

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
Kevin Stott, Vice-Chair SD-6

John Fehr, Chair SD-7
Bob Brandt, Chair SD-8
Art Bergmann, Chair SD-9
Larry Bugera, Provincial Appointee

REGRETS:

Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5

Ron Mamchuk, Chair SD-6

STAFF:

Jodi Goerzen, District Manager
Béatrice Mukahirwa, Bookkeeper

Chris Randall, Project Supervisor
Alan Wiebe, Watershed Assistant

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Cornie Goertzen, Chair of the Board, calls the meeting to order at 09:04 am.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

08-2017: Larry Bugera – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is approved with the addition of “culvert inventory” to “XI. New business/correspondence.”

CARRIED

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) January 16, 2017 regular board meeting

09-2017: Bob Brandt – John Fehr

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the January 16, 2017 regular board meeting are approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. **CHAIR REPORT**

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

V. **FINANCE**

- a) General ledger report (payables)
- b) Monthly statement for January 31, 2017
- c) Balance sheet
- d) Income statement
- e) Bank reconciliation
- f) Bank statement
- g) Visa statement and receipts

10-2017: Jim Swidersky – Larry Bugera

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the finance package is approved as circulated.

CARRIED

VI. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Finance Committee tours potential office space at 154 Friesen Avenue, Steinbach
- SRRCD receives three contractor quotes to renovate office space at 154 Friesen Avenue, taxes not included: \$47,000, \$24,900, \$17,000

11-2017: John Fehr – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD submit an offer to purchase a new office building at 154 Friesen Avenue, Steinbach, MB for \$260,000. The SRRCD additionally approves to hire John Giesbrecht to renovate the office up to the estimated quote of \$17,000 plus tax. The SRRCD further resolves that the offer to purchase new building and renovations are contingent upon approval from RM partners.

PENDING

12-2017: Kevin Stott – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board postpone indefinitely the motion to purchase 154 Friesen Avenue until the Giroux Hall option has been investigated.

DEFEATED

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board adopt the pending motion #11-2017.

CARRIED

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

13-2017: Ed Penner – John Fehr

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board approve to purchase new tires for the 2015 Dodge Ram from OK Tire at a cost of \$940 plus tax.

CARRIED

14-2017: Jim Swidersky – Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board approve to produce site signage to install at five (5) project sites, including De Salaberry Crown Lands & Skyline Dairy Water Retention, Parc Carillon Frog Pond, Freund Swamp Walk, Blumenort Water Retention, and Rosenthal Nature Park for \$180 per sign and \$75/hour design setup fees.

CARRIED

VIII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS**SD-7****15-2017: John Fehr – Larry Bugera**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD advocate to the province, RMs, and AMM for tax reassessments for private landowners who allow their land to facilitate water retention or flood mitigation projects.

CARRIED**16-2017: John Fehr – Ed Penner**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD acquire LiDAR data on credit from ATLAS Geomatics for the watershed contribution area upstream of the Steinbach Fly-In Golf Club to investigate hydrology and potential water storage locations.

CARRIED**17-2017: John Fehr – Bob Brandt**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD purchase four (4) picnic tables and interpretive signage at Rosenthal Nature Park.

CARRIED**SD-8****18-2017: Bob Brandt – Jim Swidersky**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD proceed to design and install six (6) beaver prevention devices on culverts along Fire Guard/Forestry Road 13 south of Tetrault Road and North of Hwy #210 for up to \$5,000.

CARRIED**19-2017: Bob Brandt – Ed Penner**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD investigate the water storage potential of the wetland area at 29-04-08-E, including the option to acquire LiDAR data using the SRRCD credit available through ATLAS Geomatics.

CARRIED

SD-9: Upcoming meeting to be held Feb 21, 2017

SD-3&4**20-2017: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD acquire LiDAR data for the swamp lands to the southwest of Zhoda, between the Rat River and Joubert Creek Extension using the remaining credit available through ATLAS Geomatics.

CARRIED**21-2017: Jim Swidersky – John Fehr**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board relocate the De Salaberry Crown Lands & Skyline Dairy Water Retention spillway up to a cost of \$15,000 to alleviate adverse impacts downstream.

CARRIED**SD-2****22-2017: Ed Penner – Larry Bugera**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board decline payment for riparian fencing at the Boileau project because the fencing was not a preapproved project expense.

CARRIED

23-2017: Ed Penner – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board approves to fund the Shevchenko School rain garden project for up to \$5000 in 50-50 partnership.

CARRIED

24-2017: Ed Penner – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board request provincial engineering assistance to complete a comprehensive hydrology study on the watershed area including Horseshoe Lake to the Sundown Bog, as well as to inform Minister Cathy Cox of this request, and allow SRRCD staff to begin a preliminary investigation of the area, weather permitting.

CARRIED

25-2017: Ed Penner – John Fehr

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board approves to support the costs associated with the Roseau River Watershed Technician presenting at the CABIN science Forum in Edmonton, Alberta for up to \$400.

CARRIED

26-2017: Ed Penner – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board approves the Wells (\$4000) and Marynowski (\$4500) applications in their entirety for Livestock Riparian Management, as well as the riparian fencing portion of the Mueller application (\$4000).

CARRIED

SD-6

27-2017: Jim Swidersky – John Fehr

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board investigate the opportunity to work with MCHH, DU and local landowners along the Tourond Creek at the Ducks Unlimited wetland area near Niverville for conservation easement prospects.

CARRIED

28-2017: Kevin Stott- Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD enter into a cost-share partnership up to \$5,000 with the RM of Hanover to implement a Park & Ride program at the TCDC. Be it further resolved that the RM of Hanover will maintain the parking area year round.

CARRIED

SD-5

29-2017: Jim Swidersky – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board investigate the potential for working with the province to reduce cattail growth in Provincial drains using geotextile liners and other sustainable innovative techniques.

CARRIED

IX. MANITOBA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

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

X. MANITOBA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

- a) Provincial update: February 2017 – Received as information

XI. **NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Provincial letter of response to LiDAR and DU partnership: January 12, 2017 – received as information
- b) RRBC Fish Dinner Fundraiser: March 23, 2017, \$60 per person

30-2017: Jim Swidersky – John Fehr

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board delegates Board Chair and District Manager to attend the RRBC Fish Dinner Fundraiser at \$60 per person on March 23, 2017, 5:00 pm, at Sunova Centre, 48 Holland Road, West St. Paul, MB.

CARRIED

- c) Culvert inventory

- The board holds the position that culvert inventories are essential for hydroconditioning LiDAR data to produce accurate water flow models

31-2017: John Fehr – Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chair and Vice-Chair request a meeting with Nicole Armstrong and Minister Cathy Cox.

CARRIED

- XII. **NEXT BOARD MEETING** – March 21, 2017

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

32-2017: John Fehr – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting is adjourned at 12:45 pm.

CARRIED

CORNIE GOERTZEN, CHAIR OF THE BOARD

JODI GOERZEN, DISTRICT MANAGER