

Seine-Rat River Conservation District
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MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cornie Goertzen, Chair SD-3&4 and Chair of Board	Ron Mamchuk, Chair SD-6
Jim Swidersky, Vice-Chair SD-3&4 and Vice-Chair of Board	John Fehr, Chair SD-7
Ed Penner, Chair SD-2	Bob Brandt, Chair SD-8
Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5	Art Bergmann, Chair SD-9

REGRETS:

Larry Bugera, Provincial Appointee

STAFF:

Jodi Goerzen, District Manager	Chris Randall, Project Supervisor
Béatrice Mukahirwa, Bookkeeper	Dorthea Grégoire, Roseau Watershed Technician

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Cornie Goertzen, Chair of the Board, calls the meeting to order at 9:09 am

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

95-2018: Jim Swidersky – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is approved as circulated.

CARRIED

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

96-2018: Bob Brandt – John Fehr

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the August 21, 2018 Regular Board meeting be approved with the following corrections: the spelling of Arnaud (on pg 3).

CARRIED

IV. **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

- a) Payables
- b) Financial Monthly Report for August 31, 2018

97-2018: Ron Mamchuk – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves check 8079 for payment of the additional audit fees from Sensus in the amount of \$1,551.79.

CARRIED

CONSENSUS for future financial tenders to include a written contract stating verbal agreements will not be recognized and all changes to tenders must be received in writing and authorized by the Board.

98-2018: Bob Brandt – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD explore the creation of a district wide tree planting and shelterbelt program.

CARRIED

99-2018: Bob Brandt –Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD compose a letter to MCDA and the Minister of Sustainable Development, AMM, and all SRRCD partner municipalities communicating how valuable the Pineland Nursery is to the SRRCD for beginning a tree & shelterbelt planting program, encouraging uptake for local residents to plant trees, and with the loss of PFRA, Pineland provides an incredible sustainable resource for implementing and rejuvenating old shelterbelts for residents in Manitoba.

CARRIED

100-2018: Jim Swidersky – Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the finances as presented for a total of \$ 41,190.84; whereas cheque numbers 8044 to 8080 are approved for \$23,700.26, pre-authorized payments are approved for \$2,575.30, employee payroll is approved for \$13,710.28, and direct deposits as approved for \$1,205.00.

CARRIED

V. CHAIR REPORT

Cornie Goertzen presents a summary of his activities, discussion follows

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

101-2018: Jim Swidersky – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board invites Mark Francis of Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) to attend an upcoming Board meeting or, if this is not possible to hold a special meeting with SRRCD and DUC.

CARRIED

102-2018: Ron Mamchuk – Art Bergmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT District Manager Jodi Goerzen and Bookkeeper Béatrice Mukahirwa attend the Conservation District Administrators Meeting in Brandon on September 20-21st, 2018.

CARRIED

103-2018: Jim Swidersky – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board grant a leave of absence for SRRCD Watershed Assistant, Alan Wiebe, and effective September 18, 2018 until October 26, 2018.

CARRIED

104-2018: Harold Janzen – John Fehr

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board delegate Project Supervisor, Chris Randall, to lead the willow planting demonstration for the Healthy Shorelines workshop at Fort Whyte Alive, September 30, 2018.

CARRIED**105-2018: Ron Mamchuk – John Fehr**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board that District Manager attend the governance workshop Working With Government I: How Government Works, in Winnipeg on October 17, 2018 at a cost of \$155.

CARRIED**106-2018: Ed Penner – Harold Janzen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board sells the 2005 Colorado AS IS by bid and the 2009 Arctic-cat quad AS IS for \$4500.00

CARRIED**VII. SUB-DISTRICT REPORTS****Sub District 3&4****107-2018: Jim Swidersky – Ed Penner**

BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD THAT the SRRCD approve the following livestock management applications: M.&T. Narth (\$3,894), B. Wiens (\$6,122), S.&Q. Schubert (\$8,698), A. Fehr (\$6,082), W. Fehr (\$5,496), J. Schubert (\$5,160) contingent on the landowners completing an EFP and deepening/cleaning the dugout(s), and with a maximum SRRCD contribution towards troughs of \$1,000.00 per trough. All projects are subject to funding availability.

CARRIED**Sub District 8**

CONSENSUS that Crown Lands need to work with Conservation Districts on water retention projects. Manager to send information/meeting notes from 404 wetland site meeting to Watershed Planner April North and CC Ron Schuler regarding any issues that occur when dealing with Crown Lands.

108-2018: Bob Brandt – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD THAT the SRRCD approve the following livestock management applications: R. Eros (\$6,987) and Alidale Farms (up to \$6,000) contingent on the landowners completing an EFP.

CARRIED**Sub District 2****109-2018: Ed Penner- Bob Brandt**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD amend the \$100 refundable deposit for sealing abandoned wells to a \$100 nonrefundable application fee, whereas one well sealing application can cover multiple wells with a single application fee.

CARRIED**110:2018: Ed Penner – Ron Mamchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD move forward with the Wayne Chubaty and Neil Claringbold water retention projects, the J. Friesen riparian fencing project (\$4,000), and the following livestock management projects: S&C. Schubert (\$3,994), G Fehr (\$18,820), B. Hamm (\$15,044), C.&H. Wiens (\$3,001), J. Hamm (\$15,044), and B. Rinas (upon submission of quote) as funding allows.

CARRIED

CONSENSUS is to review the Riparian Management Livestock cost-share agreement, as there are currently more projects than available funding, acknowledging the sale is over with programming now returning to the regular cost-share.

111:2018: Ed Penner – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD investigate the potential for water retention with Shelly O'Brien and Donovan Cruise at SW 10-2-8E.

CARRIED

112:2018: Ed Penner – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD investigate the potential for water retention along the Old Roseau River with Dale Fisher at N 32-1-7E.

CARRIED

Sub-District 7

113-2018 John Fehr- Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD approve the Schoenrock water retention and riparian management projects for up to SRRCD contribution of \$23,000.

CARRIED

114- 2018 John Fehr - Ed Penner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD move forward with the Marvin Penner water retention project with a maximum SRRCD contribution of \$35,000.

CARRIED

Sub District 5

115-2018: Harold Janzen – John Fehr

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD partner with Denis Janzen for a water retention pilot project on annual crop land with a maximum SRRCD contribution of \$20,000 and SRRCD staff work with Janzen to promote innovation, water quality and public awareness for surface water management in the Red River Valley

CARRIED

VIII. MANITOBA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Cornie Goerzen, SRRCD's MCDA representative, reports to the board. Manager to circulate the MCDA Chair's Report and Executive Report to Board.

IX. MANITOBA WATER STEWARDSHIP

116-2018: Art Bergmann – Bob Brandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT after the meeting with all the SRRCD partner Municipalities on September 13th, the Board recommends to retain the Municipal levies on a percentile basis and preserve the current SRRCD sub-district operational boundaries, excluding the Red River Floodway, and preserve all Municipal representative positions for diplomacy and unity as agreed upon unanimously by all Municipal partners.

CARRIED

117-2018: Art Bergmann – Ron Mamchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD endorses the new name of 'Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District' with a secondary option of 'Southeast Watershed District'.

CARRIED

X. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

a) SRRCD Annual Organizational Meeting

118-2018: Ron Mamchuk – Jim Swidersky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRRCD Annual Organizational Meeting be held on December 3, 2018, location to be determined.

CARRIED

XI. NEXT BOARD MEETING – October 16, 2018

XII. ADJOURNMENT

119-2018: Ed Penner- Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting is adjourned at 12:25 pm.

CARRIED

CORNIE GOERTZEN, CHAIR OF THE BOARD

JODI GOERTZEN, DISTRICT MANAGER