



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting July 13, 2021 - 07:00 PM

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

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

Call to order

1 A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2 Approval/Adoption of the Agenda

Res. No. 156/21

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the agenda for this July 13, 2021 meeting be approved with the addition of: a request to rent municipal land, an in camera session to hear advice from the SARM Legal Department, and safety concerns with road use by visitors to the area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Adoption of Minutes

Res. No. 157/21

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the minutes of the June 8, 2021 Regular Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED

4 Public Hearings

5 Delegations

6 Reports of Administration & Committees

6.1 Administrative Update

Res. No. 158/21

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6.2 List of Accounts for Approval

Res. No. 159/21

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the attached List of Accounts be approved for payment.

CARRIED

6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet

Res. No. 160/21

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2021 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6.4 Committee Reports

Res. No. 161/21

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the committee reports and minutes be accepted and filed.

CARRIED

6.4.1 Southwest Transportation Planning Committee

6.4.2 Southwest Municipal Government Committee

6.4.3 Frenchman Wood River Weed Management Area

6.4.4 Val Marie Recreation Board

7 Unfinished Business

7.1 Prairie Dog Invoice to Grasslands National Park

Res. No. 162/21

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the letter from Grasslands National Park (GNP) regarding not approving the invoice for Black Tailed Prairie Dog costs be replied to with the following comments:

- that the R.M. intends to make the GNP aware of the costs our municipality is incurring responding to their Prairie Dog program; and
- the effort required to respond to a matter of this magnitude and importance is not typical and time spent is extensive and ongoing.

CARRIED

7.2 Leasing Irrigation Roads

7.3 Meeting with Grasslands National Park

Res. No. 163/21

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the regular meeting on August 10, 2021 be moved to 4:00 p.m. in order to discuss matters of concern and timeliness with Grasslands National Park including: Prairie Dog Concerns, the GNP Management Plan, Establishing an Advisory Board, Road Transfers, and time spent on Grasslands National Park matters.

CARRIED

7.4 Reply from Ministry of Agriculture - Prov. Lands to GNP

7.5 Reply from Sasktel re: Coverage Levels

7.6 In Camera Session

Res. No. 164/21

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That we move to an in camera session at 9.29 p.m., as allowed by section 16(1) of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

7.7 Rise from In Camera Session

Res. No. 165/21

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That we now rise from in camera session, time 9:35

CARRIED

7.8 Safety Issues on Roads/Un-authorized Access to lands via roads

Res. No. 166/21

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That a letter to Premier Scott Moe, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and Minister of Agriculture be sent outlining the Council's concern with *The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2018* and *The Trespass to Property Consequential Amendment Act, 2018* not being enforced by law. The R.M. Council encourages a highly expedient approach to the proposed trespass legislation in order to clarify access to land laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 New Business

8.1 Declaring a Disaster Area

Res. No. 167/21

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the R.M. of Val Marie be declared an agricultural disaster area due to drought, extreme heat, strong winds, gophers, prairie dogs, and grasshoppers. That the Premier of Saskatchewan consider these issues and declare a drought emergency and make funding available for livestock and farming programs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Official Community Plan & Zoning Bylaw

Res. No. 168/21

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That a special meeting be called for September 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in order to hold a planning session regarding a new Official Community Plan & Zoning Bylaw.

CARRIED

8.3 Annual Newsletter

Res. No. 169/21

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the Annual Newsletter be approved for circulation.

CARRIED

8.4 Fencing Request - Paul Jeanson

Res. No. 170/21

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That Paul Jeanson be permitted to fence off the north road allowance of the NE 31-02-13-W3 provided that the R.M. be permitted to access dirt from the previous road if needed in the future.

CARRIED

8.5 RMAA Board of Examiners - Resuming Certificate Upgrade Applications

Res. No. 171/21

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That we support the administrator in applying for her Superior A certification.

CARRIED

8.6 NW 10-05-14-W3 Subdivision Application

8.7 Administrator Holiday Request August 30-Sept. 3/2021

Res. No. 172/21

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Administrator's annual leave request of August 30-September 3, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

8.8 Changing Regular Meeting Date

Res. No. 173/21

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the September regular meeting be moved to September 7, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

8.9 Renting the NW 18-04-13-W3 for Grazing

Res. No. 174/21

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That Karson Legault be permitted to lease the NW 18-04-13-W3 for grazing provided he look after fencing, water, and any other incidentals at a rate of \$400 for use that may begin immediately. Livestock to be removed as of December 31, 2021.

CARRIED

8.10 Traffic Routing to Grasslands National Park

Res. No. 175/21

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That Grasslands National Park be requested to route traffic to GNP via Hwy 18 and south via the River Road to minimize the traffic accessing the park via the Rosefield Grid.

CARRIED

9 Communications

Res. No. 176/21

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the communications listed on the agenda be acknowledged as required and filed as deemed appropriate.

CARRIED

9.1 GNP Prescribed Fire Training

9.2 Office of Privacy Commissioner Annual Report

9.3 Pontiox RCMP Update

9.4 Shaunavon RCMP Update

9.5 WSA Channel Clearing Assistance Program

10 Reeve & Councillors Forum

11 Adjournment

Res. No. 177/21

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That this meeting do now adjourn, time 11:13 p.m.

CARRIED

12 Dates to Remember

12.1 August Regular Meeting - August 10, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

12.2 September Regular Meeting - September 14, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. Rescheduled to September 7, 2021 per resolution 173/21.
