

# Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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## Minutes

June 17, 2025

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Penner, Chair SD-6 and Chair of Board

Brian Grier, Chair SD-3&4

Stan Toews, Chair SD-7

Natashia Lapeire, Chair SD-9 and Vice-Chair of Board

Neil Claringbould, Chair SD-2

Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5

Les Schewe, Provincial Appointee

Noël Brémaud, Vice-Chair SD-6

**REGRETS:** Ken Prociw, Chair SD -8

Virginia Janzen, ReGen Coordinator

**GUESTS:** Kelsey Benson, Provincial Watershed Planner

### STAFF:

Joey Pankiw, Manager

Dani Gosselin, ALUS/PAC Coordinator

Béatrice Mukahirwa, Financial Administrator

Alex Wolf, Watershed Technician

Chris Randall, Project Supervisor

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

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

##### 133-2025: Brian Grier – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

##### 134-2025: Stan Toews – Natashia Lapeire

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

**CARRIED**

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2025

##### 135-2025: Neil Claringbould – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

Noël Brémaud joined the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

#### IV. AUDIT REPORT

**136-2025: Les Schewe – Harold Janzen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD accepts the 2024-2025 Draft Audit as presented by Rick Kaler, Kaler Chartered Professional Accountants with the changes for the Note for the Provincial money.

**CARRIED**

**V. CHAIR REPORT**

- Attended Red River Basin meeting in Winkler
- Ed Penner is the new Chair for Red River Basin South Chapter
- A group from the Envirothon spoke at Red River Basin meeting and did very well

**VI. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT**

- working on Strategic Planning in the fall
- some new funding streams for PWCP projects
- watershed appointee will no longer be paid by MAW as per their policies

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

**SD 2**

**137-2025: Neil Claringbould – Harold Janzen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Riparian Fencing project for Gary Suppes located by Tolstoi to fence off a dugout as well as install 2 winter watering systems for total maximum cost to SRRWD of \$18,000.00 as funding becomes available.

**CARRIED**

**138-2025: Neil Claringbould – Brian Grier**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Riparian Fencing project for Wildfire Farms (Meaghan Lomax) located north of Woodmore to fence off a dugout and the creek on her property for total cost of \$1,520 plus taxes as funding becomes available.

**CARRIED**

**139-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Harold Janzen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves SRRWD staff to partner with the Department of Natural Resources from Minnesota to help develop a plan for the low level dam at Dominion City to enable sturgeon to spawn in the Roseau River again.

**CARRIED**

**SD 3 & 4**

**140-2025: Brian Grier – Noël Brémaud**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Low Level Crossing for Royden Loewen located north

west of Pansy in the RM of Hanover to reduce the impact of farm machinery driving through the creek with cost to be approximately \$5,000 plus taxes

**CARRIED**

**SD 5**

- nothing to report

**SD 6**

- Discussed the Moose Meadow drain – concerns were discussed regarding the slopes and how the drain ends at the Borland Water Retention; our Watershed Provincial Planner will check back with her department how to proceed to express our concerns
- Discussed the damage at the south end of TCDC from ATV's coming in and ruining the trail (that had just been repaired with grant money); ideas on what to do to discourage this damage from continuing to happen

**SD 7**

- Herbsigwill Shelterbelt project has been planted and looks great
- Pollinator garden has been completed at SRRWD office

**SD 8**

- Nothing to report

**SD 9**

- Nothing to report

**ALUS**

- Cover crop seeding equipment have been added to the PWCP funding stream as an expanded stream (no extra funding but can use current money)
- Virtual fencing collars can be funded through Rotational Grazing (85% / 15% cost share)

**141-2025: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following PWCP Nitrogen Management Application for the use of Dual Inhibitors as funding becomes available for the following producers: Feathers "76 Ltd. (Scott Goossen) located in SD 8 for the use of Neon Air on 135 acres for total funding of \$1,173.00; Saberik Farms Ltd. (Eric Sabourin) located in SD 5 for the use of Trident V on 465 acres for total funding of \$3,570.00; Judy Antonowich located in SD 2 for the use of dual inhibitor on 306 acres for total funding of \$3,570.00.

**CARRIED**

**142-2025: Harold Janzen – Natasha Lapeire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Cover Crop application for Randy Tkachyk located in SD 2 for 160 acres of a full season cover crop for total funding of \$8,000.00 as funding becomes available.

**CARRIED**

**143-2025: Harold Janzen – Les Schewe**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Growing Roots Cover Crop application for the following producers as funding becomes available: George Fehr located in SD 2 for 100 acres for a 2 year contract for total funding of \$10,000.00 for two years; Ken Petrick located in SD 3/4 for 30 acres for a 2 year contract for total funding of \$3,000.00; Randy Tkachyk located in SD 2 for 100 acres of full season cover crop for 2 years for total funding of \$10,000.00; Stoneprint Farms (Darren Seward) located in SD 2 for 60 acres of full season cover crop for total funding for two years of \$6,000.00; Green Pastures Farm (Guy Bouchard) located in SD 2 for 25 acres of a full season cover crop for total funding for two years of \$1,250.00; Dick Schroeder located in SD 2 for 100 acres of a full season cover crop for a two year contract for total funding of \$10,000.00; Andy Kachurowski located in SD 2 for 30 acres of a full season cover crop for the two year contract and total funding of \$3,000.00.

**CARRIED**

**VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT**

- reviewed the report that had been sent out previously

**IX. FINANCE REPORT**

- a. Expenses for approval

**144-2025: Harold Janzen – Stan Toews**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of \$80,703.45 whereas, cheques 10355 to 10368 are approved for \$25,499.21; payroll for \$23,116.36; direct deposits for \$11,469.36; pre-authorized withdrawals for \$20,618.52.

**CARRIED**

- b. Provincial Report

**145-2025: Harold Janzen – Les Schewe**

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

**CARRIED**

**X. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT**

- the Watershed Districts Program 2023-2024 Annual Report was tabled by Manitoba Environment and Climate Change Minister Mike Moyes
- reviewed the programming, planning and priorities guidelines
- The Grow Guide will be updated in 2026
- the Manitoba government is investing an additional \$540,000 to help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species

- Watershed Planning and Programs acknowledges concerns from watershed districts regarding the GROW program; a program review will be initiated and in the process of coordinating a meeting in collaboration with Manitoba Habitat Conservancy (MHC)

**XI. IN CAMERA SESSION**

**146-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Stan Toews**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board motion to go in camera at 10:48 a.m.

**CARRIED**

**147-2025: Stan Toews – Natasha Lapeire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board motion to go out of camera at 11:20 a.m.

**CARRIED**

**XII. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Well Sealing for Harley Siemens

**148-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Noël Brémaud**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Well Sealing Application for Harley Siemens located in SD 7 in the in the RM of Ste Anne on 33011 Two Mile Road with cost of \$1,000 plus taxes.

**CARRIED**

b. Well Sealing for Scott Johnstone

**149-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Brian Grier**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Well Sealing Application for Scott Johnstone located in Lorette at 27 Carriere Road with cost of \$1700.00 plus taxes.

**CARRIED**

c. Well Remediation (2) and Well Sealing for Riel & Breanne Tymchen

**150-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Neil Claringbould**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves two Well Remediations for Riel & Breanne Tymchen located in Emerson Franklin at 10020 Road 23E near Green Ridge for 50/50 cost share up to \$500 for each well remediation and approves the Well Sealing application up to a maximum of \$2,000.

**CARRIED**

d. Garret Tanner Rain Garden Project

**151-2025: Noël Brémaud – Neil Claringbould**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Rain Garden Project for Garret Tanner located in SD 7 on 31 Pinehurst Lane in Mitchell to help with water from their sump pump for total cost of \$750.00.

**CARRIED**

- e. Meals on the Farm

**152-2025: Harold Janzen – Natasha Lapeire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the sponsor package through Golden West Broadcasting for the Meals on the Farm for summer 2025 for total funding of \$3,000 plus 5 prizes.

**CARRIED**

- f. 2025 Conferences

**153-2025: Harold Janzen – Noël Brémaud**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves sending Joey Pankiw and Dani Gosselin to the ALUS Field Tour September 17 – 19, 2025 in Strathmore, AB with all expenses

**CARRIED**

**154-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Neil Claringbould**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves sending Joey Pankiw & Virginia Janzen to the MFGA Regenerative Ag Conference on November 12 & 13 in Brandon.

**CARRIED**

**155-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Les Schewe**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves sending Joey Pankiw, Chris Randall, Virginia Janzen and Dani Goselin and interested Board Members (Les Schewe, Brian Grier, Neil Claringbould and Stan Toews) to the RRBC Conference on January 13 – 15, 2026 in Winnipeg.

**CARRIED**

**156-2025: Harold Janzen – Neil Claringbould**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves sending all staff and board members that want to attend to the MAW Conference in Brandon on December 1 & 2, 2025.

**CARRIED**

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. MAW Tour

- reviewed the itinerary for the Tour on July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

**XIV. POLICY COMMITTEE**

**XV. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**XVI. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE**

**XVII. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**157-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Les Schewe**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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Ed Penner, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD

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Joey Pankiw, MANAGER