

# 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 Mamchuck, Chair SD-6  
John Fehr, Chair SD-7  
Bob Brandt, Chair SD-8  
Art Bergmann, Chair SD-9

## REGRETS:

Larry Bugera, Provincial Appointee

## STAFF:

Jodi Goertzen, District Manager  
Béatrice Mukahirwa, Bookkeeper  
Chris Randall, Project Supervisor

Dorthea Grégoire, Roseau Watershed Technician  
Alan Wiebe, Watershed Assistant

## DELEGATES:

Erin Dunbar, Manitoba Sustainable Development

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

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### 80-2017: Bob Brandt – Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### 81-2017: Harold Janzen – Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the August 15, 2017 Regular Board meeting are approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

IV. **CHAIR REPORTS**

Cornie Goertzen presents his report as information to the Board.

- Summary of activities and events attended, including

- MCDA Expanded Executive meeting
- SRRCD housewarming luncheon
- Personnel Committee meeting
- Manitoba Consultation on Manitoba's New Watershed Based Policy Framework for Conservation Districts

## V. FINANCE

### **82-2017: Jim Swidersky – Art Bergmann**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the finances as presented for a total of \$48,288.50 from cheque number 7674 to 7706, with the additional payment to Leo Funk in the amount of \$9,829 for sealing abandoned wells.

**CARRIED**

## VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

Jodi Goerzen, District Manager, presents her report to the Board and receives the following direction.

**Consensus** to hold Organizational Meeting on Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> and include dinner

### **83-2017: Jim Swidersky – Art Bergmann**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board delegate Project Supervisor to assist with the Willow Planting for Healthy Shorelines workshop by FortWhyte Alive on September 30, 2017.

**CARRIED**

## VII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

- SD-2:** Nothing to report  
**SD-3&4:** Upcoming meeting September 25, 2017

### **84-2017: Jim Swidersky – Harold Janzen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD accept the bid from Marc Maynard's Backhoe Service to complete the De Salaberry Crown Lands & Skyline Dairy Water Retention project maintenance at a cost of \$18,636. Other rejected bids included Barkman's Cartage at \$33,000.

**CARRIED**

- SD-5:** Upcoming meeting October 05, 2017  
**SD-6:** TCDC Park & Ride complete  
**SD-7:** Meeting September 7, 2017

### **85-2017: John Fehr – Ed Penner**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD partner with Andy Loewen with a funding contribution of up to \$5,000 to include a surface water retention component into his new strawberry retention pond irrigation system on his land at NE 4-6-7E, whereas his neighbours are in support of the project and signage is allowed to be posted with tours upon request.

**CARRIED**

### **86-2017: John Fehr –**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE the SRRCD pilot a one (1) year project to refer subdivision application requests for comment in the Manning Canal watershed to SD-7 committee members for individual electronic comment. Be it

further recommended to the Board that requests for comment are to be submitted within two weeks of the initial comment request, with the SRRCD Board Chair and Vice-Chair being cc'd in all electronic communications.

**WITHDRAWN**

**Consensus** is to work with Community Planning to provide a map of undesirable areas for development.

- Response from AMM in regards to SRRCD's request for tax reassessments on private land used to facilitate water retention or flood mitigation; AMM recommends SRRCD discuss with Manitoba Sustainable Development

**SD-8:** Nothing to report at this time

**SD-9:** Discussion on water quality mitigation basin-wide

**Consensus** that SRRCD be present at upcoming dairy, beef, hog, and crop producer conferences

#### **VIII. MANITOBA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

- MCDA meeting minutes July 21, 2017 – received as information
- MCDA conference December 11-13, 2017

#### **87-2017: Ed Penner – John Fehr**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD delegate SRRCD Chair, Vice-Chair, and district staff to attend the MCDA annual conference in Brandon on December 11-13, 2017.

**CARRIED**

#### **IX. MANITOBA WATER STEWARSHIP REPORT**

- Provincial Update – September, 2017

Erin Dunbar, Manitoba Sustainable Development, presents her report as information to the Board.

#### **X. DELEGATION**

Sustainable development - Erin Dunbar

Manitoba's New Watershed Based Policy Framework:

Growing Outcomes in Watersheds (GROW); Watershed-Based Drainage and Water Resource Management; and Modernization of Manitoba's Conservation Districts Program.

Growing Outcomes in Watersheds (GROW)

- Consensus that the Province should be clear on what objectives are required for evaluating project proposals
- Board is concerned by the large amount of administrative work to operate GROW program; important for CDs to be accountable to project applicants by minimizing administrative work for efficient project delivery; Province must consider project maintenance costs for future work on completed projects

Watershed-Based Drainage and Water Resource Management

- Board agrees that enforcement is a key priority issue; more drainage officers are imperative to managing rapid growth and development in the Southeast (one drainage officer is not enough in the Southeast)
- Consensus that SRRCD should not be involved with infrastructure; SRRCD would lose capacity as grassroots advocates by taking on infrastructure; Board concerned that SRRCD would be left to maintain costly infrastructure in the event of funding cuts

Modernizing Manitoba's Conservation Districts Program

- Consensus that SRRCD method of determining negotiated levee rates at a 3:1 provincial funding model works well; Board agrees that RMs would increase their levee fees if provincial funding increased

**XI. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) RRBC – Marsh Day Tour of Netley-Libau Marsh and the importance of saving it, October 12, 2017

**88-2017: Art Bergmann – Harold Janzen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD delegate SRRCD Chair, District Manager, and Project Supervisor to attend the Marsh Day Tour of Netley-Libau Marsh on October 12, 2017.

**CARRIED**

- b) RRBC – Conference in Winnipeg, January 23-25, 2018

**89-2017: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD delegate SRRCD Chair, District Manager, Project Supervisor, and Roseau Watershed Technician to attend the RRBC annual conference in Winnipeg on January 23-25, 2018.

**CARRIED**

**XII. NEXT MEETING**

- Special Meeting – September 28, 2017, 6:00 pm
- Regular Board Meeting – October 17, 2017
- Annual General Meeting – Thursday November 09, 2017

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**90-2017: Ron Mamchuk – Ed Penner**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting is adjourned at 12:35 pm.

**CARRIED**

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**CORNIE GOERTZEN, CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**JODI GOERZEN, DISTRICT MANAGER**