

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

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MINUTES

February 19, 2019

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

Alvin Derksen, Vice-Chair SD-6
Jake Hiebert, Vice-Chair SD-7
Bob Brandt, Chair SD-8
Art Bergmann, Chair SD-9

STAFF:

Jodi Goerzen, District Manager
Dorthea Grégoire, Watershed Technician

Chris Randall, Project Supervisor
Béatrice Mukahirwa, Bookkeeper

GUEST: April North, SD Watershed Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:03 am

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

04-2019: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is approved as circulated.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. December 18th, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

05-2019: Ed Penner – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the December 18th, 2018 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

b. January 23, 2019 and February 1, 2019 Electronic Board Meetings

06-2019: Bob Brandt – Jake Hiebert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the January 23rd, 2019 and February 1st, 2019 Electronic Board Meetings be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Payables

07-2019: Jim Swidersky – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the finances as presented for a total of \$70,199.61; whereas, cheque number 8218, 8219 & 8225 to

8245 are approved for a total of \$57,881.51, pre-authorized payments are approved for \$2,678.14, employee payroll is approved for \$9,392.87, and direct deposits are approved for \$247.09.

CARRIED

b. Financial Monthly Report for January 31, 2018

08-2019: Jim Swidersky - Jake Hiebert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Monthly Report as presented by the Finance Committee.

CARRIED

V. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

09-2019: Jim Swidersky – Alvin Derksen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board goes in camera at 9:23 am.

CARRIED

10-2019: Ed Penner – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board goes out of camera at 9:31 am.

CARRIED

11-2019: Bob Brandt – Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the recommendation of the personnel committee to increase wages by 3% for all employees effective April 1, 2019.

CARRIED

VI. CHAIR REPORT

Cornie Goertzen presents a summary of his activities to the board. Discussion follows

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

Consensus for staff to explore a partnership with the Manitoba Forestry Association to provide consistent shelterbelt and tree planting programming to southeastern Manitoba

Consensus for staff to proceed with office maintenance including snow clearing, small repairs and new tables for the board room.

VIII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

Sub-District 6 – Tourond Creek Watershed

No meeting

Sub-District 7 – Manning Canal Watershed

Chair Rod Beckman has resigned, by-election to occur to elect new chair at the upcoming meeting.

Sub-District 3 & 4 – Rat River & Joubert Creek Watershed

12-2019: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves to move forward with the E. Froese Water Retention Project at NW 31-05-05E; whereas, a letter of support is received from the Municipalities of De Salaberry, Hanover and St. Pierre-Jolys with the intent of the project to reduce adverse impacts downstream.

CARRIED

13-2019: Jim Swidersky – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves to investigate with Ducks Unlimited Canada the potential project transfers of ownership and/or management to the SRRCD of the three Ducks Unlimited projects in southeastern Manitoba; whereas, an independent study, cost assurance and future partnerships are encompassed.

CARRIED

14-2019: Jim Swidersky – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the construction of the Morezenko Road Area Trail Project with the RM of Stuartburn.

CARRIED

15-2019: Alvin Derksen – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD accept the invitation to participate with Manitoba Infrastructure and the RM of La Broquerie to investigate water retention options in the area of PR 302, North of Zhoda to La Broquerie.

Jim Swidersky abstains

CARRIED

16-2019: Bob Brandt – Jake Hiebert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD partner with Manitoba Infrastructure and financially assist with installing gates or flow restrictors on the culvers under highways 203 and 404, downstream of the HWY 404 Wetland site; whereas, the Municipalities of Stuartburn and Piney agree to maintain and operate the gates.

Jim Swidersky and Ed Penner abstain

CARRIED

17-2019: Jim Swidersky – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD promote the prevention of in-field wind erosion and soil loss and recommend to MCDA that the next issue of *The Current* include an article on wind erosion BMPs featuring a local producer and a Municipality burdened with the cost of cleaning soil from ditches.

CARRIED

Sub-District 2 – Roseau River Watershed

No report, committee will be meeting tomorrow

Sub-District 5 – Marsh River Watershed

Next meeting February 25th, 2019

Denis Janzen to provide SRRCD with precision ag. data to assist SRRCD to explore retention

Sub-District 8

18-2019: Bob Brandt – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves in principle the Feenstra Livestock Management project per SRRCD regular programming policy; whereas, a formal quote is received and with a site visit in spring.

CARRIED

19-2019: Bob Brandt – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the HyLife Omega Water Retention project at NE 17-05-08E for winter construction to be completed before March 31, 2019.

CARRIED

IX. MANITOBA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

- a. MCDA update – MCDA Conference 2019 will be held in Winnipeg.

X. MANITOBA SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- a. Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District – Provincial proposal

Watershed Planner April North provided update on recent MB SD developments. Discussion followed

XI. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Red River Basin Commission – South Chapter AGM February 26, 2019 TBD

20-2019: Jim Swidersky -Alvin Derksen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board sends the District Manager and Chair to the RRBC South Chapter AGM on February 26, 2019.

CARRIED

- b. Red River Basin Commission – North Chapter Fundraiser March 21, 2019 Sunova Centre, Wpg

21-2019: Art Bergmann -Alvin Derksen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board sends the District Manager, Chair and Vice-Chair to the RRBC North Chapter Fundraiser March 21, 2019

CARRIED

- c. Follow-up letter from the Province re: Pineland Nursery closing

Letter of response received as information – Chair to bring issue of Pineland Nursery closure to the next MCDA meeting

- d. Interim Report on the SRRCD Flood & Drought Adaptation Plan (SCC)

District Manager Jodi Goerzen presented the interim report. Discussion followed.

- e. Hydrology information request – Province of Manitoba, Community Planning

Consensus to redirect inquiry to Sustainable Development

XII. NEXT BOARD MEETING

a. Due to AMM conference, SRRCD will meet on March 26th, 2019

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

22-2019: Art Bergmann – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting is adjourned at 12:25pm

CARRIED

CORNIE GOERTZEN, CHAIR OF THE BOARD

JODI GOERZEN, DISTRICT MANAGER