

SEINE-RAT RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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	
Art Bergmann – Chair SD 9	Ed Penner – Chair SD 2
Germain Roy - Chair SD 6	Gerry Maynard - Chair SD 5
Earl Funk – Chair SD 7	Larry Bugera – Provincial Appointee

ABSENT/EXCUSED:

Bob Brandt – Chair SD 8

STAFF:

Jodi Goerzen, Interim Manager
 Karina Drewniak, Interim Project Supervisor
 Sandra Redekop, Financial Administrative Clerk

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Cornie Goertzen calls the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

025-2014: Jim Swidersky – Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be hereby approved with the addition of the In Camera session and the addition of item c advice on water testing **CARRIED**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

026-2014: Art Bergman – Germain Roy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Board meeting held on February 18, 2014 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Cornie Goertzen reports on his activities as Chairman, including the following: Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Basin Fund meeting sponsored by the Federal Government attended by Jodi and him. Jodi represented the SRRCD and was the only one to present. February 26 Cornie and Jodi attended the CWRA meeting "Shaping Canada's Water Policy". February 28 personnel committee met for interviews on the Roseau River Watershed Technician position. 6 Hours signing checks, truck shopping and reviewing policy manual. Policy Committee is to meet to update the policy manual before April 11th.

V. IN CAMERA

027-2014: Jim Swidersky – Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED to go in camera at 9:42 a.m.

CARRIED

028-2014: Larry Bugera – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED to come out of camera at 10:35 a.m.

CARRIED

VI. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Personnel Committee met with Sandra Redekop to sign the standard employment agreement. Robin Beukens, Watershed Planner, came to provide Sandra training for a half day and Debbie Shaver from CCCD came and trained with Sandra for 1 day.

029-2014: Earl Funk – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board accepts Kristy-Layne Carr's resignation effective May 31, 2014 and a \$100.00 gift certificate with a thank you letter be sent in appreciation for her years of service.

CARRIED

030-2014: Jim Swidersky- Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendations from the Personnel Committee be accepted as discussed in the In-Camera session in regards to SRRCD staff.

CARRIED

VII. MANITOBA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

No MCDA report next meeting is April 1, 2014.

VIII. FINANCE

a) Accounts Payable

031-2014: Art Bergmann – Earl Funk

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

CARRIED

b) Income Statement from April 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014

032-2014: Art Bergmann – Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the income statement for April 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Robin Beukens indicated that there needs to be a copy of the budget for each board member at SRRCD monthly meetings and that the new budget format needs to be in effect starting April 1, 2014.

033-2014: Jim Swidersky – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sandra Redekop, Financial Administrative Clerk, attend the Annual Financial Administrators Conference to be held in May.

CARRIED

Jodi indicated that the payroll system has been updated to a direct deposit system which will allow the option for all employees as well as for indemnity payments to all board members.

Cornie Goertzen discussed that Sandra Redekop will be added as a signing officer for banking as well as a SRRCD credit card will be issued to her after the probation period of 3 months.

IX. MANITOBA WATER STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Robin Beukens, Watershed Planner is welcomed to the meeting. Robin draws attention to: Growing Forward 2 EG&S funding closed February 14; GF2 applications for Component 2 Innovative Approaches will be accepted until March 14 he indicated he did not know when the acceptances would be released. He indicated the Quarter 4 report is due April 25, 2014. Robin handed out a MOU Designation of Water Planning Authority for the Development of the Roseau River Integrated Watershed Management Plan, as the Roseau River is now next on the Provincial list to carry out an IWMP. He indicated that there is a \$25,000 grant for the IWMP for Roseau River available and the SRRCD is authorized to carry it over, as the funding is external. The Roseau River IWMP will not begin until 2015.

034-2014: Ed Penner - Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MOU Designation of Water Planning Authority for the Development of the Roseau River Integrated Watershed Management Plan be accepted and signed.

CARRIED

X. MANAGER'S REPORT

Jodi Goerzen reads her report. Jodi outlined the amendments made to the budget. A discussion was held regarding the pilot Conservation Auction applied for thru the Growing Assurance MAFRD GF2 funding. Robin Beukens indicated this was a very successful project for the East Interlake and Turtle Mountain and suggested the SRRCD consider running the pilot project even if the project is not approved for funding. Jodi stated that there is a \$39,396.00 credit with Atlas Geomatic originating from reselling of the Ortho Photos. Further investigation and discussion will be required to decide how this credit will be used. Jodi recommended SRRCD purchase survey equipment if a Provincial grant is be made available to cover 100% of the cost of this.

The board made the follow decisions from the Manager's Report:

035-2014: Earl Funk – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board approves the computer upgrades as presented and detailed by Jodi Goerzen for \$6091.00 with South East Digital IT.

CARRIED

036-2014: Art Bergmann – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board empower the SRRCD to sign the Fire Guard 13 agreement.

CARRIED

037-2014: Jim Swidersky – Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jodi Goerzen will investigate the purchase of GPS survey equipment.

CARRIED

038-2014: Gerry Maynard – Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 3000 copies of the updated SRRCD brochure be printed for a cost of \$570.00 with Doerksen Printers and be distributed to the Municipal , MAFRI, Permitting office as well as local Farm equipment stores. One amendment will be made to the brochure regarding the wording on the "Coverage of 100%" to "Up to 100%".

CARRIED

XI. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

Each Sub-District representative reads their report.

Earl Funk SD7 discussed the application that Steinbach Fly-In Golf Course submitted for A Water Retention Project.

039-2014: Earl Funk – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD manager initiate the feasibility of retaining water on the grounds of the Steinbach Fly-In Golf Course for the benefit of the community.

CARRIED

040-2014: Earl Funk – Gerry Maynard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD assist with the construction and materials for the Freund water retention project's 'Swamp Walk' for up to \$5,000.

CARRIED

XII. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a) MB Conservation & Water Stewardship – Water Use Licensing Section re: RM of Taché Landmark groundwater supply expansion investigation and Groundwater Exploration Permit received as information.
- b) Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation – Annual Report 2012/13 received as information.
- c) Water Quality Testing deferred until next meeting.
- d) Truck purchase

041-2014: Jim Swidersky – Earl Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD will purchase a 2014 Sierra 1500 GMC 4X4 truck for the sum of \$34,576.40 taxes included from Ledingham in Steinbach.

CARRIED

XIII. DELEGATION

Nothing to report.

XIV. NEXT BOARD MEETING– April 22, 2014

XV. ADJOURNMENT

042-2014: Art Bergman – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

CARRIED

CORNIE GOERTZEN, CHAIRMAN

**SANDRA REDEKOP, FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATIVE
CLERK**