

# SEINE-RAT RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## 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  
Ron Mamchuk – Chair SD 6

John Fehr – Chair SD 7  
Bob Brandt – Chair SD 8  
Art Bergmann – Chair SD 9

## REGRETS:

Greg Janzen – Chair SD 5

Larry Bugera – Provincial Appointee

## STAFF:

Jodi Goertzen, District Manager  
Wendy Joannis, Financial Administrator

Chris Randall, Project Supervisor  
Alan Wiebe, Watershed Assistant

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Cornie Goertzen, Chair of the Board, calls the meeting to order at 09:06 a.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### 20-2016: Jim Swidersky – Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) February 16, 2016 regular Board meeting

### 21-2016: Ron Mamchuk – John Fehr

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the February 16, 2016 regular Board meeting are approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

IV. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

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

V. **FINANCE**

- a) Accounts payable
- b) Cheque register
- c) Visa statement
- d) Balance sheet
- e) Income statement
- f) Monthly report – February 29, 2016

**22-2016: Art Bergmann – Ed Penner**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts payable, including payment to St. Anne Co-op (\$199.68), Project Supervisor (\$170.73), Roseau Watershed Technician (\$25.00), Chair of the Board (\$829.00), Visa (\$822.26), and Canada Revenue Agency (\$4,915.56); as well as the cheque register, Visa statement, balance sheet, income statement, and monthly report for February 29, 2016 are approved.

**CARRIED**

- Financial administer reported on the bank reconciliation
- Visa cards issued to Project Supervisor and Roseau Watershed Technician

**VI. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Jodi Goerzen, District Manager, presents her report and receives the following direction:

**23-2016: Jim Swidersky – Art Bergmann**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board requests that the Province of Manitoba provide municipalities with technical direction and best management practices in regards to tile drainage. The Board also requests that tile drainage be added to the agenda of the next MCDA meeting in April.

**CARRIED****24-2016: Ron Mamchuk – Ed Penner**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD approves the following RM water testing pickup dates on May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, and September 8. The Board also approves to enter into a partnership with Southern Health-Santé Sud to promote the RM water testing program.

**CARRIED****25-2016: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD accept the bid submitted by L. Funk Backhoe Service to seal 10 abandoned wells at a cost of \$11,090.00 for the 2016 abandoned well sealing program.

Contractor bid:

L. Funk Backhoe Service:	Total (\$):	11,090.00*
Kiansky Bros. Ltd.:	Total (\$):	22,650.00*

\* Taxes not included

**CARRIED****26-2016: Jim Swidersky – Ron Mamchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD resume surface water quality testing along the Rat River and Joubert Creek for the 2016 data collection period. The Board accepts the quote submitted by Maxxam Analytics to test water samples at 10 collection sites during 12 water testing events at a cost of \$9,000. The Board also approves to enter into partnership with the Lake Winnipeg Foundation and University of Manitoba to monitor phosphorus in relation to water quality in the Seine River Watershed.

**CARRIED****27-2016: John Fehr – Art Bergmann**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board delegate the Watershed Assistant to attend the Facebook for Business social media workshop on March 31, 2016, in Vassar, at a cost of \$15.00.

**CARRIED**

**28-2016: Ed Penner – Ron Mamchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD accept the lowest quote submitted by Kal Tire, Ledingham GM, Crown Valley Auto, and Les's Repair Shop to repair the Chevrolet Colorado.

CARRIED

- Consensus is for the SRRCD to provide soil maps to all RM partners in regards to tile draining.

VII. **SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS**

**SD-2:** Roseau River watershed tour to be held on April 7, 2016

**SD-3 & 4:** Upcoming spring tour April 25, 2016

**29-2016: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD proceed with geotechnical investigation of the John Goertzen water retention site, subject to confirmation of commitment to project construction by John Goertzen.

CARRIED

**30-2016: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD investigate the water storage potential of Duka's Crossing, including the purchase of drone elevation survey information.

CARRIED

**31-2016: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD investigate the water storage potential of the wetland area east of Hwy #404 and north of Hwy #203, including the purchase of drone elevation survey information.

CARRIED

**32-2016: Jim Swidersky – John Fehr**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD write a letter to the Province of Manitoba asking for a persistence on the issues relating to the management and potential use of the Ducks Unlimited wetlands for water storage benefits to be treated as a priority issue.

CARRIED

**33-2016: Jim Swidersky – Ed Penner**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD install a second pilot cross-river fencing trial at Eric Heese's farm along the Joubert Creek.

CARRIED

**34-2016: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt**

BE IT RESOLVED that the SRRCD contribute \$10,000 towards the cost of the wetland construction of the frog pond at Parc Carillon in partnership with the Village of St-Pierre-Jolys, should the application for external funding be unsuccessful.

CARRIED

**35-2016: Jim Swidersky – Ron Mamchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED that the SRRCD contribute up to \$2,500 toward the cost of printing and installing the Rat River heritage signs, should the application for external funding be unsuccessful.

CARRIED

**36-2016: Jim Swidersky – Cornie Goertzen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD hire White Owl Bus Services for the upcoming sub-district spring tours.

**CARRIED**

**SD-5:** Upcoming meeting April 18, 2016

**SD-6:** Upcoming tour April 28, 2016

**SD-7:** Upcoming tour April 21, 2016

**SD-8:** Upcoming tour April 11, 2016

**37-2016: Bob Brandt – Art Bergmann**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD investigate the water storage potential of Hope Creek in the Crown land located at 01-07-08E and 12-07-08E.

**CARRIED**

**38-2016: Bob Brandt – Ed Penner**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD partner with the La Broquerie Community Development Corporation in providing financial support up to \$500 in sponsorship of a Seine River cleanup event.

**CARRIED**

**39-2016: Bob Brandt – John Fehr**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD agrees in principle with the RM of Tache that the water drainage issues in the LUD of Landmark are a serious concern.

**CARRIED**

**VIII. MANITOBA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

**40-2016: Jim Swidersky – Ron Mamchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD accept an invitation to host the MCDA tour on June 16, 2016.

**CARRIED**

- a) Water Retention 101 Workshop – April 5 & 6, Victoria Inn, Brandon, MB

**41-2016: Art Bergmann – Ron Mamchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board delegate the District Manager and Project Supervisor to attend the Water Retention 101 Workshop on April 5 & 6 in Brandon.

**CARRIED**

- b) Crown Lands Advisory Group – request for comments by March 31, 2016

The SRRCD holds the position that:

- Crown land should not be for resale or sold below, or on par with, the assessed value to the leasee and then flipped at a profit. Land use must remain as originally intended on the Crown land lease and sold as such in the title;
- Criteria and point system for agriculture purposed Crown land use should remain on the title of the land in perpetuity, similar to a conservation agreement, especially before any sale;
- If the Crown land goes to sale, the process of sale should be by tender open to all public, and the last option given to the current leasee to match the highest price in order to purchase the land for continued sustainable agricultural purposes;

- Priority of Crown land use should go to sustainable agricultural use and water management/protection prior to any potential sale;
- Crown land criteria should equally include water retention and aquifer recharge priorities aligned with watershed goals as for sustainable agriculture; and
- CDs should be considered a partner to Crown lands and have easier access to permitting projects that are a benefit to the watershed than private individuals

**IX. MANITOBA WATER STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

- a) Provincial update – March 2016

The report is presented as information to the Board.

**X. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Schevchenko grad sponsor request
- The Board respectfully declines request to sponsor Schevchenko grad in fairness to the other schools in our district

**XI. NEXT BOARD MEETING – April 19, 2016**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**42-2016: Bob Brandt – Jim Swidersky**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting is adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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**CORNIE GOERTZEN, CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**JODI GOERZEN, DISTRICT MANAGER**