

The R.M. of Val Marie No. 17 held a special meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 in the Municipal Chambers in Val Marie, Saskatchewan commencing at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Reeve Larry Grant; Division 1 Councillor: Tyler Jensen, Division 2 Councillor: Timothy B. Christianson; Division 3 Councillor: Steven Gunter; Division 4 Councillor: Shadrick Peno; Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Cathy Legault, Administrator

This special meeting was called by resolution no. 74/21 and resolution no. 83/21 in order to consider the following:

1. Receive delegates from Agriculture and Agrifood Canada in regard to the federal divestiture of the Val Marie and West Flat Irrigation project works.
2. Finish items 8. F to 11. Listed on the April 13, 2021 agenda.

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Councillor Christianson was not present at the call to order.

3:35 pm – 5:40 p.m.	DELEGATES	<p>The following delegates were received by Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture and Agri-food Canada (AAFC)– Dave Zapshala and Ron Woodvine • Lower Frenchman Water Users Corporation – Jody Larson, Dean Grant, Patrick Hayes • West Flat Irrigation Corporation – Andrew Laturus, Jason Legault <p>AAFC delegates briefed the Council on what has occurred from 2007 to date on the progress of the divestiture of the federal government from irrigation in Southwest Saskatchewan. AAFC is now considering two tripartite agreements: one involving AAFC, the RM of Val Marie and the Lower Frenchman Water Users Corporation; and one involving AAFC, the RM of Val Marie and the West Flat Irrigation Corporation.</p> <p>The way that AAFC delegates propose the agreements be drafted with the following general terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAFC obtains a water licence and a drainage licence that will subsequently be transferred to the irrigator groups. • Any parcels of land that are classed as a “Road” parcels with Information Services Corporation (ISC) would be transferred to the R.M. (or rightly, the Ministry of Highways with R.M. approval and request). • Any parcels that are to be considered necessary for irrigation water delivery would be transferred to the Irrigation patron group. • Any parcels that are not used solely for irrigating but are accessory to irrigation operations, or are currently leased out by AAFC would be transferred to the R.M. • All parcels will need to be considered in detail - parcel by parcel - to confirm uses. • Results of the Environmental Site Assessment where shared and the main environmental concern is creosote wood structures, payment for assuming the environmental liability of these structures is to be worked out in the agreement. • Maps of both projects including structure locations and the executive summary of the environmental site assessment were given to all in attendance. <p><i>Councillor Christianson joined the meeting, time 5:10 p.m.</i></p> <p><i>All delegates excused themselves at 5:40 p.m.</i></p>
85/21	CHEQUE SIGNING/EFT POLCY	<p>PENO: That Stacey McCrea be added to the Schedule ‘A’ of approved vendors under the Cheque Signing and Electronic Funds Transfer Approval Policy as a vendor to be paid with the CAFT Program.</p> <p>Cd.</p>

86/21	INSURANCE COVERAGE	JENSEN: That the data compromise coverage with Cornet Agenices/SGL be cancelled. Cd.
87/21	CULVERT PURCHASE	KORNFELD: That the culvert purchase based on the quote for \$17,528.94 plus taxes from Prairie Steel be approved. Cd.
88/21	COMMUNICATIONS	CHRISTIANSON: That the communications listed on the April 13, 2021 agenda be acknowledged as required and filed as deemed appropriate. Cd.
89/21	ADJOURNMENT	GRANT: That this meeting do now adjourn, time 6:28 p.m. Cd.

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