

# 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

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

## REGRETS:

Kevin Stott, Vice-Chair SD-6

## STAFF:

Jodi Goertzen, District Manager  
Chris Randall, Project Supervisor  
Béatrice Mukahirwa, Financial Administrative Clerk  
Alan Wiebe, Watershed Assistant

## GUESTS:

Dale Timmerman, Manitoba Sustainable Development

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Cornie Goertzen, Chair of the Board, calls the meeting to order at 08:58 am

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **56-2017: Art Bergmann – Larry Bugera**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is approved as circulated with the addition of “in-camera” after “V. Auditor’s Report.”

**CARRIED**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular Board meeting
- b) May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 electronic meeting

### **57-2017: John Fehr – Jim Swidersky**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular Board meeting and May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 electronic meeting are approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**IV. CHAIR REPORT**

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

- Red River Basin Commission (RRBC) meeting on the acquisition of the PTMApp for identifying implementable best management and conservation practices
- Attendance of Finance and Personnel Committee meetings

**V. AUDITOR'S REPORT**

- a) 2016-2017 Financial Statements – SENSUS

**58-2017: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepts the auditor's report.

**CARRIED**

**VI. IN-CAMERA**

**59-2017: Jim Swidersky – Ed Penner**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board deliberate "in-camera" at 9:21 am.

**CARRIED**

**60-2017: Larry Bugera – Harold Janzen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board go out of "in-camera" at 9:48 am.

**CARRIED**

**61-2017: Bob Brandt – Art Bergmann**

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

**CARRIED**

**VII. FINANCE**

- a) Final budget 2017-2018
- b) Payables
- c) Monthly report for May 31, 2017
- d) Balance sheet
- e) Income statement
- f) Bank statement
- g) Visa statement & receipts

**62-2017: Jim Swidersky – Larry Bugera**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the final budget for 2017-2018 as presented upon recommendation of the Finance Committee.

**CARRIED**

**63-2017: Jim Swidersky – John Fehr**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the financial package upon recommendation of the Finance Committee including the payables for the amount of \$65,775.46 from cheque number 7600 to 7625.

**CARRIED****VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Jodi Goerzen, District Manager, presents her report to the Board.

- SRRCD able to provide general LiDAR support by request to RM partners
- SRRCD offering free white spruce trees to watershed residents
- Consensus is that surface water management through culvert inventory is an important tool for RMs and CDs and that the SRRCD should plan to expand the project into the Seine River and Rat River watersheds
- Consensus is to fundraise for the SRRCD by selling remaining cottonwood and oak trees in fall

**64-2017: Art Bergmann – John Fehr**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board contract L. Funk Backhoe to seal the SRRCD abandoned wells for the 2017-18 season including, but not limited to: one (1) well in the Roseau River watershed and five (5) wells in the Seine River watershed for a total cost of \$8,700 plus tax.

Other bids included: two contactors (Kiansky; Friesen Drillers) declined to participate due to a busy work season.

**CARRIED****65-2017: Ed Penner – Harold Janzen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepts the bid from Keith's Roofing to re-shingle the SRRCD office at a cost of \$5,200 plus tax.

Other bids included: Integrity Roofing \$5,300; Jake Giesbrecht \$5,437

**CARRIED****IX. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS**

**SD-2:** One riparian fencing project may not take place this year; Upcoming Roseau River International Watershed tour, SRRCD may participate

**SD-3&4:**

**66-2017: Jim Swidersky – Ed Penner**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves to fund the Schubert Riparian Livestock Management application up to \$7,000 upon recommendation from Sub-District 3&4.

**CARRIED**

**SD-5:** SRRCD phosphorus testing in-progress

**SD-6:** Nothing to report at this time

**SD-7:** LiDAR acquired for potential water retention sites upstream of the Steinbach Fly-In Golf Club; no further action to be taken until Province approached for re-assessing land used for water retention.

**SD-8:** JV Ranch Riparian Livestock Management application to be revised before proceeding with a recommendation to the Board; 250 trees planted at Blumenort water retention, including golden willow and poplar

- SD-9:** Support in principle for SD-8 beaver prevention project along Fire Guard/Forestry Road 13 South of Tetrault Road (35N) to Hwy #210; Ongoing Investigation of the potential for water retention on Crown lands is an important strategy for surface water management and flood mitigation

**X. MANITOBA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Nothing to report at this time.

**XI. MANITOBA WATER STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

- a) Provincial update – June 2017

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

- Provincial grant notification letters sent to all districts
- 2017 Strategic Review Meeting scheduled – SRRCD to present on Tuesday October 24, 2017
- Notification letters responding to GF2 proposals sent to districts

**XII. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Aquantity Tour – MCDA, ARBI, MFGA joint tour June 20-22, Russell, MB

- Received as information

- b) PTMApp – Opportunity for funding water quality tool development in Roseau Watershed

- Board consensus to pursue the potential for a cost-share partnership with RMs in the Roseau River watershed to acquire the PTMApp for USD \$11,000 using funds from the Rat River Reserve account

- c) Resolution to re-assess water retention land – Discussion

- Consensus that the SRRCD write a letter advocating in support of an AMM resolution for tax reassessments, as well as tax breaks to private landowners who use their land to facilitate water retention or flood mitigation

- d) Province of Manitoba – Grant allocation to SRRCD of \$378,000

- Received as information

- e) Province of Manitoba – Authorization to develop irrigation project from Red River (DP Wiebe & Sons Ltd.)

- Received as information

- f) General Mills – Pollinator conservation opportunity for oat growers

- Interest to gain information and distribute/connect with oat growing landowners over fall & winter.

- g) RM of Ritchot – Resignation of Ron Mamchuk, another representative will be appointed shortly
  - Received as information

**67-2017: Bob Brandt – Larry Bugera**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Bronze Sponsorship of the Vita Rodeo/Canada Day event at a cost of \$150.

**CARRIED**

Consensus that the SRRCD host an open house event lunch barbeque on August 24, 2017, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at 154 Friesen Avenue in Steinbach to celebrate the 12 year anniversary and the new office.

**XIII. NEXT MEETING - TBA**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**68-2017: Art Bergmann – John Fehr**

BE IT RESOVLED THAT the meeting is adjourned at 12:00 pm.

**CARRIED**

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**CORNIE GOERTZEN, CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**JODI GOERZEN, DISTRICT MANAGER**