

## Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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### Minutes

August 19, 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

Ken Prociw, Chair SD -8

Neil Claringbould, Chair SD-2

Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5

Les Schewe, Provincial Appointee

Noël Brémaud, Vice-Chair SD-6

#### REGRETS:

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

#### STAFF:

Joey Pankiw, Manager

Dani Gosselin, ALUS/PAC Coordinator

Béatrice Mukahirwa, Financial Administrator

Virginia Janzen, ReGen Coordinator

#### I. CALL TO ORDER at 8:50 a.m.

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

##### 165-2025: Les Schewe – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2025 and Electronic Meeting Minutes July 17, 2025

##### 166-2025: Neil Claringbould – Natashia Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2025 and Electronic Meeting Minutes July 17, 2025 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

#### IV. CHAIR REPORT

- MAW tour was held in July and MAW staff were very impressed by the projects that were showcased and that the whole watershed was included in the tour
- The RM of Hanover By-Law officer has been monitoring ATV use at Tourond Creek Discovery Centre and has talked to some individuals so hopeful that the damage will be decreased or stop
- Attended the RRIW tour at Roseau, MN in July and very interesting projects that were highlighted
- November 13<sup>th</sup> is Red River Basin Gala and will be held in Morris
- South Chapter meeting will be held in Vita in September

**167-2025: Brian Grier – Ken Prociw**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board approved purchasing a table at the Red River Basin Gala to be held November 13<sup>th</sup> in Morris.

**CARRIED**

**V. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT**

- no MAW meeting in July due to the tour
- MAW is fully staffed now
- MAW Conference

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

**SD 2**

- Meeting next Tuesday for update on Sundown Water Retention and Hank Venema will be in attendance
- Working on the engagement with Roseau River First Nation regarding the Dominion City dam and planning a meeting in next few weeks

**168-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Noël Brémaud**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Livestock Management project for David Claringbould which includes fencing off a dugout and adding a summer solar watering system at NW 6-2-6E close to Stuartburn for total cost of \$4,500 plus taxes as funding becomes available.

**CARRIED**

**Neil Claringbould Abstains**

**169-2025: Neil Claringbould – Harold Janzen**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Livestock Management project for Jared Nickel located south of Vita at NE 11-2-7E to install a summer watering system in a newly rented pasture (the dugout is already fenced) for total cost of \$3,700 plus taxes as funding becomes available.

**CARRIED**

**170-2025: Brian Grier – Ken Prociw**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Livestock Management project for Neil Claringbould located at SE 9-1-4E and SW 18-1-5E by Ridgeville which includes fencing off a dugout and installing a summer solar watering system as well as installing a winter water system on a previously fenced dugout for total cost of \$10,285 plus taxes as funding becomes available.

**CARRIED**

**Neil Claringbould Abstains**

**SD 3 & 4**

- Reviewed the hydrology work that has been completed for the water retention at Pansy Pastures and will work on getting the license for this project and it will be going to tender in the near future
- Grainger water retention project near Lonesand may continue as long as the landowner agrees to certain conditions as per SRRWD

## **SD 5**

### **171-2025: Harold Janzen – Noël Brémaud**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the rain garden project for Karen Christiuk located south of Dufrost to help with a low wet area on her yard for total funding of \$750.

**CARRIED**

## **SD 6**

- Ronny Peters water retention project has been completed and looks good and will work great and landowner is very happy with the project
- Wild Parsnip has been found at TCDC and Clarence Funk has been hired to mow the affected areas regularly to try to maintain the weed

### **172-2025: Noël Brémaud – Les Schewe**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the Livestock Management project for Kelly Swynar located at SW 8-5-7E and SE 8-5-7E in the RM of La Broquerie for fencing for two dugouts on the property for total cost of \$1,620 plus taxes as funding becomes available.

**CARRIED**

## **SD 7**

- Have received the drainage license for the Brandt's water retention project and the project has been put out to tender and will have more details for the September Board meeting

## **SD 8**

- Will have preservation acres for next meeting

## **SD 9**

- Still waiting to do the final work for Nolan Vermette's project – the site is very wet

## **ALUS**

- Neil Claringbould was awarded Runner-Up for the Dave Reid Award through ALUS Canada – Congratulations Neil!

### **173-2025: Harold Janzen – Natashia Lapeire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves sending Neil Claringbould to the ALUS Prairie Hub Conference to receive his award in September to Strathmore, AB.

**CARRIED**

### **174-2025: 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: Paul Beauchemin located in SD 8 for using Nexus Neon Air on 223 acres for total funding of \$2,346.00; George Calder located in SD 2 for using Nexus Neon Air on 650 acres for total funding of \$6,284.69; Kenton Hildebrant

located in SD 2 for using Nexus Neon Air on 810 acres for total funding of \$5,094.69; DDK Farms Ltd. (Kyle Knutt) located in SD 2 for using Nexus Neon Air on 230 acres for total funding of \$1,041.50; Gary Suppes located in SD 2 for using Nexus Neon Air on 168 acres for total funding of \$148.75; Alvin's Crops (Cheryle Warkentine) located in SD 8 for using Nitrolizer Duo on 3580 acres for total funding of \$11,680.00 (maxed out for \$20,000 cap); Janzen Farms Ltd. (Derek Janzen) located in SD 2 for using Nexus Neon Air on 1595 acres for total funding of \$10,234.00; and Ben Jowett located in SD 8 for using Nexus Neon Air for total funding of \$2,305.63.

**CARRIED**

**175-2025: Harold Janzen – Neil Claringbould**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for the use of PCU's as funding becomes available: Gerhard Abrams located in SD 8 for using SuperU on 470 acres for total funding of \$5,027.63; Willy Peters located in SD 6 for using SuperU on 139 acres for total funding of \$1,113.37; Herschfeld Hog Farms (David Peters) located in SD 3&4 for using SuperU on 170 acres for total funding of \$2,660.84; Rainbow Colony Farms Ltd (Gerald Hofer) located in SD 8 for using SuperU on 522 acres for total funding of \$3,375.38; Michael Neufeld located in SD 6 for using SuperU on 455 acres for total funding of \$4,307.87; P. Loeppky Farms Inc. (Paul Loeppky) located in SD 6 for using SuperU for total funding of \$14,467.00; Taymor Farms Inc. (Marcus Loeppky) located in SD 6 for using SuperU for total funding of \$14,467.00; Abram Peters located in SD 2 for using SuperU on 505 acres for total funding of \$5,617.14; Silverfield Farms Inc. (Justin Wiebe) located in SD 7 for using SuperU on 505 acres for total funding of \$7,017.49; Newest Poultry Farms Inc. (Jake Wiebe) located in SD 7 for using SuperU on 160 acres for total funding of \$2,465.78.

**CARRIED**

**176-2025: Harold Janzen – Noël Brémaud**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for Split Application as funding becomes available: Alvin's Crops (Cheryle Warkentine) located in SD 8 for 1040 acres for total funding of \$8,320.00; Janzen Farms Ltd. (Derek Janzen) located in SD 2 for 1595 acres for total funding of \$9,766.00 (maxed out \$20,000 cap); Ben Jowett located in SD 8 for 294 acres for total funding of \$2,352.00.

**CARRIED**

**177-2025: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Cover Crop Application for John Goertzen located in SD 3&4 for a warm season cover crop on 63 acres for total funding of \$3,150.00 as funding becomes available.

**CARRIED**

**178-2025: Harold Janzen – Noël Brémaud**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Rotational Grazing and Pasture Improvement Projects for Al Ayotte located in SD 2 to build 5 additional cross fences on their 2 farm sites for total funding of \$4,200.00 as funding becomes available.;

**CARRIED**

**179-2025: Harold Janzen – Les Schewe**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Rotational Grazing and Pasture Improvement Projects for Norman Bednar located in SD 2 and SD 3&4 for seeding 20 acres for total funding of \$1,000.00 as funding becomes available.

**CARRIED**

**180-2025: Harold Janzen – Natasha Lapeire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Rotational Grazing and Pasture Improvement Projects for Dick Schroeder located in SD 2 to split 160 acres into 16 paddocks for total funding of \$12,700.00 as funding becomes available.

**CARRIED**

**181-2025: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Rotational Grazing and Pasture Improvement Projects for Crikside Farms (Robert Guimond) located in SD 2 to install temporary cross fencing and permanent fence and a waterline for total funding of \$7,500.00 as funding becomes available.

**CARRIED**

**182-2025: Harold Janzen – Neil Claringbould**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Rotational Grazing and Pasture Improvement Projects for John Buckley located in SD 2 to create 12 paddocks of 50 to 80 acres each for total funding of \$4,800.00 as funding becomes available.

**CARRIED**

**183-2025: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the proposal for SRRWD to match the watering system funding (for riparian projects) for funding covered by SRRWD to be funded at 85% to match the funding provided by PWCP to allow the option for the application to be funded either way effective for any projects starting April 1, 2025.

**CARRIED**

**Stan Toews joined the Meeting**

**184-2025: Harold Janzen – Natasha Lapeire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the proposal for SRRWD to implement a funding cap for the PWCP Cover Crop Program at \$20,000 to keep in line with other watershed districts which will include equipment upgrades and cover crops together in total funding effective April 1, 2025.

**CARRIED**

## **VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT**

- have been approached from University of Winnipeg for support for phosphorous project in the Watershed District
- other funders have funding available for phosphorous projects that may be available in the future

### **185-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Ken Prociw**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves SRRWD staff to provide staff support in the form of in-kind contribution of \$15,000 in total over 3 years for the Canadian Water Agency funded "Phosphorus in agricultural soils of the Red River Basin: Identifying areas with high phosphorus loss to snowmelt and mitigating loss using blended amendments," led by the University of Winnipeg.

**CARRIED**

## **IX. FINANCE REPORT**

- a. Expenses for approval

### **186-2025: Brian Grier – Natasha Lapeire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves providing a donation in the amount of \$300 to the Ray Gagne Golf Tournament held in St. Pierre for as long as the golf tournament is held in his memory in the future.

**CARRIED**

### **187-2025: Les Schewe – Ken Prociw**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of \$118,581.43 whereas, cheques 10387 to 10416 are approved for \$70,473.00; payroll for \$20,751.83; direct deposits for \$7,940.68; pre-authorized withdrawals for \$19,581.43.

**CARRIED**

### **188-2025: Stan Toews – Les Schewe**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves voiding and stopping payment on cheque #10313 issued to Ag Air Farms for the amount of \$3,230.00 as it was never received and issuing new cheque # 10412 to Ag Air Farms for the amount of \$3,230.00.

**CARRIED**

### **189-2025: Harold Janzen – Natasha Lapeire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves voiding cheque # 10383 for The Rental House in the amount of \$669.83 as this is a duplicate payment for invoice # 1-2331951 which was paid via Chris Randall's credit card on July 11, 2025 for the amount of \$669.83.

**CARRIED**

- b. Provincial Report

### **190-2025: Les Schewe – Brian Grier**

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

**CARRIED**

**X. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT**

- there is a blackout right now due to a by-election until end of August

**XI. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Review Operational Plan
  - Gave an update on what goals have been met, are in progress and ones that will not happen this year
  - Reviewed the spreadsheet with Board Members
- b. Lake Winnipeg Project (discussed under Manager's Report)
- c. Rain Garden approved under SD 5

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. MAW Tour – huge thank-you shared with SRRWD Staff for their hard work on making sure everyone was able to get to the project sites; also big thank-you to Marsh River Farms for their hospitality to everyone on the tour
- b. Reviewed the MHC Response to MAW with the GROW Watershed District Concerns

**XIII. POLICY COMMITTEE**

- Discussion regarding the voting procedures for RRIW committee; something will be drafted to be added to the policy document

**XIV. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

- Personnel committee will be meeting with the summer students following today's meeting

**XV. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE**

**XVI. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

**191-2025: Stan Toews – Natasha Lapeire**

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