

SEINE-RAT RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Cornie Goertzen, Chairman SD 3 & 4
Dylan Barkman, Chairman SD 6
Art Bergmann, Chairman SD 9

Gerry Maynard, Chairman SD 5
Earl Funk, Chairman SD 7
Larry Bugera, Provincial Appointee

EXCUSED: Jim Swidersky, Vice-Chairman SD 3 & 4

Bob Brandt, Chairman, SD 8

STAFF PRESENT: Kristy-Layne Carr, Manager
Rita Bazin, Financial Administrator

Jodi Goerzen, Project Supervisor

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

001-2013: Larry Bugera – Gerry Maynard

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

CARRIED

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

002-2013: Jim Swidersky – Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the Minutes of November, 20 2012 Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Goertzen reports on his activities, including the following meetings: with RRBC re LiDAR use, personnel committee, sub-district 3 & 4, today's Board and P.M.T., 4 hours of additional time spent for signing cheques, etc.

The meeting with RRBC representatives regarding hydrologic modeling using LiDAR data for the Rat River is discussed.

003-2013: Earl Funk – Gerry Maynard

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is currently developing a Surface Water Management Strategy;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be sent supporting the Red River Basin Commission's request for the Federal and Provincial Governments to invest in LiDAR data crucial to determining potential retention areas, thereby reducing flows on the Red River;

AND THAT other Conservation Districts within the Red River Basin be encouraged to also support the Red River Basin Commission's endeavours.

CARRIED

V. **MANITOBA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**

004-2013: Gerry Maynard - Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby appoints Cornie Goertzen to serve as the SRRCD's representative on the Manitoba Conservation District Association Board and Jim Swidersky as the alternate.

CARRIED

VI. **FINANCE**

a) Accounts Payable

005-2013: Jim Swidersky - Earl Funk

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

CARRIED

b) Financial Statement for the nine months ending December 31, 2012

006-2013: Larry Bugera - Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for month ending December 31, 2012 be accepted as presented along with copies of the third quarter report for submission to the province.

CARRIED

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Kristy-Layne Carr reads her *Manager's Report*.

007-2013: Art Bergmann - Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship advising him that the SRRCD has identified areas where solid waste is being discharged into the river and has reported this to the Steinbach office and has concerns that nothing has been done to date.

CARRIED**008-2013: Earl Funk - Larry Bugera**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the Manager's request to attend the Managers' meeting to be held at the Elk Horn Resort with all related expenses paid.

CARRIED**VIII. MANITOBA WATER STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Robin Beukens & Patrick Watson from Manitoba Watershed Planning are present. Robin does not have a report but wants to correct the erroneous information that was publicized regarding provincial drains: The province is NOT downloading responsibility of provincial drains to non-infrastructure Conservation Districts.

The Board then asks Robin to look into the lack of investigation by Conservation regarding septic discharge into the Seine River. He advises the Board to wait until he has a chance to look into the matter before sending a letter referenced above.

IX. SUB DISTRICT REPORTS**009-2012: Earl Funk - Jim Swidersky**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts a Sub-District 7 recommendation to approve the Andrew Simser rain garden project for the 2013-2014 Budget year.

CARRIED

Cornie Goertzen reports on the sub-district 3 & 4 meeting held on January 14th. Pictures and a video of works done on the DeSalaberry Crown Land project are shown. Board consensus is that signs be erected at the site advising the public that the use of motorized vehicles be prohibited for at least a couple of years.

010-2010: Jim Swidersky - Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves a sub-district 3 & 4 recommendation to support the Well Maintenance presentation in Piney through coffee & donut sponsorship.

CARRIED**X. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Peter Thiessen - Well Head Remediation & Dormant Well Protection application.

011-2013: Jim Swidersky - Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves the Peter Thiessen well head remediation application for the 2013-2014 budget year.

CARRIED

b) Manitoba Children & Youth Opportunities, MB4 Youth - Green Team program

012-2013: Gerry Maynard - Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves that the SRRCD apply for two positions under the Hometown Green Team grant program.

CARRIED

c) Matt Burke, Natural Resource Officer re information pertaining to SRRCD land

013-2013: Art Bergmann - Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD advise the Natural Resource Officer to deal with trespassing reports on SRRCD land through a written warning.

CARRIED

d) Crown Lands & Property Agency - Application to build access road to gravel pit - 29-8-8E

014-2013: Art Bergmann - Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board has no issues regarding the application made by the Richer Community Club to Crown Land to build an access road to a gravel pit on 29-8-8E.

CARRIED

e) Manitoba Agriculture Food & Rural Initiatives - Crop Day

015-2013: Gerry Maynard - Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby approves an expenditure of \$50 to set up the SRRCD display at the Crop Days in Steinbach. **CARRIED**

f) R.M. of Ste. Anne – Letter advising of interest in orthophoto data refresh. Received as information

g) R.M. of Hanover - Copy of resolution - provincial drainage. Received as information.

h) Pieter de Jong - Letter re 2009 Board resolution. Deferred

i) Lake Winnipeg Foundation - Applications for Stewardship, Research & Education Grants Program. Deferred

j) Steven Hills, GIS Instructor re Effects of Flooding in the Red River Valley presentation at MCDA Conference. Referred to the R.M. of Ritchot, not considered Conservation District related.

k) Susan Selby - Thank you to Board & Staff. Received as information.

l) Council of the Federation - Excellence in Water Stewardship Awards. Received as information.

m) Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba - Notice of 2013 assessment rate. Received as information.

n) Erin Shay, Watershed Planning & Programs - Provincial mileage & meal rates. Received as information.

o) Kent Lewarne, Program Coordinator, Prairie Spirit School Division/South Central Eco-Institute – Invitation to Appreciation Dinner & update for River Watch partners. Received as information.

p) Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation - 2011/2012 Annual Report. Received as information.

q) Red River Basin Commission - Conference agenda. Received as information.

XI. IN CAMERA

016-2013: Dylan Barkman - Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board meet 'in camera' as the personnel committee.

CARRIED

017-2013: Larry Bugera - Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 'in camera' meeting adjourn and that the Board meeting resume.

CARRIED

XII. NEXT BOARD – February 19, 2013

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

018-2013: Art Bergmann - Dylan Barkman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be hereby adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

CARRIED

CORNIE GOERTZEN, CHAIRMAN

RITA BAZIN, FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR