

Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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Minutes

November 16, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jake Hiebert, Chair SD-7

Brian Grier, Vice-Chair SD-3&4

Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5

Natashia Lapeire, Chair SD-9

Ed Penner, Chair SD-2

Ron Mamchuk, Chair SD-6

Ken Prociw, Chair SD-8

Les Schewe, Provincial Appointee

STAFF:

Jodi Goerzen, Manager

Joey Pankiw, Assistant Manager

Dorthea Grégoire, Roseau Watershed Technician

GUEST:

Madeline Dressler, Provincial Watershed Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair calls to order the meet at 9:02 am

II. ELECTIONS

Call for nominations: Ed Penner and Harold Janzen nominate Jake Hiebert as Chair of SRRWD

Cease nominations: Brian Grier and Les Schewe cease nominations

Jake Hiebert is elected as Chair of Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

Call for nominations: Les Schewe and Brian Grier nominate Ed Penner as Vice Chair of SRRWD

Cease nominations: Harold Janzen and Ron Mamchuk

Ed Penner is elected as Vice-Chair of Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

III. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chair appoints the following members to form the committees of:

a. **Finance** – Ed Penner and Jake Hiebert

b. **Personnel / Workplace Health and Safety** - Harold Janzen, Les Schewe, and Ed Penner

c. **Policy** - Natashia Lapeire, Les Schewe and Jake Hiebert

d. **Manitoba Association of Watersheds** – Jake Hiebert

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

153-2021: Ed Penner – Natashia Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. October 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. October 22, 2021 Electronic Meeting Minutes

154-2021: Brian Grier – Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting minutes of October 19, 2021 and Electronic Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2021 be approved as circulated

CARRIED

VI. CHAIR REPORT

Chair presents their report to the Board and it is received as information.

CONSENSUS for the Board to hold and strategic planning meeting with the Manager on January 18th, 2022 at 1:00pm.

VII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS

The sub-district Chairs present their reports with the following directives:

SD-2 Roseau River

155-2021: Ed Penner – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board move forward with the recommendation of SD 2 to implement the SRRWD ALUS Gardenton Community Pastures Livestock Management Exclusion Fencing project on class 5+ land located on 10-1-7E, including the establishment of a 4 strand barbwire fence along the northeast side of the community pasture to exclude the water retention area from cattle use, for a cost of \$11,800 as well as incentive payments for 110 acres of excluded water retention back flood area with \$15/acre annual incentive payments or \$1,650/year for 5 years, for a total incentive payment cost of \$8,250; whereas, the fencing and incentive payments will be funded by ALUS Canada's Grazing Forward program with the water retention establishment costs paid for by SRRWD.

CARRIED

156-2021: Ed Penner – Brian Grier

WHEREAS the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District Board would like to deviate from the 2021/2022 final budget and has reviewed and approves of the changes to the budget as described in budget deviation request # SSRWD1

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District requests that Watershed Districts and Programs Section approve the budget deviation request #SRRWD1

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the BOARD accept the bid from Strategic Systems Engineering for \$39,000 plus taxes for an engineered water management report on the Gardenton Community Pastures, with the intent to identify potential water retention locations for future construction; whereas, two other bids were received for \$44,563 and \$49,900 from HDR and KGS respectively.

CARRIED

SD-3/4 Rat River & Joubert Creek

CONSENSUS for SRRWD to assist the St. Malo Lake residents as we can and encourage the group to bring project requests forward to the Rat River Watershed (sub-district 3&4).

SD-5 Marsh River

157-2021: Harold Janzen – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD move forward with the recommendation from SD 5 to contact Provencher MP Ted Falk to assist with expediting the approval process on restoration works within waterways through increased communication and a working partnership with the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

CARRIED

CONSENSUS for Chair and Manager to present to the RM of Morris and invite them to participate in the SRRWD.

SD-6 Tourond Creek

158-2021: Ron Mamchuk – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD move forward with the recommendation from SD 6 to implement the Mark Rodgers SRRWD-ALUS Perennial Grass Buffer Establishment on cultivated land including 7.5 acres located at 1464 PR 210 including riparian perennial grass establishment cost of \$100/acre and \$100/acre annual payment for \$750/year and over 10 years for a total project cost of \$8,250 (\$750 establishment and \$7,500 incentive payments).

CARRIED

SD-7 Manning Canal

159-2021: Jake Hiebert – Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD move forward with the recommendation from SD 7 to implement the Jason Hiebert water retention wetland enhancement project at SW 31-5-7E for up to \$1,500 plus tax.

CARRIED

160-2021: Jake Hiebert – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD move forward with the recommendation from SD 7 to petition for a minimum of 10 to 15 feet of grassed buffer strips on provincial waterways or within provincial easements, and 5 feet on municipal waterways with GROW funding to establish and develop an incentive based payment for the grassed buffer strips.

CARRIED

SD-8 Upper Seine River

161-2021: Ken Prociw – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD move forward with the recommendation from SD 8 to investigate the possibility of implementing a preservation program for sensitive land using Grow Trust funding.

CARRIED

SD-9 Lower Seine River

Chair of SD presents report to the Board. Discussion follows, no actions.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

SRRWD manager presents their report to the BOARD with the following direction:

162-2021: Ed Penner – Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD approve to move forward this year with preliminary work to begin the Wayne Chubaty Water Retention project at NW 21-1-4E to purchase culverts for up to \$2,000, rock for up to \$2,500 and site prep work by Rocky Ridge Excavating for up to \$3,000 for a total of \$7,500; whereas, the remainder of the project will be constructed in 2022 unless weather permits otherwise.

CARRIED

IX. FINANCE REPORT

a. Expenses

163-2021: Ed Penner – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD approves the addition expense of \$1,605.24 for extra trenching due to hardpan complications at the Al Ayotte Livestock Management winter alternative watering project at SW 23-2-5E.

CARRIED

b. October 2021 Interim Financial Report

164-2021: Ed Penner – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD approve the monthly financial expense as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of \$ 107,921.84; whereas, cheques 9040 to 9101 are approved for \$84,948.04, payroll for \$13,108.31, direct deposits for \$7,169.20, and pre-authorized withdraws for \$2,696.29.

CARRIED

X. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT

a. Notice of Meeting, one voting member required re: MAW asset division upon solvency – Nov 18

CONSENSUS is for SRRWD MAW representative to attend Manitoba Association of Watershed Meeting re: MAW asset division up solvency on behalf of the SRRWS, November 18, 2021.

b. AGM, three voting members required – Dec 7

CONSENSUS for Ed Penner, Jake Hiebert and Les Schewe to be the voting members from SRRWD for the Manitoba Association of Watersheds Annual General Meeting.

XI. MANITOBA AGRICULTURE AND RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

a. Provincial Update, 2021 by Madeline Dressler, Provincial Watershed Planner – Received as information

b. Manitoba Drought Report for October, 2021 – Received as information

XII. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

a. Red River Basin Conference Jan 11-13, 2022 - Tabled due to travel restrictions

b. Red River Basin Commission LiDAR workshop Nov 25, 2pm online – Received as information

c. FCM Hanover Flood and Drought Adaptation plan – Final Report – Tabled as FCM Hanover Flood and Drought Adaptation plan has not been received yet

XIII. IN CAMERA

164-2021: Brian Grier – Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board move IN Camera at 11:25 am.

CARRIED

165-2021: Brian Grier – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board move OUT of Camera at 11:40 am.

CARRIED

166-2021: Les Schewe – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD provide December 24, 2021 as a full paid day off for SRRWD Staff and close the office December 24 2021 to January 3 2022, where staff can use vacation or banked hours.

CARRIED

XIV. NEXT BOARD MEETING

a. January 18, 2022

XV. ADJOURNMENT

166-2021: Ron Mamchuk – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:47 am.

CARRIED

Jake Hiebert, CHAIR OF THE BOARD

JODI GOERZEN, DISTRICT MANAGER