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Minutes

September 19, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Jake Hiebert, Chair SD-7 and Chair of Board
Brian Grier, Chair SD 3&4
Ed Penner, Chair SD-6 & Vice-Chair of Board
Stan Toews, Vice-Chair SD-7
Neil Claringbould, Chair SD-2
Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5
Natashia Lapeire, Chair SD-9

REGRETS:
Ken Prociw, Chair SD-8

GUESTS:
Les Schewe

STAFF:
Joey Pankiw, Assistant Manager
Chris Randall, Project Supervisor
Dani Gosselin, Watershed Technician
Béatrice Mukahirwa, Bookkeeper
Virginia Janzen, ReGen Ag Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER at 8:45 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

167-2023: Brian Grier – Stan Toews
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved with the addition of XI Personnel "In Camera".

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2023
b. Electronic Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2023

168-2023: Neil Claringbould and Natasha Laperire
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2023 and the Electronic Minutes of August 22, 2023 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIR REPORT

- Renovations have started in the office
- Meeting was held with a local farmer that was doing some digging in a creek by his property last week

V. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT, Jake Hiebert

- MAW office has physically relocated across the hall in the same building
- Watershed Districts have met the $15 million dollar goal for PWCP funding

VI. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC/LGC REPORTS

ALUS/PAC

169-2023: Ed Penner – Harold Janzen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the PWCP Nitrogen Management for Mark Brandt in SD 7 for equipment upgrades for his liquid fertilizer banding system for total cost of $4099.51 (full project cost not funded due to previously approved applications, maximum of $10,000 reached) as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

170-2023: Ed Penner – Brian Grier
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the following PWCP Nitrogen Management projects as funding becomes available: Jeffrey Kostyniuk in SD 2 for Dual Inhibitors (nexus Neon Air) on 160 acres for total cost of $510.76; Keith Winnicky in SD 2 for Plymer-Coated Urea (ESN) on 243 acres for total cost of $590.24; Colt Winnicky in SD 2 for Plymer-Coated Urea (ESN) on 243 acres for total cost of $590.24; and Pine Valley Ranch (Donald Winnicky) in SD 2 for Polymer-Coated Urea (ESN) on 243 acres for total cost of $590.24.

CARRIED

SD 2

171-2023: Neil Claringbould – Ed Penner
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve moving ahead with Phase 2 of the Gardenton Community Pastures project water retention.

CARRIED

172-2023: Neil Claringbould – Harold Janzen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the recommendation from Sub District 2 to relay their concern regarding the licensing for dry dams and the new rule about having to use Environmental Licensing to the Manitoba Association of Watersheds and would like clarification on this rule.

CARRIED

173-2023: Neil Claringbould – Brian Grier
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve adding sides to the berm at Jeff Reimer's water retention project located at NW 34-1-4E to widen the berm and add stone at the overflow to improve the crossing for total cost of $3,000 and any further repairs or renovations to the water retention area will be at the landowner's expense.

CARRIED

174-2023: Neil Claringbould – Natashia Lapeiere
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve wetland enhancement project at S ½ 1-3-6E (along Road 36E) project will consist of removing some of the material on the R.M. of Stuartburn municipal drain located to allow water across R.M. of Stuartburn land with total cost approximately $5000.

CARRIED

SD 3 & 4

- The beaver stop has been installed at the De Salaberry retention on the outlet
- Repairs were also completed at Brian Grier's water retention

SD 5

- RM of Montcalm is working on the St. Mary's project and there will be more details within a month
- Drawings were sent to the RM of De Salaberry for a crossing on Road 27N

SD 6

- Work has begun on the Darrin Warkentin project

SD 7

- Site visit for a shelterbelt project
- RM of Hanover has a tree planter so will look into getting it in working order
- Will look into the possibility of ALUS projects with Benner Holsteins
- Completed the Jason Hiebert water retention project

SD 8

Nothing to report

SD 9

175-2023: Natashia Lapeire – Ed Penner
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD sends a letter to the R.M of Taché regarding the expansion of the livestock operation for Steinbach Hatchery Ltd located at NW 19-9-7E stating they have no concerns in respect to groundwater and surface water quality.

CARRIED

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- A Rebranding of MHHC event was held Monday evening in Winnipeg – they have changed their name to Manitoba Habitat Conservancy; MHC will be holding a tour on Friday and SRRWD will have a project that will be included in the tour

VIII. FINANCE REPORT

a. Expenses for approval
b. Provincial Report

<u>176-2023: Ed Penner – Brian Grier</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of $71,810.21; whereas, cheques 9694 to 9716 are approved for $40,771.57; payroll for $21,842.64; direct deposits for $5,849.69; and pre-authorized withdrawals for $3,346.31.

CARRIED

<u>177-2023: Ed Penner – Harold Janzen</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Provincial Report for August as presented.

CARRIED

<u>178-2023: Natashia Lapeire – Stan Toews</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves paying Colleen Cuvelier her 20 hours of banked time and 5.4 days of vacation following her resignation from her position with SRRWD.

CARRIED

IX. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT

Daniel Phalen has moved to a new position; waiting for appointment of new Watershed Planner

X. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

Phase 1 has been completed
Phase 2 is new flooring for whole upstairs area of the Steinbach office
Once flooring is complete then Phase 3 will be reviewed and a plan will be formulated

<u>179-2023: Harold Janzen – Stan Toews</u>
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the quote from Darryl Funk Construction for flooring throughout the main floor of the Steinbach office for a cost of $8,500 with work to begin shortly.

Ed Penner Abstains

XI. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Request was made that the Manager and the Guest stay for the In Camera Session

180-2023: Natashia Lapeire – Brian Grier
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD go into camera at 9:52 a.m.

181-2023: Natashia Lapeire – Stan Toews
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD come out of camera at 10:13 a.m.

182-2023: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves to advertise the ALUS/Grow Coordinator position internally within Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District; any employees that are interested in the position need to apply by September 26th.

CARRIED

Stan Toews and Harold Janzen left the meeting

XII. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

a. Watershed District Award & Watershed Builder Award

Consensus: SRRWD Board is in agreement to submit Neil Claringbould to MAW for the Watershed District Award at the MAW Conference in December

b. Oak Hammock Marsh School Presentations
182-2023: Ed Penner – Brian Grier
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves to provide funding to Oak Hammock Marsh for virtual wetland fieldtrips to local schools for a total cost up to $3,000.

CARRIED

c. Social Media Contract Renewal with The Chez Koop Corporation
183-2023: Natashia Lapeire – Neil Claringbould
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves renewing the SRRWD Social Media Package contract with The Chez Koop Corporation for the period September 2023 to August 2024 for the cost of $7,441.88.

CARRIED

d. Lease New Printer/Copier for SRRWD Office
184-2023: Natashia Lapeire – Ed Penner
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves signing a lease with WBM Technologies for the Ricoh IM C3010 printer/copier for the Steinbach Office with the monthly lease of $119.00 (for 60 months) plus cost of per page charges monthly.

CARRIED

e. ReGen Ag Day November 13th to 15th for Growing Roots Participants
185-2023: Natashia Lapeire – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves providing funding for Growing Roots participants (to cover their registration fees and/or travel expenses) to attend any Soil Health conferences for amounts up to $500 as funding is available.

CARRIED

f. Well Sealing Application for Vik & Martha Sawatzky

186-2023: Ed Penner – Natashia Lapeiere

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the well sealing application for Vik & Martha Sawatzky from Kleefeld in the amount of $1,000 plus GST.

CARRIED

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

a. SRRWD AGM – November 6th Friedensfeld Hall

b. Discussion was held regarding encouraging Developers to implement rain gardens into their drainage
Consensus: To send a letter to our participating municipalities regarding this matter

XII. POLICY COMMITTEE

- Template will be coming from MAW in the near future

XV. NEXT BOARD MEETING

October 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

187-2023: Natashia Lapeire – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 10:47 a.m.

CARRIED

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Jake Hiebert, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD

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Joey Pankiw, MANAGER