersky – Ed Penner**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves to investigate with Ducks Unlimited Canada the potential project transfers of ownership and/or management to the SRRCD of the three Ducks Unlimited projects in southeastern Manitoba; whereas, an independent study, cost assurance and future partnerships are encompassed.

**CARRIED**

### **14-2019: Jim Swidersky – Harold Janzen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the construction of the Morezenko Road Area Trail Project with the RM of Stuartburn.

**CARRIED**

### **15-2019: Alvin Derksen – Bob Brandt**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD accept the invitation to participate with Manitoba Infrastructure and the RM of La Broquerie to investigate water retention options in the area of PR 302, North of Zhoda to La Broquerie.

Jim Swidersky abstains

**CARRIED**

### **16-2019: Bob Brandt – Jake Hiebert**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD partner with Manitoba Infrastructure and financially assist with installing gates or flow restrictors on the culvers under highways 203 and 404, downstream of the HWY 404 Wetland site; whereas, the Municipalities of Stuartburn and Piney agree to maintain and operate the gates.

Jim Swidersky and Ed Penner abstain

**CARRIED**

### **17-2019: Jim Swidersky – Harold Janzen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD promote the prevention of in-field wind erosion and soil loss and recommend to MCDA that the next issue of *The Current* include an article on wind erosion BMPs featuring a local producer and a Municipality burdened with the cost of cleaning soil from ditches.

**CARRIED**

## **Sub-District 2 – Roseau River Watershed**

No report, committee will be meeting tomorrow

## **Sub-District 5 – Marsh River Watershed**

Next meeting February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Denis Janzen to provide SRRCD with precision ag. data to assist SRRCD to explore retention

## Sub-District 8

### **18-2019: Bob Brandt – Jim Swidersky**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves in principle the Feenstra Livestock Management project per SRRCD regular programming policy; whereas, a formal quote is received and with a site visit in spring.

**CARRIED**

### **19-2019: Bob Brandt – Ed Penner**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the HyLife Omega Water Retention project at NE 17-05-08E for winter construction to be completed before March 31, 2019.

**CARRIED**

## **IX. MANITOBA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

- a. MCDA update – MCDA Conference 2019 will be held in Winnipeg.

## **X. MANITOBA SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

- a. Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District – Provincial proposal

Watershed Planner April North provided update on recent MB SD developments. Discussion followed

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

- a. Red River Basin Commission – South Chapter AGM February 26, 2019 TBD

### **20-2019: Jim Swidersky -Alvin Derksen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board sends the District Manager and Chair to the RRBC South Chapter AGM on February 26, 2019.

**CARRIED**

- b. Red River Basin Commission – North Chapter Fundraiser March 21, 2019 Sunova Centre, Wpg

### **21-2019: Art Bergmann -Alvin Derksen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board sends the District Manager, Chair and Vice-Chair to the RRBC North Chapter Fundraiser March 21, 2019

**CARRIED**

- c. Follow-up letter from the Province re: Pineland Nursery closing

Letter of response received as information – Chair to bring issue of Pineland Nursery closure to the next MCDA meeting

- d. Interim Report on the SRRCD Flood & Drought Adaptation Plan (SCC)

District Manager Jodi Goerzen presented the interim report. Discussion followed.

- e. Hydrology information request – Province of Manitoba, Community Planning

**Consensus** to redirect inquiry to Sustainable Development

**XII. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

a. Due to AMM conference, SRRCD will meet on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**22-2019: Art Bergmann – Harold Janzen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting is adjourned at 12:25pm

**CARRIED**

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CORNIE GOERTZEN, CHAIR OF THE BOARD

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JODI GOERZEN, DISTRICT MANAGER