

Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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Minutes

December 17, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Penner, Chair SD-6 and Chair of Board
Natashia Lapeire, Chair SD-9 and Vice-Chair of Board
Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5
Ken Prociw, Chair SD-8

Neil Claringbould, Chair SD-2
Brian Grier, Chair SD-3&4
Noël Brémaud, Vice-Chair SD-6
Les Schewe, Provincial Appointee

REGRETS:

Jake Hiebert, Chair SD-7

GUESTS: Kelsey Benson, Provincial Watershed Planner

STAFF:

Joey Pankiw, Manager
Dani Gosselin, ALUS/PAC Coordinator
Béatrice Mukahirwa, Financial Administrator

Alex Wolf, Watershed Technician
Virginia Janzen, ReGen Coordinator
Chris Randall, Project Supervisor

I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

240-2024: Brian Grier – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved with the addition of Item 10 C under New Business to Review Strategic Planning Session.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2024.
- b. Strategic Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2024

241-2024: Ken Prociw – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2024 and the Strategic Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2024 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIR REPORT

- Went with the Manager to R.M. of Montcalm for delegation in November
- Had a meeting with Sub District 6 and 7 for water retention project in the Moose Meadow area

- Attended the MAW Conference in Brandon in early December – was a great conference with lots of great information
- Yesterday was a Strategic Planning meeting for all Board members and staff and Provincial Watershed Planner – lots of great conversation

V. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT

- still waiting to hear from PWCP to see if the extension has been accepted
- capacity building fund for meetings for district staff for networking
- Chair of SRRWD will be attending the next MAW meeting in February

242-2024: Brian Grier – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ed Penner be appointed as the representative for Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District for Manitoba Association of Watersheds.

CARRIED

243-2024: Harold Janzen – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Natasha Lapeire be appointed as the alternate for Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District for Manitoba Association of Watersheds.

CARRIED

VI. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC/LGC REPORTS

SD 2

- FCM funding has been confirmed so engineering will begin in early 2025 with Strategic Systems Engineering for Sundown Bog Water Retention project
- Growing Roots meeting was held at Roseau River Park Hall on November 26th and was well attended and good information shared on the soil tests

SD 3 & 4

- Will plan a sub district meeting in January

SD 5

- few ongoing ALUS projects that are in the works for next year

SD 6

- Darrin Warkentin project is tidied up – will need to be seeded in the spring

SD 7

- A Sub District 7 meeting will be called early in 2025

SD 8

- Nothing to report

SD 9

- Water retention project at Nolan Vermette is almost done; contractors struggled with how wet the ground was; Project Supervisor will be meeting with contractor to go over a few things needed to finish the project

ALUS

244-2024: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the following PWCP Nitrogen Management application for the use of Dual Inhibitors as funding becomes available for 10030933 Manitoba Ltd. (Jesse Falk) located in SD 2 for total funding of \$1,062.97 and Tri Lea Farm Inc. (Richard Boonstoppel) located in SD 3/4 for adding legumes to his crop rotation for total funding of \$2,625.00

CARRIED

245-2024: Harold Janzen – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following PWCP Cover Crop applications as funding becomes available for the following: Art Bergmann located in SD 8 for 42 acres of crop seeded for bee pollination for total funding of \$1,470.00; and Tri Lea Farm Inc. (Richard Boonstoppel) located in SD 3/4 for 110 acres of fall rye cover crop for total funding of \$3,850.00.

CARRIED

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- MAW Conference was really good and staff all enjoyed it and learned lots and a great opportunity for networking
- Staff had excellent presentations at the Conference

VIII. FINANCE REPORT

a. Expenses for approval

246-2024: Les Schewe – Noël Brémaud

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of \$223,969.57 whereas, cheques 10181 to 10243 are approved for \$185,575.46; payroll for \$18,729.78; direct deposits for \$13,688.42; pre-authorized withdrawals for \$5,975.91.

CARRIED

Harold Janzen Abstained

b. Provincial Report

247-2024: Harold Janzen – Neil Claringbould

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

CARRIED

c. Voiding Mark Rodgers Cheque

248-2024: Noël Brémaud

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD voiding cheque # 9998 dated June 25, 2024 in the amount of \$750 issued to Mark Rodgers as per his decision to no longer enroll in the ALUS project.

CARRIED

d. Review Quotes for Auditors for 2025-2028

249-2024: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the quote submitted by Kaler Charter Professional Accountants to perform the audit for the period 2025 – 2027 for Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District.

CARRIED

XI. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT

- Has been some cabinet and department updates
- Speech from the Throne took place on November 19th
- Audit Templates will be sent out in January and webinar will be held to review the audit template
- Q3 Financial Report is due by January 15th
- Budget Deviations are due by February 15th
- Upcoming water retention workshop will be held in Brandon on January 30th

250-2024: Neil Claringbould – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Manitoba Watershed report as presented by Kelsey Benson, Provincial Watershed Planner.

CARRIED

X. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

a. Approval to Purchase Trees for Tree Giveaway 2025

251-2024: Natasha Lapeire – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves purchasing trees in the amount of \$6,000 to be ordered for the tree giveaway in spring 2025.

CARRIED

b. New Watershed Meeting – January 18th, 2025

252-2024: Ken Prociw – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves that Les Schewe and Manager, Joey Pankiw, will attend the meeting regarding discussion on planning a new watershed on east side of Manitoba which will be held on January 18th at Hadashville

CARRIED

c. Review of Strategic Planning Session

- Following the informative planning session the results from the breakout sessions will be compiled and will be shared with board, staff and Provincial Watershed Planner

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. POLICY COMMITTEE

253-2024: Natasha Lapeire – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD gives second reading to the 2024 Governance Manual being a policy to amend the previous Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District Policy Manual.

CARRIED

254-2024: Natasha Lapeire – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD gives third and final reading to the 2024 Governance Manual being a policy to amend the previous Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District Policy Manual.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote:

In Favour: Natasha Lapeire, Ken Prociw, Neil Claringbould, Les Schewe, Harold Janzen, Brian Grier, Noël Brémaud

Opposed: None

XIII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

255-2024: Brian Grier – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD accepts the Resignation Letter from Board Member, Jake Hiebert, received December 17, 2024 and effective immediately.

CARRIED

256-2024: Harold Janzen – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves sending Brian Grier to Red River Basin Conference in Grand Forks from January 14 – 16, 2025 with expenses to be paid by Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District.

CARRIED

XIV. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

XV. NEXT BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2025

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

257-2024: Neil Claringbould – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 10:15 a.m.

CARRIED

Ed Penner, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Joey Pankiw, MANAGER