

Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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Minutes

October 17, 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
Ken Prociw, Chair SD-8

REGRETS:

Natashia Lapeire, Chair SD-9

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 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

189-2023: Stan Toews – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved with the addition of "In Camera" for Personnel Committee as circulated.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2023
- b. Electronic Minutes for October 6, 2023

190-2023: Neil Claringbould – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2023 and the Electronic Minutes for October 6, 2023 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIR REPORT

- Attended Finance meeting on Friday

- V. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT, Jake Hiebert**
- Cheques for 2022-2023 have been completed now start on 2023-2024 applications
 - Neil Claringbould has been awarded a District Award and will be presented at the MAW Conference in December
 - MAW has applied for additional funding for both PWCP and Living Labs

VI. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC/LGC REPORTS

SD 2

- Jeff Reimer's repairs to the Water Retention and berm have been completed
- Consensus:** SRRWD Board is in agreement to pay out the Janzen Farms Water Retention project as per Resolution # 98-2023

SD 3 & 4

- Having a Sub District meeting on October 26th at Steinbach Office
- Will be doing a site visit with an applicant for a shelterbelt

SD 5

- Working on getting a ratepayer from Emerson Franklin for Sub District 5
- Discussed the application from RM of Montcalm who is looking for funding to help with erosion control in freshly excavated ditches close to the river by seeding grass

191-2023: Harold Janzen – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves a pilot Erosion Control Project with the RM of Montcalm to reestablish grass within newly cleaned RM Drains for total funding up to \$5,000 for 10 miles of ditches.

CARRIED

SD 6

- Discussion on the Warkentin Water Retention Project and the board gives staff authorization to negotiate with the current contractor regarding status of the project and work completed to date
- Update on the Janzen Farms water retention project that had been completed by the ratepayers

SD 7

- Working with Don Penner at Benner Holsteins regarding a two-stage ditch along the Manning Canal
- Have received confirmation that environmental licenses are not required for dry dams that SRRWD constructs for the projects

SD 8

- Site visit had been completed for a Preservation Program along the Seine River by Ste. Anne

SD 9

- Nothing to report

ALUS/PAC

- Nothing to report

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Staff attended the ALUS Regional Field Conference at Elkhorn Resort

VIII. FINANCE REPORT

- a. Expenses for approval
- b. Provincial Report

192-2023: Ken Prociw – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of \$110,179.97; whereas, cheques 9718 to 9749 are approved for \$85,610.72; payroll for \$18,508.03; direct deposits for \$2,893.90; and pre-authorized withdrawals for \$3,167.32.

CARRIED

193-2023: Ed Penner – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Provincial Report for September as presented.

CARRIED

IX. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT

- April North is our interim provincial watershed planner

X. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Red River Basin Gala – November 16th in Morris

Consensus: Tickets will be purchased for Board members and staff that want to attend and will provide a prize for silent auction

- b. Red River Basin Conference January 16th – 18th in Fargo

Consensus: Board Chair, non-RM Councilor board members and relevant SRRWD can attend with District taking on cost of Conference Registration and Hotels

- c. MAW Conference – December 4th – 6th in Brandon

- d. Winter Tire Quotes for GMC Terrain

194-2023: Brian Grier – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the purchase of winter tires from Ledingham GM with total cost up to the amount of \$2,000.

CARRIED

e. Well Sealing Application for Brian Penner

195-2023: Ed Penner – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the well sealing application for Brian Penner of Blumenort for cost of \$1,500.00 plus taxes

CARRIED

f. RM of Hanover Tree Planter

CARRIED

196-2023: Ed Penner – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves taking over the tree planter from the RM of Hanover with cost of repairs and maintenance to be the responsibility of SRRWD.

CARRIED

XI. OLD BUSINESS

a. SRRWD AGM – November 6th Friedensfeld Hall

XII. POLICY COMMITTEE

- Still waiting for MAW to complete their policy

XIII. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

- Waiting for quote from company that will build the office dividers; they will provide a drawing and can re-evaluate the office needs at that time
- Painting and electrical will be completed once the walls are ready to be installed

XIV. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

SRRWD Board requests Manager and Guest to stay for In Camera session

197-2023: Brian Grier – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD go into camera at 10:48 a.m.

198-2023: Ed Penner – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD come out of camera at 10:57 a.m.

199-2023: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Personnel Committee recommendation of promoting Dani Gosselin to the ALUS/Grow/PWCP Coordinator position with a 5% increase in salary and a 6 month probationary period.

CARRIED

- XV. NEXT BOARD MEETING**
November 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

- XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

200-2023: Ken Prociw – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 11:01 a.m.

CARRIED

Jake Hiebert, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Joey Pankiw, MANAGER