

Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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MINUTES

December 15, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jake Hiebert, Chair of the Board & Chair SD-7
Ron Mamchuk, Chair SD-6
Raymond Gagné, Interim Chair SD-3&4
Ken Prociw, Chair SD-8
Les Schewe, Provincial Appointee

Ed Penner, Vice-Chair of the Board & Chair SD-2
Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5
Jacques Trudeau, Vice-Chair SD-7
Natashia Lapeire, Chair SD-9

GUESTS:

Rhonda Dyck, Provincial Planner
Dan Cox, Project Manager for Manitoba Association of Watersheds

STAFF:

Jodi Goerzen, District Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:10 am

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

172-2020 Jacques Trudeau – Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. November 17, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes and November 17, 2020, December 3, 2020 and December 8, 2020 Electronic Board meeting minutes

173-2020 Ron Mamchuk – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the November 17, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes and November 17, 2020, December 3, 2020 and December 8, 2020 Electronic Meeting Minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIR REPORT

Chair, Jake Hiebert, presents his report to the Board and it is received as information, with a big thank-you to all the staff for their hard work during the pandemic.

V. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC REPORTS

SD 6 – Tourond Creek Watershed

CONSENSUS to investigate the potential for a ford crossing beside the culvert or a clay cap at the Bonanza/Borland Water Retention project to alleviate future maintenance and access issues.

SD 7 – Manning Canal Watershed

174-2020 Jacques Trudeau - Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD to move forward with the Mennonite Heritage Village Pond Rehabilitation project for up to \$10,000 whereas, signage is to be included for both the importance of the project and the role of the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District.

CARRIED

SD 2 – Roseau River Watershed

175-2020 Ed Penner – Harold Janzen

BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD to move forward with the Gardenton Community Pastures, phase I water retention project at 10-01-07E as funds allow, whereas, a widefoot pad may be necessary.

CARRIED

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

176-2020 Ed Penner – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the purchase of the Mavic Pro 2 drone for up to \$3,023 USD.

CARRIED

177-2020 Jacques Trudeau – Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the transfer of \$153,762.34 from chequing to the landowner Incentive Payment savings account for the 2020 ALUS and GROW 10-year contracts, furthermore, be it resolved to set up a GI account for long-term investments to maximize the interest on the funds.

CARRIED

CONSENSUS to investigate cloud server options to accommodate both the Steinbach and Vita offices, maximizing the contribution and collaboration of all staff working together from any location.

VII. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. Payables
- b. Financial Monthly Report for November 30, 2020

178-2020 Jake Hiebert – Jacques Trudeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the finances as presented for the Month of November including the payables up to December 15th for a total of \$196,595.62; whereas, cheque number 8783-8839 are approved for a total of \$176,632.33, employee payroll is approved for \$12,530.77, direct deposits are approved for \$4,972.80, and pre-authorized payments are approved for \$2,459.72.

CARRIED

VIII. Human Resources Committee Report

179-2020 Jacques Trudeau – Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board move In Camera at 11:11 am.

CARRIED

180-2020 Jacques Trudeau – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board move Out of Camera at 11:30 am.

CARRIED

181-2020 Ed Penner – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board proceed with providing benefit premium coverage provided at 100% SRRWD for all individual employees, with a family option of premium coverage provided at 60% SRRWD and 40% employee as of April 1, 2021, furthermore, policy is to be updated to reflect this change.

CARRIED

IX. MANITOBA SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- a. Provincial update – Rhonda Dyck, Provincial Planner, presents her report to the Board.

X. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT

- a. Dan Cox, Project Manager for MAW provides an update of the MAW conference

XI. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Operations and Maintenance Discussion

Manager brings forward the concerns of staff having to continually seek projects out, and constructing projects in winter under the pressure of an annual timeframe with no geo-technical engineering support. Discussion follows and consensus is that the risk is generally accepted by the board and the province.

XII. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- a. January 19, 2021 Regular meeting

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

171-2020 Jacques Trudeau – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:56 am

CARRIED