

ROSEAU RIVER INTERNATIONAL WATERSHED

Members present: Ghislain Dupuis, RM of Montcalm; Archie Hunter, RM of Franklin; Laverne Voll, RR Watershed District; Barb Zailo, RM of Piney;

Audience: Jim Swidersky, Seine/Rat River Conservation District/RM of Stuartburn; Corney Goertzen, Seine/Rat River CD; Duaine Riach, RM of Franklin; Greg Halvorson, RR Watershed District; Floyd Haugen, RR Watershed District;

RRBC Staff: Robin Gislason, Outreach Coordinator

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 7, 2010

Vassar MB

10:30a.m.

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order by Chair Barb Zailo and Co chair Laverne Voll and agenda approved. (Duaine Riach & Greg Halverson)
2. Minutes for October 1, 2008 approved. (Archie Hunter & Laverne Voll)
3. Financial Report: B. Zailo reported an account balance of \$6703.32. There has been no financial activity since June of 2009.
 - a. Election of treasurer: Archie Hunter with Barb Zailo continuing to take care of the onsite banking. (Barb Zailo & Laverne Voll)
4. Delegation Reports
 - a. **RM of Piney** - Report by Barb Zailo. The peat moss plant in Piney is growing and doing well.
 - b. **RM of Franklin** – Report by Archie Hunter. RM of Franklin will continue to pay per diems for their members. The new bridge in the RM should be completed by 2011. The Province has completed a fair amount of drain work within the RM as well as with the ditch system, which created 4 miles of ditch to the main drain which eventually runs into the Roseau River. Although the RM of Franklin would be interested in creating the Roseau River Conservation District the financial contributions are not evenly distributed. The RM of Franklin will be a member of the Seine/Rat Conservation District as of April 2010.
 - c. **Roseau County/ Roseau River Watershed** – Report by Laverne Voll. The Hay Creek outlet project impoundment has been implemented in Norlan. Palmville is in place, it did what it was supposed to do. Culvert sizing out of Beltrami is continuing.
 - d. **Seine/Rat River Conservation District (SRRCD)** – Report by Corney Goertzen. The SRRCD was created in 2002. There are currently 13 RM members and this will increase to 15 in April of 2010. Both The RMs of Piney and Morris have not agreed to become members. The CD is a grassroots surface and ground water protection

project group. The SRRCD Integrated Watershed Management Plan has been completed and has identified many projects for the Seine River.

5. Old Business

The Roseau River Ditch – The steering committee died due to lack of communications. The ditch would have to be on the Canadian side. This project has to be initiated by the RM of Piney. Dillon Consulting finished a report on this project stating that it would have 75% benefit to the U.S. and a 25% benefit to Canada

6. New Business

a. Discuss the future of RRIW

1. Want/need to meet (yes/no) – B. Zailo asked J. Swidersky if the RM of Stuartburn will consider rejoining the RRIW. Swidersky has agreed to take this request back to the RM of Stuartburn Council. Will report at the next RRIW meeting.

All members agreed that it is necessary to have all entities represented on the board in order to move forward.

2. If yes – number of meetings, structure of organization/officers – the RRIW will meet in one month time after the members have had a chance to meet with their councils to discuss the issues. Members should be prepared to meet with a list of projects they would like the RRIW to move forward with.

3. Projects that could /should be considered – tabled until next meeting

4. Funding (for projects) (for meeting) – tabled until next meeting

5. Linkage to MB Rat Seine CD, Roseau River Watershed, RM's and Roseau County. – tabled until next meeting

7. Other – Floyd Haugen requested an opportunity to speak to the RRIW. Haugen stressed that the RRIW group has always had many strong members who were able to move forward. This board is a steering committee to aid in solving problems. The board is meant to help everyone. Right now small issues appear to be holding the board from moving forward. If one entity leaves the entire chain is broken and the board will not work. Haugen stressed the importance of maintaining the integrity of the board and continuing to move forward.

8. Next Meeting Date – 10:30am, February 11th, Vita, MB.

9. Motion to adjourn. (A. hunter & F. Haugen)