

SEINE-RAT RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cornie Goertzen - Chairman SD 3 & 4
 Gerry Maynard - Chairman SD 5
 Bob Brandt - Chairman SD 8

Jim Swidersky - Vice Chairman SD 3 & 4
 Earl Funk - Chairman SD 7
 Art Bergmann - Chairman SD 9

EXCUSED: Dylan Barkman, SD 6 & Larry Bugera, Provincial Appointee

STAFF PRESENT:

Jodi Goerzen, Interim Manager
 Karina Drewniak, Interim Project Supervisor

Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.
 Announcement: Last week, Kristy-Layne & her husband were blessed with the safe arrival of Nate Richard and Isabel Renie Carr. Best wishes to the family.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
086-2013: Earl Funk – Jim Swidersky
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be hereby approved as circulated. **CARRIED**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
087-2013: Gerry Maynard – Earl Funk
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Board meeting held on May 21, 2013 be approved as circulated with correction. **CARRIED**
- IV. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
 Chairman Goertzen reports on his activities as Chairman, including: Forest Road 13 and the Board meetings and spent 5 extra hours for time spent with the Interim Manager, signing cheques, etc.
- V. **MANITOBA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS** – No correspondence.
- VI. **FINANCE**
 - a) Accounts Payable
088-2013: Gerry Maynard – Earl Funk
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts payable be approved for payment as per list reviewed by the Board and with the additions made thereto for a well-head remediation project and extra mileage approved for Rita Bazin. **CARRIED**
 - b) The Financial Administrator gives an update on the finances for the two months ending May 31, 2013.
 - c) Sensus – 2012-2013 Auditors letter of acceptance and responsibilities of both parties. A copy was circulated to the Board.
 - d) Sensus – 2012-2013 Audited Financial Statement
089-2013: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Seine Rat River Conservation District hereby approves the draft copy of the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2013 as presented by Sensus. **CARRIED**
- VII. **MANAGER'S REPORT**
 Jodi Goerzen reads her report and has the following for Board direction.
090-2013: Gerry Maynard – Earl Funk
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship voicing the Board's concerns regarding cuts in funding for drinking water testing and that the Chairman release this information to the press. **CARRIED**

091-2013: Bob Brandt – Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves an expenditure of \$4,650 plus taxes for sealing 5 additional abandoned wells per quotation submitted by L. Funk Backhoe Services dated June 18, 2013.

CARRIED**092-2013: Gerry Maynard – Art Bergmann**

WHEREAS the Board Seine Rat River Conservation District is concerned with the changes made in the department for provincial drains, Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation and would like to hold a meeting to discuss and work cooperatively in establishing solutions to prioritize projects and adopt a mandate to meet annually;

AND ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT Will Eastman be hereby invited to come to the next Board meeting.

CARRIED**093-2013-2013: Gerry Maynard – Jim Swidersky**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Seine Rat River Conservation District hereby approves a partnership with the University of Manitoba on a study for surface water and nutrient management initiatives including water testing on the Seine River and Rat River and water retention project sites with SRRCD in-kind contributions and a letter of support with the understanding that the Board be kept informed.

CARRIED**094-2013: Bob Brandt – Gerry Maynard**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board work together with the University of Manitoba on a *Health of Buffer Strips* study by providing project sights and a letter of support.

CARRIED**095-2013: Jim Swidersky – Gerry Maynard**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves an expense of \$1,312 plus taxes as per quotation submitted by Unger Excavating to supply and install a pipe extension at the east side crossing as required at the DeSalaberry Crown Land project.

CARRIED

Thank you to the R. M. of Hanover for contributing \$3,600 for the construction costs to install a picnic shelter at the Tourond Creek Discovery Centre.

Thank you to the master gardeners for their assistance with the Clearspring Middle School rain garden planting project.

096-2013: Gerry Maynard – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves an expenditure of \$100 for an extra license for ESRI software for the laptop.

CARRIED**097-2013: Jim Swidersky – Gerry Maynard**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby delegates the Chairman and Interim Manager to attend the *Keeping Water on the Land Workshop: Be Part of the Lake Winnipeg Solution* to be held on June 20, 2013.

CARRIED**VIII. MANITOBA WATER STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Robin Beukens, Watershed Planner of Watershed Planning & Programs has forwarded the Provincial Update for June. Copies were circulated to the Board as information.

IX. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS**098-2013: Bob Brandt – Earl Funk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts a recommendation submitted by Sub-District 8 to hire the services of Mr. Penner for the geotechnical investigation services for \$4,700 and Mr. Swedlo for the structural investigation services for \$4,900 under the direction of Ken Rakhra, Province of Manitoba and that the province absorbing the cost of soil testing, design and drafting services for the Seine River Wildlife Association water retention project;

And ALSO BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves an additional four hours of backhoe time for the project.

CARRIED**X. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Jordan Schalla – request to trap on SRRCD property

099-2013: Gerry Maynard – Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves a request submitted by Jordan Schalla to trap on SRRCD property for 2013.

CARRIED

b) Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation – Request for funding for Riparian Conservation Easement

100-2013 Gerry Maynard – Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a request submitted by Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation for funding for a riparian conservation easement agreement on the Rat River be hereby denied. **CARRIED**

c) R.M. of Hanover – Notice of 2014 Property Assessment. Received as information.

d) Ducks Unlimited – Copy of letter to Nestor Chubaty re ongoing correspondence regarding flooding problems. Received as information.

XI. **NEXT BOARD** – July 16, 2013 or as called by the Chairman.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

101-2013: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

CARRIED

CORNIE GOERTZEN, CHAIRMAN

RITA BAZIN, FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR