

# 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  
Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5  
Ron Mamchuk, Chair SD-6

John Fehr, Chair SD-7  
Randy Eros, Vice-Chair SD-8  
Art Bergmann, Chair SD-9  
Larry Bugera, Provincial Appointee

## REGRETS:

Bob Brandt, Chair SD-8

## STAFF:

Jodi Goertzen, District Manager  
Béatrice Mukahirwa, Financial Administrative Clerk

Dorthea Grégoire, Roseau Watershed Technician  
Alan Wiebe, Watershed Assistant

## GUESTS:

Dale Timmerman, Manitoba Sustainable Development  
Erin Dunbar, Manitoba Sustainable Development  
Sharla Dillabough, Manitoba Sustainable Development

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Cornie Goertzen, Chair of the Board, calls the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **33-2017: Larry Bugera – Ron Mamchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) February 21, 2017, regular board meeting
- b) February 22, 2017, electronic meeting
- c) February 24, 2017, electronic meeting

### **34-2017: Jim Swidersky – Art Bergmann**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the February 21, 2017 regular board meeting; February 22, 2017 electronic meeting; and February 24, 2017 electronic meeting are approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**IV. CHAIR REPORT**

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

**V. IN-CAMERA****35-2017: Jim Swidersky – Larry Bugera**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board deliberate 'in-camera' at 9:14 a.m.

CARRIED

**36-2017: Larry Bugera – Ron Mamchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board go out of 'in-camera' at 9:29 a.m.

CARRIED

**VI. FINANCE**

- a) Payables
- b) Balance sheet
- c) Income statement
- d) Bank statement
- e) Visa statement and receipts
- f) 2017-2018 interim draft budget

**37-2017: Jim Swidersky – Art Bergmann**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the payables from cheque #7520 - #7549, including MTS; Visa; payroll; Western Financial expenditures for a total \$60,250.32; and cheque #7550 for Unger Excavating for \$14,616.00 to a new total of \$74,866.32.

CARRIED

**38-2017: Jim Swidersky – Art Bergmann**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee to adopt the draft interim budget for 2017-2018 as per provincial requirements.

CARRIED

**VII. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Jodi Goerzen, District Manager, presents her report as information to the Board and receives direction:

- Consensus to investigate well sealing regulations and certifications for contractors to seal flowing wells
- Water quality mapping in partnership with UofM and LWF in-progress; results will be delivered asap
- Consensus to run 2 RM pickup days this year - May 25 and June 29, 2017
- Consensus to formally propose to the Province for SRRCD to complete the culvert inventory for the Roseau River watershed this summer (2017) in the RMs of Montcalm and Emerson-Franklin

**VIII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS**

- SD-6:** Upcoming meeting April 27, 2017  
**SD-2:** Nothing to report at this time  
**SD-3&4:** Nothing to report at this time  
**SD-5:** Water quality testing and cattail mitigation project investigation in-progress  
**SD-8:** RM of La Broquerie to conduct culvert cleanout along Fire Guard/Forestry Road 13, south of Tetrault Road and north of Hwy #210 with SRRCD implementing beaver prevention devices for water flow and retention assistance.  
**SD-9:** Upcoming meeting in late summer/fall 2017; possible opportunity to showcase a rain garden project at the new RM of Tache office  
**SD-7:** Consensus to pursue tax re-assessments and tax breaks to private landowners who allow their land to facilitate water retention or flood mitigation for sustainable surface water management in Manitoba; Board consensus for RMs to advocate for such benefits to landowners through AMM

**IX. MANITOBA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

- No report available at this time

**X. MANITOBA WATER STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Dale Timmerman, Manitoba Sustainable Development, presents his report as information to the Board.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) SRRCD offer to purchase – Resolution to proceed and \$2,000 deposit

**39-2017: Jim Swidersky – John Fehr**

RESOLUTION: Approving the temporary authority to increase the borrowing power of the Seine-Rat River Conservation District and use funds from reserve account and 2017-2018 operating grant for purposes of purchasing a permanent office and retaining a mortgage for said office.

WHEREAS the Seine-Rat River Conservation District has made a conditional offer to purchase a residential property at 154 Friesen Avenue in Steinbach, Manitoba for purposes of establishing a conservation district office;

AND WHEREAS the building requires renovations to make it accessible to the public and suitable office space for the Seine-Rat River Conservation District's needs;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Seine-Rat River Conservation District recognizes that their current approved borrowing limit is \$50,000 as set out in their Order In Council;

AND WHEREAS the Seine-Rat River Conservation District must therefore request authority from all of its municipal members to borrow up to \$210,000 for said purchase;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Seine-Rat River Conservation District prepare a proposal requested necessary approval from municipal partners, AND approves use of up to \$69,000 from their existing municipal levy reserve account as a down payment for the purchase (25% of the purchase price of \$275,000), including a \$2,000 deposit to

Sutton Group, legal fees for \$1,497 AND approves use of up to \$17,000 from their 2017-18 operating grants to undertake required renovations to set up an office facility that is accessible to the public.

**CARRIED**

- b) Provincial letter of response to LiDAR: February 24, 2017 – received as information
- c) Geoff Reimer consulting opportunity – received as information

**XII. NEXT BOARD MEETING – April 25, 2017**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**40-2017: Jim Swidersky – Ed Penner**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting is adjourned at 10:58 am.

**CARRIED**

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**CORNIE GOERTZEN, CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**JODI GOERZEN, DISTRICT MANAGER**