

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

March 26, 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

Ron Mamchuk, Chair SD-6 (arrived at 10:20am)
Jake Hiebert, Vice-Chair SD-7 (left at 11:15am)
Art Bergmann, Chair SD-9 (left at 9:45 am)

BOARD MEMBERS with REGRETS:

Bob Brandt, Chair SD-8

STAFF:

Jodi Goerzen, District Manager
Dorthea Grégoire, Watershed Technician

Chris Randall, Project Supervisor
Béatrice Mukahirwa, Bookkeeper

Guest:

Les Schewe, SRRCD volunteer from Ste. Anne (RM)

I. CALL TO ORDER at 8:55 am

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23-2019: Jim Swidersky – Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is approved as circulated.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. February 19, 2019 Board Meeting

24-2019: Art Bergmann – Jake Hiebert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the February 19th, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Payables
b. Financial Monthly Report for February 28, 2018

25-2019: Jim Swidersky – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the finances as presented for a total of \$96,813.38; whereas, cheque number 8246 to 8286 are approved for a total of \$82,569.45, pre-authorized payments are approved for \$2,489.24, employee payroll is approved for \$10,302.38, and direct deposits are approved for \$1,452.31.

CARRIED

26-2019: Jim Swidersky – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves brush clearing for the E. Froese Water Retention project for up to \$5,000.

CARRIED

27-2019: Jim Swidersky – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves spending up to \$3,500 for office furniture and equipment.

CARRIED

V. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

No report

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 to request that SPADA host an informational meeting about tile drainage and BMPs in the RM of Piney for farmers, SRRCD will support the initiative

Consensus for Manager to explore the option of having MASC assist with administering the ALUS program in the SRRCD

28-2019: Jim Swidersky – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves Jed Reimer’s request to maintain and house the Mulch Applicator in exchange for free use, whereas the board also invites Jed to submit an offer to purchase the machine.

CARRIED

29-2019: Jim Swidersky – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves Municipal Private Well Water Testing pick up dates for May 23rd and June 20th, whereas the City of Steinbach drop off point is now changed to the SRRCD main office.

CARRIED

VIII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

SD 2

30-2019: Ed Penner – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves investigation of the Karsten Mueller Water Retention project at NW 18-2-5E for potential water storage.

CARRIED

31-2019: Ed Penner – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves investigation of the Kristoph Mueller water retention site at project at 10-3-3E and E9-3-3E for potential water storage.

CARRIED

32-2019: Harold Janzen – Jake Hiebert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board that the SRRCD recommends no further action be taken on the D. Kianski Sundown Swamp Drainage project that proposes redirecting water from the third order Vita Drain near Caliento alongside Townships 1 and 2 between Range 7 and 8 in the RM of Stuartburn, whereas the project:

- Is a significant Provincial and Municipal drainage project not in line with the Conservation District Act mandate of sustainable surface water management
- Violates Provincial legislation mandate involving the drainage that crosses watersheds and drainage of class 3, 4 or 5 wetlands.
- Poses significant risk of negative impacts to downstream infrastructure

In favour: Cornie Goertzen, Ron Mamchuk, Jim Swidersky, Jake Hiebert, Ed Penner, Harold Janzen

Opposed: None

CARRIED

33-2019: Ed Penner – Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Livestock Management projects on a first-come-first-serve basis as funds are available: Dick Reimer, Jeff Reimer #1 (portable watering), Wayne Chubaty, Jeff Reimer #2 (winter watering), Andy Kachurovski, Guy Bouchard riparian fencing project over two fiscal years, Friesen Brothers Livestock and Neil Claringbould for approximately \$66,500 collectively plus labour; whereas site visits and EFPs must be completed for all projects, and dependent upon available funding.

CARRIED

SD3 & 4

No meeting.

Morezenko road area project is tabled due to excessive water in the floating bog.

SD 5

34-2019: Harold Janzen – Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board moves forward with the Dennis Janzen pilot water retention project at SW 33-3-4E with an operational agreement and management plan to alleviate downstream adverse impacts.

CARRIED

35-2019: Harold Janzen – Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Mel Sabourin livestock management (alternative watering) project up to \$3,000 plus labour.

CARRIED

36-2019: Harold Janzen – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board recommend to the SRRCD ALUS PAC committee to consider compensation prices of up to 80% of the local market land rental rates to ensure enrollment, as funding allows; whereas, the PAC committee is yet to be established and the Board will refer this information to them upon establishment.

CARRIED

SD 6

37-2019: Ron Mamchuk – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board prohibits all fires, for pleasure or maintenance, at the Tourond Creek Discovery Centre.

CARRIED

38-2019: Ron Mamchuk – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves investigation of water retention potential at the Tourond Creek Discovery Centre on Provincial land of the Tourond Creek, West of the TCDC access road.

CARRIED

SD 7

Consensus to investigate potential for water retention with Friendly Family Farms west of HWY 12.

IX. MANITOBA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

a. MCDA update - No report

X. MANITOBA SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

a. Provincial update - Roseau IWMP to be restarted, Provincial correspondence will follow shortly.

XI. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

a. RRBC One Basin One Governance conference – Victoria Inn, Winnipeg; Sept 16-18, 2019

39-2019: Ed Penner – Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board sends the Chair, Vice-Chair and Manager to the RRBC One Basin One Governance conference Sept 16-18, 2019.

CARRIED

XII. NEXT BOARD MEETING

a. April 16th, 2019

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

40-2019: Harold Janzen – Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting is adjourned at 11:43 am

CARRIED