

Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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Minutes

May 20, 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

Stan Toews, Vice-Chair SD-7

REGRETS: Ken Prociw, Chair SD-8

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.

93-2025: Brian Grier – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board excuse Ken Prociw from today's meeting.

CARRIED

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

94-2025: Noël Brémaud – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved with the addition of Transfers to Finance.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2025 and Electronic Minutes for April 30, 2025

95-2025: Les Schewe – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2025 and Electronic Minutes for April 30, 2025 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIR REPORT

- Attended RRIW meeting in Roseau, MN along with several other SRRWD representatives

- Attended Envirothon at TCDC – was well attended and went over amazingly well – TCDC works great for hosting the event

V. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT

- two new hires for MAW

VI. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC/LGC REPORTS

SD 2

95-2025: Neil Claringbould – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Riparian Fencing project for Darren Seward along the Harlow Drain located north of Ridgeville on RD 6N to prevent the cows from calving in the mud for total cost of \$2,245.00 plus taxes with the recommended plan by Neil Claringbould and Orest Kuryk for less corners as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

96-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Riparian Fencing project for Neil Claringbould located along his main drain located at SW 10-1-4E south of Ridgeville for permanent fencing on one side and using temporary fencing on the side for total cost of \$3,977.50 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

Neil Claringbould Abstained

97-2025: Neil Claringbould – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves hiring Laura Reeves to do the plant and bird surveys for Gardenton Community Pastures to complete the work required for Crown Lands to get approval for the water retention project for \$10,000.00 plus taxes.

CARRIED

SD 3 & 4

- Staff attended the Woodmore Institute's conference in Dufrost on May 3rd

SD 5

- Nothing to report

SD 6

- Envirothon was huge success

98-2025: Brian Grier – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves hiring Clarence Funk to mow and maintain the grounds at TCDC for \$635.00 per month plus taxes

CARRIED

99-2025: Noël Brénaud – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves hiring Clarence Funk and Image Sod and Sprinkler for approximately \$8,000.00 for the funds remaining from the Trail Rehabilitation grant for spots on the trails that ATV damage.

CARRIED

SD 7

100-2025: Stan Toews – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves SRRWD staff constructing a pollinator garden in the back yard at the Steinbach office with a cost up to \$1,500.00 plus taxes.

CARRIED

SD 8

- Nothing to report

SD 9

- Held meeting on May 5th and members were happy to connect and see what had been done at Nolan Vermette's project
- Attended RM of Springfield council as a delegation and council was very interested in some of the projects that we offer

ALUS

101-2025: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Shelterbelt Application for H. Baudry and Sons Farm located by Ste. Agathe in both SD 3/4 and SD 5 for total funding of \$2,412.50 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

102-2025: Stan Toews – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Shelterbelt Application for Derek Waskul located in SD 7 south east of Friedensfeld for two different shelterbelt projects on his property for total funding of \$4,450.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

103-2025: Stan Toews – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Shelterbelt Application for Sasha and Royden Loewen (Millview Farm) located in SD 7 for a 2 row shelterbelt north-east of Steinbach for total funding of \$1,800.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

104-2025: Neil Claringbould – Noël Brémaud

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the ALUS Perennial Grass Buffer Project for Barbra and Lloyd McKee for an 8 acre field for total funding of \$7,425.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

105-2025: Noël Brémaud – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Rotational Grazing project for Randy Tkachyk located in SD 2 to establish a multi grazing system on 225 acres for total funding of \$7,600.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

106-2025: Les Schewe – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Rotational Grazing project for Dwayne Koop located in SD 7 to install perimeter, cross fencing and a watering system for his sheep and cows for total funding of \$13,600.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

107-2025: Neil Claringbould – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Rotational Grazing project for Guy Bouchard located in SD 2 to expand his rotational grazing scheme for an additional 56 acres of paddocks for total funding of \$14,000.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

108-2025: Brian Grier – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Rotational Grazing project for Joshua Screpneck located in SD 6 to establish a multi paddock system for sheep and cows for total funding of \$13,430.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

109-2025: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Pasture Improvement project for Tim Nickel located in SD 2 for a 160 acre pasture to be seeded with a mix of perennial grasses and legumes for total funding of \$8,000.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

110-2025: Harold Janzen – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Application for the use of Dual Inhibitors for the following participants as funding becomes available: Ag Air Farms (Paul Sabourin) located in SD 2 for the use of Agrotain and Centuro for total funding of \$14,932.80; and R&B Sabourin Farms Ltd. (Rossell Sabourin) located in SD 2 for the use of Agrotain, Centuro and Trident V on 720 acres for total funding of \$6,760.05.

CARRIED

112-2025: Harold Janzen – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Application for Soil Testing for George Calder located in SD 2 for 1949 acres for total of \$1,993.25 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

113-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Application for Soil Mapping for North 4D Farms (Clyde Dueck) located in SD 9 for 688 acres of soil mapping for total funding of \$10,000.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

114-2025: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Application for Soil Mapping for George Calder located in SD 2 for adding legumes to his rotation on 120 acres for total funding of \$4,200.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

115-2025: Harold Janzen – Noël Brémaud

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Cover Crop Application for the following producers as funding becomes available: Camden Friesen located in SD 2 for 35 acres of a full season mix for total funding of \$1,225.00 and FG Farms (Jordan Friesen) located in SD 2 for 210 acres of a shoulder season cover crop after soybeans for total funding of \$10,500.00

CARRIED

116-2025: Brian Grier – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Growing Roots Cover Crop Application for Kelly Swynar located in SD 3/4 for a full season cover crop on 30 acres near Pansy for total funding of \$3,000.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

117-2025: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the nomination of Neil Claringbould for the Dave Reid Award for his outstanding participation in ALUS and community leadership.

CARRIED

Neil Claringbould Abstains

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- the Managers of all Watershed Districts have met and discussed their concerns about GROW and the Trust and have come up with a list of questions and concerns and they have been sent to Watershed Planning; working together as a group to ask for clarity and confirmation on key points on the GROW funding ; working together with the Province to sort out the issues
- Roseau Watershed is holding a tour in Roseau, MN on June 25th

- will be attending a workshop at Oak Hammock Marsh to discuss results from survey that had been filled out earlier

118-2025: Brian Grier – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves sending the manager to the tour for Roseau Watershed in Roseau, MN with costs of tour and hotel accomodations to be paid by SRRWD.

CARRIED

VIII. FINANCE REPORT

- a. Expenses for approval

119-2025: Harold Janzen – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves paying Policy Committee \$500 extra in indemnities for their work reviewing and revising the Policy documents.

CARRIED

120-2025: Harold Janzen – Noël Brémaud

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of \$76,528.18 whereas, cheques 10330 to 10354 are approved for \$21,275.39; payroll for \$30,272.93; direct deposits for \$10,189.45; pre-authorized withdrawals for \$14,790.41.

CARRIED

Ed Penner Abstained

- b. Provincial Report

- reviewed the April Provincial Report

- c. Transfers between Accounts

121-2025: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves moving money from the Chequing to the General Reserve for the amount of \$50,000 to cover the expenses moved as well as \$20,661 for the extra leftover from the truck purchase.

CARRIED

122-2025: Harold Janzen – Noël Brémaud

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves moving the money from the Lake Winnipeg account to the Chequing account in the amount of \$13,563.44 and the interest of \$1,504.44 will be moved to the General Reserve Account.

CARRIED

123-2025: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves from chequing to ALUS Shelterbelt account the amount of \$3,299.80 to correct the funds for Shelterbelt projects.

CARRIED

124-2025: Harold Janzen – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves from chequing to Growing Roots Account in the amount of \$44,496.50.

CARRIED

125-2025: Harold Janzen – Noël Brénaud

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves from chequing to the Incentive payment account (ALUS) for 4 years of ALUS payments of \$22,267.04.

CARRIED

126-2025: Harold Janzen – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves from chequing to Sundown Ridge Account for the amount of \$5,000 payment from the RM of Montcalm.

CARRIED

IX. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT

- Dale Timmerman will be retiring at the end of June
- Watershed planner responsibilities will be shifted to cover this change
- Two new watershed planners will be hired
- Crown Lands webinar was held
- Audit is due June 30th
- Zebra mussels have been found in the Assiniboine River

X. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Pollinator Garden at Steinbach Office
Was discussed in Manager's Report
- b. Well Sealing Application for Randy Reimer (x 2)

127-2025: Brian Grier – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Well Sealing Application for Randy Reimer located in the City of Steinbach on two different lots for two wells for total funding of \$2,000.00 plus taxes for both wells.

CARRIED

- c. Well Sealing Application for Dwayne Koop

128-2025: Les Schewe – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Well Sealing Application for Dwayne Koop for two wells sealed located at his property at 27046 and 27048 Road 37N near Randolph for \$2,000.00 plus taxes for both wells.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Envirothon

- 6 out of the 9 teams at our Regional will be attending Provincials
- have received compliments that our event was very well organized

b. Provincial Drains Maintenance

- no updates at this time

c. MAW Tour

- reviewed the agenda / itinerary for the tour

129-2025: Harold Janzen – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves paying the registration for all Board members to attend the MAW Tour being held in July 8th & 9th in lieu of an indemnity for those days.

CARRIED

XII. POLICY COMMITTEE

- Reviewed the Operational Manual with the revisions from the first draft

130-2025: Les Schewe – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves Second Reading of the Operational Policy with amendments to Section 1.6 Special Committees and RRIW Organizational Chart as approved.

CARRIED

131-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves Third Reading of the Operational Policy with the amendments to Section 1.6 Special Committees and RRIW Organizational Chart as approved.

CARRIED

Approved: Ed Penner, Brian Grier, Harold Janzen, Natasha Lapeire, Noël Brémaud, Neil Claringbould, Stan Toews, Les Schewe

Against: None

XIII PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Nothing to report

XIV. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

Nothing to report

XV. NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 with BBQ lunch to follow the meeting

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

132-2025: Stan Toews – Noël Brémaud

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 11:55 a.m.

CARRIED

Ed Penner, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Joey Pankiw, MANAGER