

The R.M. of Val Marie No. 17 held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 in the Municipal Chambers in Val Marie, Saskatchewan commencing at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Reeve Larry Grant; Division 1 Councillor: Clint Rapley; Division 2 Councillor: Timothy B. Christianson; Division 3 Councillor: Ervin E. Carlier; Division 4 Councillor: Shadrick Peno; Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Cathy Legault, Administrator; and Ben McLearn, Public Works Foreman

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The public works foreman was not present at the call to order.

7:04 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.	DELEGATES	<p>Delegates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Zapshala, Director Water Infrastructure Division/Corporate Management Branch; and Ron Woodvine Asset Management and Capital Planning; both from Agriculture and Agri Food Canada (AAFC) • Lower Frenchman Water Users Corporation Board representatives: Jody Larson, Patrick Hayes, Marlon McGuire, and Dwight Olson • West Flat Irrigation Corporation Board representatives: Steven Gunter and Jason Legault <p>Mr. Zapshala explained background information on the progress to date of the divestiture of the irrigation projects in southwest Saskatchewan. The federal governments mandate to divest of all irrigation infrastructure in southwest Saskatchewan was made known in 2006. Since that time irrigation patron groups have formed and taken on administrative and ditch riding duties. The ownership and operation of the dams in southwest Saskatchewan (including Huff and Newton Lake) has been transferred to the Province of Saskatchewan. AAFC delegates are now working on transferring the remaining irrigation infrastructure including road parcels, canals, drains and other assets. The delegates asked RM Council to consider a government to government transfer regarding irrigation works and road parcels, working with patron groups to accommodate the continued operation of the irrigation projects. AAFC delegates briefly outlined the steps involved in a federal to municipal transfer, and the different approvals and consultations that would need to be conducted.</p>
100/20	PROPOSAL FROM AAFC	GRANT: That it be communicated to Agriculture and Agri Food Canada that the Council is interested in reviewing a proposal regarding possible divestiture options to the municipality; with the intention of helping to facilitate the transfer and continued operation of the two irrigation projects in the R.M. Cd.
101/20	AGENDA	CARLIER: That the agenda for this June 9, 2020 Council meeting be adopted as attached. Cd.
102/20	PREVIOUS MINUTES	RAPLEY: That the minutes of the May 4, 2020 Regular meeting be approved. Cd. <i>Public Works Foreman Ben McLearn joined the meeting, time 8:38 p.m.</i>
103/20	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	RAPLEY: That the statement of Financial Position as at May 31, 2020 be accepted as presented. Cd.
104/20	2019 AUDITED FIN. STMTS	CHRISTIANSON: That the final audited financial statements for the 2019 fiscal year be approved as presented. Cd.
105/20	AUDIT SERVICES	CARLIER: That the Administrator draft a tender for audit services for the 2021 year. Cd.
106/20	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS	PENNO: That the attached list of accounts for payment be approved. Cd.

107/20	ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT	PENO: That the Administrator’s report be accepted as presented. Cd.
108/20	COMMITTEE REPORTS	PENO: That the committee reports and minutes be accepted and filed. Cd.
109/20	FIRE AGREEMENT RM LONE TREE AND VILLAGE OF CLIMAX	CHRISTIANSON: That the Village of Climax and R.M. of Lone Tree be notified that R.M. #17 does not wish to enter into an agreement requiring ratepayers to pay for fire fighting fees; however, R.M.#17 will respond to fires in their municipalities without charge. Cd.
110/20	MEEP FUNDING	CARLIER: That the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program funding be allocated to the Acker Bridge Removal/Culvert Placement Project. Cd.
111/20	OLSON BRIDGE ENG./FUNDING APPLICATION	CARLIER: That the administrator be authorized to enter into a contract with WSP to assist with estimating project costs in preparation of an application to the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth and Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Bridge/Culvert Initiative. Cd.
112/70	SAMA SERVICE CHARTER	CHRISTIANSON: That the SAMA Service Charter be approved. Cd.
113/20	INSURANCE CLAIM	PENO: That a claim be placed with our insurance provider for the damage to the grader window on May 11, 2020. Cd.
114/20	DUST CONTROL	KORNFELD: That the R.M. coordinate dust control application in front of ratepayer yards on municipal roads; however full cost of the service will be billed to the ratepayers. Cd.
115/20	CONTRACTED WASTE REMOVAL	CARLIER: That we request a formal quote from Triways Disposal to supply all yards in the R.M. with 3 or 6 yard waste bins and have them emptied monthly. LOST.
116/20	ADMIN HOLIDAYS	RAPLEY: That the Administrators holiday request of July 20-24, and 27-31, 2020 be approved. Cd. <i>Councillor Peno declared pecuniary interest in the following matter and left the Council chambers, time 12:05 a.m.</i>
117/20	COST SHARE GRAVELLING	RAPLEY: That the cost share gravel request with Shadrick Peno for the road west of section 6-03-15-W3 be approved for up to 100 yards (50 yards ratepayer, 50 yards R.M.) be approved. Cd. <i>Councillor Peno rejoined the meeting, time 12:10 a.m.</i>
118/20	COMMUNICATIONS	KORNFELD: That the communications listed on the agenda be acknowledged as required and filed as deemed appropriate. Cd.
119/20	ADJOURNMENT	PENO: That this meeting do now adjourn, time 12:30 a.m. Cd.