

SEINE-RAT RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cornie Goertzen - Chair SD 3&4 and Chair of Board	John Fehr – Chair SD 7
Jim Swidersky – Vice-Chair SD 3&4 and Vice-Chair of Board	Bob Brandt – Chair SD 8
Ed Penner – Chair SD 2	Andy Rivard – Vice-Chair SD 9
Ron Vilfraure – Chair SD 6	Larry Bugera – Provincial Appointee

ABSENT/EXCUSED:

Greg Janzen – Chair SD 5

STAFF:

Jodi Goerzen – District Manager	Chris Randall – Project Supervisor
Lorne Gershman – Financial Administrative Clerk	Alan Wiebe – Watershed Assistant
Dorthea Grégoire – Roseau Watershed Technician	

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair, Cornie Goertzen, calls the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

15-2015: Jim Swidersky – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is hereby approved as presented with amendment to the date of the next meeting for Thursday, March 19, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED

III. IN-CAMERA

16-2015: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board go in-camera at 9:01 a.m.

CARRIED

17-2015: Bob Brandt – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board come out of the in-camera session at 9:34 a.m.

CARRIED

18-2015: Bob Brandt – John Fehr

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee.

CARRIED

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

19-2015: Ed Penner – Ron Vilfraure

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the January 20, 2015 Board meeting are hereby approved as circulated.

CARRIED

V. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman, Cornie Goertzen, presents his report as information to the Board.

VI. **MANITOBA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (MCDA)**

No MCDA updates to report at this time

VII. **FINANCE**

a) Accounts Payable & General Ledger

20-2015: Larry Bugera – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the expenditure of \$1,650 to purchase tree stock for understory planting.

CARRIED

b) Current Income Statement, Monthly Report from April 01/14 to January 31/15

21-2015: Jim Swidersky – Ron Vilfraure

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts payable and general ledger, income statement, and monthly report from April 01/14 to January 31/15 are adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VIII. **MANITOBA WATER STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

a) Provincial Update

The Board discusses CD orientation to be held in spring 2015

IX. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Seine-Rat River Conservation District Manager, Jodi Goerzen, presents her report as information to the Board, and receives the following directions:

22-2015: Jim Swidersky – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board strongly recommends the Province of Manitoba to prioritize the collection of detailed elevation information through LiDAR (Light Detection And Ranging) and the generation of hydro reconditioned watershed models for the purpose of water retention and surface water management strategies throughout the Province.

CARRIED

23-2015: Larry Bugera – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the expenditure to publish one advertisement in four editions of the Carillon News agricultural feature at a cost of \$179.00 per advertisement.

CARRIED

24-2015: Ed Penner – Andy Rivard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board delegates the Chair, Vice-Chair and Manager to attend the Fish Dinner Fundraiser hosted by the Red River Basin Commission on March 19, 2015.

CARRIED

X. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

Each Sub-District representative reports on the activities conducted by their respective committee and receives the following directions:

- a) SD 3 & 4 – Upper and Lower Rat River / Joubert Creek

25-2015: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD proceeds to write a letter to Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship to request the Province to outline their enforcement policies in response to incidents of illegal pollution; request information regarding the procedure for citizens to report incidents of illegal pollution; and recommend the Province increase their capacity to investigate citizen sightings and reporting of incidents of illegal pollution.

CARRIED

26-2015: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD continues the water quality testing along the Joubert Creek, Seine, Rat, and Marsh rivers for up to \$15,000 with A.L.S. Environmental.

CARRIED

27-2015: Jim Swidersky – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the expenditure of \$2,500 to purchase rock for the maintenance of the Heese Joubert Creek Riparian Enhancement project.

CARRIED

28-2015: Jim Swidersky – Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD proceed to implement a pilot project utilizing the design of a floating cross-river fence for up to \$5,000.

CARRIED

29-2015: Jim Swidersky – Ron Vilfraure

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the expenditure of \$7,000 to hire Native Plant Solutions to design a constructed wetland/frog pond with the Village of St. Pierre-Jolys.

CARRIED

b) SD 2 – Roseau River

30-2015: Ed Penner – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD Manager write a letter to invite the Roseau First Nations community to participate in the Roseau River International Watershed trans-border organization.

CARRIED

31-2015: Ed Penner – Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD hire two (2) students for the summer of 2015 and cover the cost of completing the water well inventory program in the Roseau River watershed.

CARRIED

32-2015: Ed Penner – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD request assistance from Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship for LiDAR interpretation for potential water retention at SW 10-02-08E.

CARRIED

33-2015: Ed Penner – John Fehr

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves to purchase 30 CoCoRaHS rain gauges for resale to program participants and support program participants with data reporting as necessary.

CARRIED

34-2015: Ed Penner – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves to purchase temporary signage to promote SRRCD completed projects in high visibility locations.

CARRIED

c) SD 5 – Marsh River

35-2015: Larry Bugera – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepts the recommendation to purchase five beaver prevention devices to be installed on culverts along the Marsh River headwater, including three (3) beaver cones, and two (2) beaver stops.

CARRIED

XI. CONSERVATION AUCTION DECISION

36-2015: Jim Swidersky – Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accept and implement the conservation auction bids from Lavern Link, Rejean Gosselin, and Bronson Dairy as presented.

CARRIED

XII. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

a) NCC Letter of Request to Participate in Tall Grass Prairie Natural Area Conservation Plan development

Consensus is to allow the SRRCD Manager to participate in their development plan review.

XIII. **NEXT BOARD MEETING:** March 19, 2015

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

37-2015: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting is hereby adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

CARRIED

CORNIE GOERTZEN, CHAIR OF THE BOARD

JODI GOERZEN, DISTRICT MANAGER