

Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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Minutes

September 16, 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 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

192-2025: Les Schewe – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2025

193-2025: Ken Prociw – Natashia Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2025 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIR REPORT

- Attended the boat launch at Ste. Adolphe renaming ceremony
- Meeting was held for Sundown Ridge Water Retention and Strategic System Engineering gave an update and then committee reviewed to discuss some concerns; the feasibility study will be completed and then the group will meet to receive the information tentatively in November

V. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT

- MAW Conference is coming up December 1st – 3rd

- will be 50th anniversary of the Manitoba Association of Watersheds

VI. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC/LGC REPORTS

SD 2

- Field work is being completed on bird and plant study for Gardenton Community pastures project

194-2025: Neil Claringbould – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves purchasing a beaver stop from Armtec to be installed at Brian Grier's water retention project as well as hiring Dan Remple to do the work for total of \$5,000.00 plus taxes.

CARRIED

Brian Grier abstains

SD 3 & 4

- Follow up with producer along PR 216 who has concerns with brush mowing at De Salaberry Water Retention
- Staff attended the St. Malo Street Bash on August 30th and was a positive experience

SD 5

- Nothing to report

SD 6

- Nothing to report

SD 7

195-2025: Stan Toews – Noël Brémaud

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves hiring Rocky Ridge Contracting to construct the water retention and Rob and Jen Brandt's located in the RM of La Broquerie south of 27N for total cost of \$52,000.00 plus taxes.

CARRIED

SD 8

- Have been doing some site visits for oak preservation projects that will be coming to Board for approval next month

SD 9

- Nothing to report

ALUS

196-2025: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Rotational Grazing Project for Adriaan Tichelar located in SD ¾ for building a cross fence and 2 temporary cross fences to create 2 new paddocks for extra rotational grazing for total funding of \$1,200.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

197-2025: Harold Janzen – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for the use of Dual Inhibitors as funding becomes available for the following producers: Unger Poultry Ltd. located in SD 8 for using Nexus Neon Air on 2448 acres for total funding of \$10,557.00; 10030933 Manitoba Ltd. (Jesse Falk) located in SD 7 for using Nitrolizer Duo on 230 acres for total funding of \$3,667.10; Giesbrecht Poultry Farm Inc. (Chad Giesbrecht) located in SD 8 for using Neon Air on 90 acres for total funding of \$782.00; and Broken Arrow Farms Ltd. (Michael Penner) located in SD 5 for using Neon Air on 259 acres for total funding of \$725.08.

CARRIED

198-2025: Harold Janzen – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following PWCP Nitrogen Management Application for the use of PCU's as funding becomes available for the following producers: Stott Farms Ltd. located in SD 6 for using SuprU on 640 acres for total funding of \$7,561.94; Franz Neufeld located in SD 2 for using SuperU on 160 acres for total funding of \$1,811.83; Sean Banman located in SD 7 for using SuperU on 150 acres for total funding of \$3,115.90; Emily Plett located in SD 9 for using SuperU on 234 acres for total funding of \$2,697.38; Reginald Wachtendorf located in SD 6 for using SuperU on 150 acres for total funding of \$2,081.20; John Penner located in SD 6 for using SuperU on 214 acres for total funding of \$3,140.28; Rockrose Dairy Ltd. (David Plett) located in SD 7 for using SuperU on 145 acres for total funding of \$2,250.60; Landon Wieler located in SD 2 for using SuperU on 240 acres for total funding of \$3,684.24; and Mark Reimer located in SD 7 for using SuperU on 246 acres for total funding of \$4,322.67.

CARRIED

199-2025: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for the use of Split Application as funding becomes available: Unger Poultry Ltd. located in SD 8 for top dressing canola and wheat on 1175 acres for total funding of \$9,400.00 and North 4D Farms (Clyde Dueck) located in SD 9 for top dressing on 403 acres for total funding of \$3,224.00.

CARRIED

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- staff and board are invited to the Manova Open House for the newly constructed aviary barn on October 15th
- had been contacted by media for Watershed perspective on the flooding that occurred in Steinbach last week
- in the process of applying for grants for different projects for next year

VIII. FINANCE REPORT

a. Expenses for approval

200-2025: Harold Janzen – Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of \$76,648.10 whereas, cheques 10418 to 10435 are approved for \$34,909.61; payroll for \$20,277.00; direct deposits for \$6,682.68; pre-authorized withdrawals for \$14,778.81.

CARRIED

b. Provincial Report

201-2025: Harold Janzen – Les Schewe

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

CARRIED

IX. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT

- Q2 Financial report will be due by October 15th
- update on Winnipeg River Watershed District has been sent to municipalities that will be included in the new Watershed District

X. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

a. Well Sealing Application

202-2025: Ken Prociw – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Well Sealing Application for Colindale Construction located in SD 8 in the in the RM of La Tache at 46118 Youville Road at Landmark with cost of \$1,500 plus GST.

CARRIED

203-2025: Stan Toews – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the Well Sealing Application for Harold Kehler located in SD 7 in the in the RM of La Broquerie at 38135 PTH 52 with cost of \$1,800 plus GST.

CARRIED

b. MAW Watershed Awards

204-2024: Brian Grier – Noël Brémaud

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves nominating Jodi Goerzen for the 2025 Manitoba Association of Watersheds Staff Builder Award at the MAW Conference.

CARRIED

c. Oak Hammock Marsh Virtual Field Trips

205-2025: Natasha Lapeire – Stan Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves supporting the Oak Hammock Marsh Virtual Wetland Fieldtrips in the amount of \$2,000 for the coming school year.

CARRIED

- d. Registration for MAW Conference & Hotel Rooms
 - Discussed which Board Members will be attending

- e. Approval to Purchase Honeycomb

206-2025: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves purchasing 50 pieces of the honeycomb material from Terrafix Geosynthetics Inc. for the price of \$8,550.00 plus taxes and shipping.

CARRIED

- f. Date for Annual General Meeting

207-2025:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves holding the Annual General Meeting for Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District on Monday, November 17th, 2025.

CARRIED

XI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Results from MHC Meeting
 - Meeting was held on September 11th at Steinbach office with MHC staff, SRRWD staff and Board reps and Lynda Nicol from MAW
 - Issues were discussed that had been brought up in the spring by Watershed managers and MAW
 - Great discussion was held to bring answers to the questions and concerns
 - Need to strive for better communication to keep the synergy working well between the two groups
- b. South Chapter Meeting for Red River Basin on October 3rd in Vita from 10a.m. to 12 noon
- c. Discussion on Red River Basin Conference being held in Winnipeg in January

XII. POLICY COMMITTEE

- Discussed some changes to the Operational Policy that may be needed

XIII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- Personnel committee briefly met with Summer Students and all staff following the August board meeting

XIV. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

- Will look into getting new chairs for the Boardroom table
- Will look at purchasing a portable microphone

XV. NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

208-2025: Brian Grier – Natashia Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 11:15 a.m.

CARRIED

Ed Penner, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Joey Pankiw, MANAGER