

Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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Minutes

November 21, 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
Natashia Lapeire, Chair SD-9

REGRETS:

GUESTS:

Kelsey Benson, Provincial Watershed Planner

STAFF:

Joey Pankiw, Assistant Manager
Chris Randall, Project Supervisor
Dani Gosselin, ALUS/GROW Coordinator

Béatrice Mukahirwa, Bookkeeper
Virginia Janzen, ReGen Ag Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER at 8:52 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

202-2023: Brian Grier – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved with the addition of XII. New Business/Corespondance f. GROW application.

CARRIED

III. ELECTIONS

a. Chair of SRRWD

Call for nominations: Brian Grier – Natashia Lapeire nominate Jake Hiebert

Cease nominations: Ed Penner – Harold Janzen

Jake Hiebert is declared Chair of SRRWD by acclamation.

b. Vice-Chair of SRRWD

Call for nominations: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier nominate Ed Penner

Cease nominations: Brian Grier – Jake Hiebert

Ed Penner is declared Vice-Chair of SRRWD by acclamation

IV. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Will do appointments at the December meeting

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2023
- b. Electronic Minutes for November 3, 2023

203-2023: Ed Penner – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2023 and the Electronic Minutes for November 3, 2023 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

VI. CHAIR REPORT

- Several members and staff attended the Red River Basin Gala in Morris on November 16th

VII. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT, Jake Hiebert

- MAW Conference is coming up at beginning of December 2023
- interviews in process for open positions at MAW

VIII. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC/LGC REPORTS

SD 2

- Working on water retention with a landowner and the RM of Stuartburn
- Held a very good ReGen field tour in the Ridgeville area
- Members attended the Red River International Watershed meeting in Roseau, MN on October 24th

204-2023: Neil Claringbould – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board supports the R.M. of Stuartburn with their further investigation into the illegal ditching that has taken place in the municipality on private property that will be detrimental to proposed projects in our watershed.

CARRIED

SD 3 & 4

- Maple Leaf has responded and will check with legal department to see what is holding up the process
- Working on discussions with Community Pastures at Pansy

205-2023: Brian Grier – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board agrees to partner with the Village of St. Pierre to support the Rain Garden program that the Village of St. Pierre is developing to decrease the water infiltration into their sewer system as funds allows up to a maximum of \$10,000 over the period of 2 years.

CARRIED

SD 5

- Seeding of the ditches has been postponed until spring due to the early snowfall that occurred in October

SD 6

- Waiting for the contractor to do the finishing work at the Warkentin water retention project

SD 7

206-2023: Stan Toews – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Livestock Management project for Gerald Issac located at SW 26-6-5E by Mithcell to fence a dugout and add a well-fed winter watering system for total cost of \$6,264.00 as funding becomes available with a holdback of \$1,000 until the fencing has been completed in spring 2024.

CARRIED

SD 8

- Beaver dams on Fire Guard 13 will be checked out

SD 9

- Other watershed districts are looking to SRRWD to follow their leads on projects
- Discussion had been with Save Our Seine

ALUS/PAC

207-2023: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following PWCP Rotational Grazing project for Dirk Hak located in Sub District 3&4 for perimeter and temporary fencing with total funding estimate of \$9,200 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

208-2023: Brian Grier – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following PWCP Cover Crop projects as funding becomes available: Tim Nickel located in Sub District 2 for 30 acres with total funding of \$1,050 and Tri Lea Farm Inc. located in Sub District 3&4 for 75 acres with total funding of \$2,625.

CARRIED

209-2023: Ed Penner – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following PWCP Nitrogen Management projects as funding becomes available: R&R Catellier Farms located in Sub District 5 for the use of Dual Inhibitors on 420 acres for total funding of \$5,625.50 and Frosty Pine Farms Inc. located in Sub District 5 for the use of Dual Inhibitors on 150 acres for total funding of \$2,380.

CARRIED

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Reviewed the Manager's Report

X. FINANCE REPORT

- a. Expenses for approval
- b. Provincial Report

210-2023: Ken Prociw – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of \$165,209.77; whereas, cheques 9750 to 9809 are approved for \$123,347.79; payroll for \$25,530.11; direct deposits for \$9,514.08; and pre-authorized withdrawals for \$3,140.86 and Wire Transfer for \$3,676.93.

CARRIED

211-2023: Natasha Lapeire – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the cancellation of cheque #9655 in the amount of \$689.13 which had been issued to Daniel Catellier on July 25, 2023 which Daniel has not received in the mail and a new cheque #9751 will be issued and sent to Daniel Catellier this week for the exact same amount of \$689.13; as well cheque #9719 for Stone Creek Snow Removal issued on September 26, 2023 which had been sent to the wrong address and returned in the mail so new cheque #9765 has been issued for \$761.25 and will be mailed.

CARRIED

212-2023: Neil Claringbould – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the wire transfer that will be sent to Ward Laboratories Inc. in Kearney, Nebraska for the Soil Health Testing for the Growing Roots participants in the amount of \$2,643.75 in US Funds.

CARRIED

213-2023: Ken Prociw – Natasha Lapeire

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

CARRIED

XI. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT

- reviewed the Provincial Update for November
- discussed timeline for getting applications from RM of Morris ratepayers approved

XII. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Living Labs Update
 - Reviewed the new Living Labs that is being rolled out and will start with the Co-Development session on December 14th
- b. Well Sealing for Brian Penner – increase for required work

214-2023: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the increase for the well sealing application for Brian Penner of Blumenort in the amount of \$500 plus taxes (original cost of \$1,500 plus taxes and new cost is \$2,000 plus taxes) and approves the well sealing for Kleefeld Construction located at 11 Main Street in Kleefeld for cost of \$1,500 plus taxes.

CARRIED

- c. Advertising with Golden West Radio / Steinbach Online

213-2023: Natasha Lapeire – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the radio campaign and digital campaign for spring 2024 with Golden West Radio and Steinbach Online for total cost of \$5,000 plus taxes.

CARRIED

- d. Invoice / Email from MAW (Lynda)
- Reviewed the invoices for the communications and annual dues Manitoba Association of Watersheds

- e. Forage Sampling

Consensus: SRRWD will help administer the Forage Sampling program for Manitoba Beef Producers and will store the equipment in Vita for producers to use to take forage tests.

- f. GROW Application
- reviewed the GROW application that had been submitted to update the Board members

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Red River Basin Conference – Fargo – January 16th – 18th
- b. MAW Conference – Brandon – December 4th – 6th

XIV. POLICY COMMITTEE

- Still waiting for template from MAW

XV. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

214-2023: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves quote from Hildebrandt Walls for the 3 offices in the main area for total cost of \$20,278.72 (including taxes and installation) and should be ready to install in January 2024.

CARRIED

- Next steps are to get quotes for electrical work that needs to be done to improve lighting and painting the main floor of the office; reviewed the budget that was created for the remainder of the renovations that need to be completed

XVI. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

215-2023: Natasha Lapeire – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD go into camera at 10:56 a.m.

216-2023: Brian Grier – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD come out of camera at 11:07 a.m.

217-2023: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD accepts the Personnel Committee's recommendation to hire Alex Buehler (Wolf) as the Watershed Technician with a start date of December 1st and benefits to commence at that day (since Alex has been working for SRRWD for 7 months as Summer Resource Technician), starting wage of \$45,000 and a 3 month probationary period.

CARRIED

XVII. NEXT BOARD MEETING

December 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

218-2023: Stan Toews – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 11:10 a.m.

CARRIED

Jake Hiebert, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Joey Pankiw, MANAGER