

# Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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## Minutes

April 14, 2025

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Penner, Chair SD-6 and Chair of Board  
Brian Grier, Chair SD-3&4  
Noël Brémaud, Vice-Chair SD-6  
Les Schewe, Provincial Appointee  
Natashia Lapeire, Chair SD-9 and Vice-Chair of Board

Neil Claringbould, Chair SD-2  
Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5  
Ken Prociw, Chair SD-8  
Stan Toews, Vice-Chair SD-7

### REGRETS:

**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

##### 77-2025: Brian Grier – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved with the change to move XII to follow the Manager's Report.

**CARRIED**

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2025

##### 78-2025: Stan Toews – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2025 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

##### 79-2025: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the absence of Natashia Lapeire from the meeting today .

**CARRIED**

#### IV. CHAIR REPORT

- Signed some cheques for Staff

**V. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT**

- this year's MAW Conference will be celebrating 50 years of Manitoba Watershed
- received a grant for the Envirothon
- training for Board members for sensitivity training is continuing

**VI. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC/LGC REPORTS**

**SD 2**

- Updated the status of Gardenton Community Pastures and the concerns from the different government departments and how staff are working through these to be able to move ahead with the watershed project

**80-2025: Harold Janzen – Les Schewe**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Livestock Crossing Projects for Neil Claringbould located at SW 10-1-4E and SE 9-1-4E south east of Ridgeville for total funding of \$5,340 as funding becomes available.

**CARRIED**

**Neil Claringbould Abstained**

**SD 3 & 4**

- Nothing to report at this time

**SD 5**

- nothing to report at this time

**SD 6**

- Envirothon is coming up on April 24<sup>th</sup> at TCDC
- Discussed a big ditch being dug south east of Steinbach in the Moose Meadow area

**SD 7**

- City of Steinbach has appointed two new members – Bill Hiebert and Kevin Pankratz
- Stan Toews has been elected as the new Chair of SD 7 and Brian Esau as Vice-Chair

**81-2025: Stan Toews – Les Schewe**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves SRRWD the Brandt water retention project located at NE-8-5-7E in the RM of La Broquerie as well as crossing.

**CARRIED**

**82-2025: Stan Toews – Brian Grier**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves to cost share a composting toilet system or a tank based system at Rosenthal Park with RM of Hanover for 50% cost share up to \$2500.

**CARRIED**

**83-2025: Stan Toews – Noël Brémaud**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves to further investigate the construction of a fjord crossing for Royden Loewen on the Manning Canal located within the City of Steinbach boundaries for cost of \$3500 plus taxes.

**CARRIED**

**84-2025: Stan Toews – Les Schewe**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the rain garden project for Melanie Reich in the City of Steinbach for a cost of \$750.

**CARRIED**

**SD 8**

- Nothing to report

**SD 9**

- Nothing to report

**ALUS**

**85-2025: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP application for the use of Dual Inhibitors for the following participants as funding becomes available: Sunny Dairy Farm Ltd. (Marianne Isenschmid) located in SD 3/4 for the use of Nexus Neon Air on 50 acres for total funding of \$136.20 and Vos Dairies (Jasper Vos) located in SD 7 for the use of Active Stabilizer Plus for 525 acres for total funding of \$11,196.20.

**CARRIED**

**86-2025: Harold Janzen – Neil Claringbould**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Shelterbelt Project for Darren Seward (Stoneprint Farms) located north of Ridgeville on NE 32-1-4E for 4 rows of trees to protect the north east side of the farm for total funding of \$4,200 as funding becomes available.

**CARRIED**

**VII. MANAGER'S REPORT**

- finishing up the budget and working on reporting
- old truck will be in the auction on April 30<sup>th</sup>

### **XIII PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

#### **87-2025: Brian Grier – Neil Claringbould**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves reimbursing Béatrice Mukahirwa for the holiday pay that has been missed since 2021 when her holiday pay should have increased from 4% to 6% for a total of \$1,847.07.

**CARRIED**

### **VIII. FINANCE REPORT**

#### a. Expenses for approval

#### **88-2025: Harold Janzen – Les Schewe**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of \$72,351.37 whereas, cheques 10307 to 102329 are approved for \$32,759.51; payroll for \$18,752.69; direct deposits for \$7,015.88; pre-authorized withdrawals for \$13,823.29.

**CARRIED**

#### b. Provincial Report

#### **89-2025: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Provincial Report for March (Final) as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### **90-2025: Harold Janzen – Noël Brémaud**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the 2025-2026 Final Budget for the Province as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### c. Summer Tires for Escape

#### **90-2025: Les Schewe – Brian Grier**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves purchasing Blackhawk Agility tires from KK Penner Tire Centers Inc. for the Escape for total of \$758.00 plus taxes.

**CARRIED**

### **IX. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT**

- Announced the 2025 budget – entry into provincial parks will be free
- Final budget is due by April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Audits are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Watershed districts have to enter into a partnership agreement with all levels of government to provide funding outside our watershed boundaries

### **X. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Golden West Radio Advertising

**91-2025: Les Schewe – Brian Grier**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves purchasing advertising with Golden West Radio for more PWCP advertisements in the amount of \$5,000 to be funded by Manitoba Watershed Association.

**CARRIED**

b. MAW Tour Dates

- SRRWD Board chose the dates of July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup> for the MAW Tour dates to be held in our Watershed District.
- Information will follow once the days get organized and venues get reserved

c. IWMP Seine / Rat River Watersheds

- Discussed how to proceed when the Seine and Rat River Watershed IWMP's are so out of date
- Kelsey will create a report that we can follow in the interim for budgeting, for projects and reporting

d. GROW Funding Deficiency

- Discussion regarding the reduction in funding from the GROW fund for the 2025-2026 for SRRWD and most other watershed districts as well
- Watershed districts are working together through Manitoba Association of Watersheds to push for answers

## **XI. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Envirothon Update

- we have 9 teams in total (added 2 more teams to original 7)
- have 33 volunteers signed up to help with the event
- picnic tables will be ready this week to be delivered to TCDC

b. Provincial Drains Maintenance

- RM of De Salaberry has been asked to report to the Eastern District municipalities and will push it up to the Province

## **XII. POLICY COMMITTEE**

- Still waiting to do revisions after the first reading

## **XIV. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE**

## **XV. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**92-2025: Stan Toews – Neil Claringbould**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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Ed Penner, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD

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Joey Pankiw, MANAGER