

Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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Minutes

March 17, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Penner, Chair SD-6 and Chair of Board

Brian Grier, Chair SD-3&4

Diana Cline, Vice-Chair SD-6

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

Neil Claringbould, Chair SD-2

Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5

Les Schewe, Provincial Appointee

REGRETS: Stan Toews, Chair SD-7

Ken Prociw, Chair SD-8

GUESTS: Kelsey Benson, Provincial Watershed Planner

STAFF:

Joey Pankiw, Manager

Chris Randall, Project Supervisor

Béatrice Mukahirwa, Financial Administrator

Virginia Janzen, ReGen Coordinator

Dani Gosselin, Program Coordinator

I. **CALL TO ORDER at 8:45 a.m.**

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

46-2026: Diana Cline – Harold Janzen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

47-2026: Natashia Lapeire – Brian Grier

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

CARRIED

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Regular Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2026

b. Strategic Planning Minutes for February 17, 2026

c. Electronic Minutes for February 18, 2026

48-2026: Les Schewe – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026, Strategic Planning Minutes for February 17, 2026 and Electronic Minutes for February 18, 2026 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIR REPORT

- met with Sundown Ridge Committee and RM of Stuartburn at end of February
- Red River Basin meeting in Dominion City on March 16th was very well attended and had good speakers
- Red River Fish Gala on Thursday

V. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT

- no meeting

VI. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC/LGC REPORTS

SD 2

- Sub District Meeting planned for March 23rd in Vita

53-2026: Natasha Lapeire – Diana Cline

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board motion to go in Camera at 9:13 a.m.

CARRIED

54-2026: Natasha Lapeire – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board motion to go out of Camera at 9:48 a.m..

CARRIED

55-2026: Neil Claringbould – Natasha Lapeire

WHEREAS the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District (SRRWD) has participated in preliminary discussions and review of the proposed Sundown Ridge Water Retention project;
AND WHEREAS SRRWD Board and staff have evaluated the potential benefits, estimated costs, and administrative requirements associated with the project;
AND WHEREAS the estimated benefits of the project do not currently justify the anticipated capital cost of approximately \$3,000,000;
AND WHEREAS SRRWD does not have the available technical resources or staff capacity required to coordinate and administer a project of this scale;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District will not continue in the role of facilitator, coordinator, or administrator for the proposed project;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SRRWD acknowledges that the Rural Municipalities may continue to further investigate the project, but SRRWD will not assume a coordination or management role;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any SRRWD financial participation will remain subject to the terms and conditions established by the Province of Manitoba for the Cost Share Reserve Fund currently in place upon Board approval;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SRRWD has identified several considerations that may require further evaluation should the project proceed, including potential challenges in obtaining local landowner support, the requirement for participation from all affected landowners to secure appropriate licensing and permits, and the technical complexities that may arise during the design and construction of such a structure.

CARRIED

**Recorded Vote – 7 in Favour
0 Opposed**

SD 3 & 4

- Installation of the remaining check dams are in discussion but this may require further investigation

52-2026: Brian Grier – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves further investigation by an engineer to lower the elevation of the check dams with total cost up to \$5000.

CARRIED

51-2026: Brian Grier – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves sending the letter to the R.M. of Stuartburn regarding the hydrology study required for the Pansy Pastures water retention to clarify Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District will not provide any additional funding for further hydrological work .

CARRIED

SD 5

- Sub District Meeting planned for March 25th in St. Malo

SD 6

- held a Sub District meeting on March 4th

49-2026: Diana Cline – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the construction of the Rob and Jenn Brandt 2nd Water Retention located between 24N and 25N west of 38E in the RM of LaBroquerie for cost of \$30,000 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

50-2026: Diana Cline – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves hiring Clarence Funk to do the mowing at Tourond Creek Discovery Centre for the 2026 season at the rate of \$3,500 for the season

CARRIED

SD 7

- Sub District Meeting planned for April 9th
- Water retention to discuss with sub district members

SD 8

- nothing to report
- looking into a project that the producer didn't want to proceed with but has now changed his mind

SD 9

- Nothing to report

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56-2026: Harold Janzen – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for the use of Dual Inhibitors as funding becomes available for the following producers: K&M Mueller Farms Ltd. (Chris Delaquis) located in SD 2 for the use of Nexus Neon Air on 1309 acres for total funding of \$10,710.00; George Calder located in SD 2 for the use of Nexus Neon Air on 105 acres for total funding of \$818.13; Terra Trigo (Brett Ostberg) located in SD 2 for use of Nexus Neon Air on 320 acres for total funding of \$1,450.31; Neumann Farms Ltd. (Rachel Neumann) located in SD 2 for use of Nexus Neon Air on 405 acres for total funding of \$2,826.25; Wayne Chubaty located in SD 2 for use of Nexus Neon Air on 51 acres for total funding of \$185.93; Jeffrey Kostyniuk located in SD 2 for use of Nexus Neon Air on 135 acres for total funding of \$446.25.

CARRIED

57-2026: Harold Janzen – Brian Grier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for Soil Testing and Mapping for Lussier Farms Ltd. located in SD 5 for soil testing on 3393 acres for total funding of \$3,882.48.as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

58-2026: Harold Janzen – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for Agronomic Support as funding becomes available for Lussier Farms Ltd. located in SD 5 on 3393 acres for total funding of \$13,572.00.

CARRIED

59-2026: Harold Janzen – Diana Cline

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the PWCP Rotational Grazing Application for Kelly Harder located in SD 6 for a watering system to complement a rotational grazing project previously funded in 2024 for total funding of \$6,975.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

60-2026: Harold Janzen – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following PWCP Rotational Grazing project for Stoneprint Farms (Darren Seward) located in SD 2 for cross fencing and pasture improvement on 76 acres for total funding of \$8,900.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

61-2026: Harold Janzen – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the following PWCP Rotational Grazing Application from Rob Driedger located in SD 3/4 for cross and perimeter fencing to rotationally graze cattle for total funding of \$4,400.00 as funding becomes available.

CARRIED

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- manager will be attending the manager's retreat from March 17th – 19th
- SRRWD has been asked by Health Canada to continue the sampling for the 2026 season and also an additional sample site
- Envirothon will go ahead April 23rd at TCDC – have 10 teams currently registered

VIII. FINANCE REPORT

- a. Expenses for approval

62-2026: Les Schewe – Diana Cline

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the monthly financial expenses as presented by the Finance Committee for a total of \$65,657.84; whereas, cheques 10613 to 10623 are approved for \$26,364.81; payroll for \$16,212.96; direct deposits for \$7,447.33; pre-authorized withdrawals for \$15,632.74.

CARRIED

- b. February Provincial Budget for Approval

63-2026: Les Schewe – Natasha Lapeire

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

CARRIED

IX. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT

- final report for 2025-2026 is due by April 25th
- audits are due by June 30th
- a licensing to construction webinar was held on March 4th
- Environmental Farm Plan Workshops are available – producers are invited to contact Jewel Mazur with the Manitoba Agriculture
- information on Standing Committees and Local GROW Committees was shared

X. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Golden West Radio Ads

64-2026: Brian Grier – Natasha Lapeire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the purchase of 3 months of PWCP Radio Ads with Golden West Radio for the total cost of \$5,000 for the period April to June 2026.

CARRIED

b. Woodlot Association Partnership Proposal

- Reviewed the proposal that was presented to SRRWD staff for the partnership between Woodlot Association of Manitoba and SRRWD
- Delegation will attend the April Board meeting to present and answer questions

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- Interviews with summer students will take place on March 25th – have two candidates to interview

65-2026: Brian Grier – Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the increase in the health and benefits for all staff to Level 3 with the inclusion of Massage for total cost of \$844.00 effective April 1, 2026.

CARRIED

XIII. POLICY COMMITTEE

- committee met on March 13th
- changes will be finalized and shared at next meeting

XIV. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

- nothing to report

XV. NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 27, 2026

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

66-2026: Natasha Lapeire – Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 11:12 a.m.

CARRIED

Ed Penner, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Joey Pankiw, MANAGER