Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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Minutes

September 15, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Ed Penner, Chair SD-6 and Chair of Board
Les Schewe, Provincial Appointee
Natashia Lapeire, Chair SD-9 and Vice-Chair of Board
Diana Cline, Vice-Chair SD-6
Neil Claringbould, Chair SD-2
Harold Janzen, Chair SD-5
Ken Prociw, Chair SD-8L
Stan Toews, Chair SD-7

REGRETS: Brian Grier, Chair SD-3&4

GUESTS:
Kelsey Benson, Watershed Planner; Bruno Hebert SD-3&4

STAFF:
Joey Pankiw, Manager
Dani Gosselin, Program Coordinator
Stephanie Klassen, Administrator
Virginia Janzen, ReGen Coordinator
Beatrice Mukahirwa, Financial Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:02 am

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

a. Addition to agenda 11(b) Fundraising committee

204-2026: Harold Janzen, Diana Cline
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board excuse Brian Grier from today's meeting.

CARRIED

205-2026: Les Schewe, Harold Janzen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2026

206-2026: Harold Janzen, Ken Prociw
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2026 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

207-2026: Harold Janzen, Ken Prociw
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Electronic Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2026 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. CHAIR REPORT

- Sept 18 RRIW meeting in Vita
- Sept 21 10 am Red River Basin chapter meeting is in Mitchell
- November 19 South Chapter Gala in Morris

V. MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS REPORT

- MAW meeting will happen later today
- MAW Brandon conference in December – all registrations and rooms are booked
- MAW managers update – GROW commercial; staff updates

VI. SUB-DISTRICT & PAC/LGC REPORTS

SD 2

- Electronic meeting on Sept 10, 2026

208-2026: Neil Claringbould, Harold Janzen
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the Livestock Management project for Ag Air Farms located in SD 2 at RL-230-St Agathe (17082 St Mary's Rd) including winter system and labour at 85% for project total of $10,155.80.

CARRIED

- Gardenton licensing is pending

SD 3/4

- Electronic meeting on Sept 10, 2026

209-2026: Ken Prociw, Diana Cline
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the Livestock Management Application for Simeon Gerschheimer located at NE-22-4-5E with 355 feet of fencing and 4 corners totaling $810 and watering system at 85% for total funding of $4535.00.

CARRIED

- Pansy license is in hand; tender is out for the work due Sept 30, 2026
- CanMart check dams got brushed; the RM has budgeted for more dams
- HyLife shelterbelts are going ahead with some extra ALUS funding

SD 5

- SD member Glen Chubey passed away

SD 6

- Rob Brandt water retention is on hold till next year

SD 7

- Jamie Froese license is in hand; tender will go out soon
- Confirmed participation in test bed watershed with Canada Water Agency on the Manning Canal

SD 8

- No report

SD 9

- No report

ALUS/GROW Committee

a. PWCP – Nitrogen Management

210-2026: Harold Janzen, Natashia Lapiere

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for inhibitors as funding becomes available for the following producers: Scheurer Farms Ltd. (Edgar Scheurer) located in SD 9 near Ste. Genevieve for the use of Excelis Maxx on 1550 acres for total funding of $1,917.09; Ben Jowett located in SD 8 near La Broquerie for the use of Neon Air on 541 acres for total funding of $3,012.19; Unger Poultry Ltd. (Ric Kehler) located in SD 8 near Ste. Anne for use of Neon Air on 1412 acres for total funding of $7,301.50.

CARRIED

b. PWCP – PCUs

211-2026: Les Schewe, Bruno Hebert

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the PWCP Nitrogen Management Applications for PCU's as funding becomes available for the following producers: 6201041 Manitoba Inc o/a Rainbow Colony Farms Ltd. (Gerald Hofer) located in SD 8 near Ile Des Chenes for use of SuperU on 700 acres for total funding of $11,877.03; Stott Farms Ltd. (John Stott) located in SD 6 near New Bothwell for use of SuperU on 642 acres for total funding of $6,271.30; Gerhard Abrams located in SD 3/4 near St Malo for use of SuperU on 146 acres for total funding of $1,458.11.

CARRIED

c. PWCP – Split Application

212-2026: Harold Janzen, Neil Claringbould

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the PWCP Split Application Applications as funding becomes available for the following producers: Ben Jowett located in SD 8 near La Broquerie for use of split application in corn on 366 acres for total funding of $2,928.00; Unger Poultry Ltd. (Ric Kehler) located in SD 8 near Ste. Anne for use of split application in wheat on 587 acres for total funding of $5,613.20.

CARRIED

d. PWCP – Agronomic Support

213-2026: Natashia Lapiere, Les Schewe

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the PWCP Agronomic Support Applications as funding becomes available for the following producers: Scheurer Farms Ltd. (Edgar Scheurer) located in SD 9 near Ste. Genevieve for services provided by Antara Ag on 1550 acres for total funding of $1,925.00.

CARRIED

e. PWCP – Cover Crop

214-2026: Harold Janzen, Diana Cline

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the PWCP Cover Crop Applications as funding becomes available for the following producers: Oakwood Simmentals Inc. (John Buckley) located in SD 2 near Ridgeville for use of cover crop mix on 390 acres for total funding of $19,500.00; Rich Lane Farms (Kristy-Layne Carr) located in SD 8 near Marchand for use of alfalfa with oat cover crop on 25 acres for total funding of $1,250.00.

CARRIED

215-2026: Diana Cline, Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the Growing Roots Cover Crop Applications as funding becomes available for the following producers: Delmer Thiessen located in SD 2 near Tolstoi for use of cover crop mix on 30 acres for total funding of $3,000.00.

CARRIED

f. PWCP – Rotational Grazing

216-2026: Harold Janzen, Diana Cline
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the PWCP Rotational Grazing Application for virtual collars as funding becomes available for Ag Air Farms located in SD 2 at RL-230-St Agathe (17082 St Mary's Rd) for equipment, freight, and fencing at 85% for total funding of $18,500.00.

CARRIED

VII. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Joey met with DFO regarding Manning Canal investigation to clarify the work of SRRWD
- Attended the August 19 RM of Stuartburn drainage study meeting just to hear the information
- Summer students completed their work
- 2014 GMC Sierra had a blown head gasket and it was auctioned off for $5600
- 2009 Ford Escape was sold for scrap metal as it was not road worthy
- Meals on the Farm went well, attended 6 out of 7 lunches

VIII. FINANCE REPORT

a. Expenses for approval

217-2026: 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 $114,946.66 whereas, cheques 10708 to 10742 are approved for $74,574.98; payroll for $11,724.19; direct deposits for $12,123.87; pre-authorized withdrawals for $16,523.62.
ABSTAINS: Harold Janzen

CARRIED

b. Budget Deviation

218-2026: Harold Janzen, Neil Claringbould
WHEREAS the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District Board would like to deviate from the 2026/2027 final budget and has reviewed and approved of the changes to the budget as described in budget deviation request #SRRWD1

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District requests that Watershed Planning and Programs Section approve the budget deviation request #SRRWD1

CARRIED

c. Provincial Report

219-2026: Natashia Lapiere, Les Schewe
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approves the provincial report.

CARRIED

IX. MANITOBA WATERSHED PLANNER REPORT

- Q2 financial report Oct 15 2026
- GROW application support is available
- Watershed engineering and hydrology service support is available to maintain compliance with provincial standards

X. NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

a. Rain Garden and Pollinator Gardens – no new applications

b. AGM Dates

- Municipal elections in October impact Board membership
- Kelsey reported elections need to be done asap after receiving RM appointees
- Potential AGM dates Nov 30, 2026

c. MAW Conference and Award nominations
   - SRRWD would recommend Guy and Leah Bouchard – Green Pasture Farms

220-2026: Harold Janzen, Diana Cline
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the nomination of Green Pasture Farms for MAW award.

CARRIED

d. Sonic Wall renewal

221-2026: Natashia Lapiere, Ken Prociw
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the three-year license renewal of Sonic Wall services.

CARRIED

e. Chez Koop social media contract

   - Consensus to not renew Chez Koop contract and going forward staff will manage social media in house.

f. Canoe membership

   - Free to join, no minimum orders

222-2026: Stan Toews, Natashia Lapiere
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the membership application to Canoe.

CARRIED

g. New vehicles
   - Prepare a request for proposals to send to local dealerships

223-2026: Les Schewe, Neil Claringbould
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the purchase of one base model mid-sized truck up to $60,000.

CARRIED

XI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Operational Report Update
   - Review questions – what support do staff need to reach goals? Are the goals reasonable? Now is the time to think about next year's plan and keep the organizational values/mandate front of mind.

b. Fundraising Committee

224-2026: Stan Toews, Harold Janzen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the creation of a Fundraising Committee.

CARRIED

225-2026: Natashia Lapiere, Neil Claringbould
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD recommend board members Les Schewe and Diana Cline and staff persons Joey Pankiw and Stephanie Klassen as members of Fundraising Committee.

CARRIED

XII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- Summer students' work is complete

XIII. POLICY COMMITTEE

- No report

XIV. RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

- New window and door installed – still need Telus to install door sensor

XV. NEXT BOARD MEETING

October 20, 2026 – meeting start at 9am

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

226-2026: Bruno Hebert, Natashia Lapiere
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BOARD adjourn at 11:11 a.m.

CARRIED

Ed Penner, SRRWD CHAIR OF THE BOARD **Joey Pankiw, MANAGER**