



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting January 11, 2022 - 01:00 PM – 112 Railway Ave East, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

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

1 Call to order

A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

2 Approval/Adoption of the Agenda

Res. No. 2022/001

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the agenda for this January 11, 2022 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Adoption of Minutes

Res. No. 2022/002

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the minutes of the December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 Public Hearings

5 Delegations

6 Reports of Administration & Committees

6.1 Administrative Update

Res. No. 2022/003

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 List of Accounts for Approval

Res. No. 2022/004

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the attached List of Accounts be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet

Res. No. 2022/005

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2021 be noted as reviewed as final year end adjusting is not yet complete.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3.1 2021 Community Church Profit/Loss Statement

Res. No. 2022/006

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

The profit/loss statement for the community church be noted as reviewed and 50% of the loss be billed to the Village of Val Marie per Bylaw 5-21.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Committee Reports

Res. No. 2022/007

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the committee reports and minutes received be accepted and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4.1 Southwest Transportation Planning Committee

6.4.2 Southwest Municipal Government Committee

Res. No. 2022/008

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That we decline to participate in the TSS application for George Cuff training.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4.3 Frenchman Wood River Weed Management Area

6.4.4 Val Marie Recreation Board

6.5 Recess

Res. No. 2022/009

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That we take a half an hour recess for lunch, time 12:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 Rise from Recess

Res. No. 2022/010

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That we rise from recess, time 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 Unfinished Business

7.1 In Camera Session - Receive Legal Opinion

Res. No. 2022/011

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That we now move to an in camera session in order to consider legal advice on an agreement, time 1:01 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Rise from In Camera Session

Res. No. 2022/012

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That we now rise from in camera session, time 1:07 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Cattle Guard Policy/Open Herd Areas Information

Res. No. 2022/013

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That a bylaw be drafted allowing livestock (open herd) on all roads and road allowances except: Butte Road, Orkney Grid, Hillandale road, West Flat Road to Bracken Grid, Bracken Grid, TWP RD 42, and Rapdan Road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Contractual Agreement - Belza Bridge Repairs

Res. No. 2022/014

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the contractual agreement with Grasslands National Park reimbursing the R.M. for the damages incurred to the Belza bridge by an employee be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.5 Reply from Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) on Notice of Objection to Strychnine

Res. No. 2022/015

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the reply from the Pest Management Regulatory Agency be noted and replied to as follows: That Health Canada clearly does not understand the problem and we welcome representatives to come to our R.M. to discuss the matter as we feel they would benefit further education on the matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.6 Resolution to SARM Convention - Strychnine De-regulation

Res. No. 2022/016

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the following resolution be submitted jointly with the R.M. of Lone Tree No. 18 to SARM for consideration at the 2022 Annual Convention:

"Whereas control of the Richardson's' Ground Squirrel (RGS) is essential for supporting agricultural sustainability and diversification; and

Whereas many R.M.'s in Saskatchewan have contributed to the control of the RGS on agricultural land for decades at various levels. Examples of these contributions include: subsidizing strychnine, facilitating the sale of control products, assisting in the coordination of test areas for study, even paying rewards for 'tails' brought to the municipal office; and

Whereas strychnine has proven to be the most effective in controlling Richardson Ground Squirrel, yet maintains low environmental and public health impacts; and

Whereas that in order to save the environmental destruction of RGS infestations as well as prevent costly losses in agricultural commodities – rendering the efforts already made (financial or otherwise) to control RGS essentially wasted;

BE IT RESOLVED SARM further lobby for continued registration of strychnine for control of Richardson's Ground Squirrel."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.7 Response from Ministry of Government Relations re: Division Boundary Letter of Concern

Res. No. 2022/017

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the response from the Ministry of Government Relations regarding the requirement for a Division Boundary Policy be noted as recieved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.8 Strategic Plan Review

Res. No. 2022/018

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the strategic plan review be approved as attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.9 Gravel Hauling 2022

Res. No. 2022/019

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That no contracts be awarded from the 2022-2025 Contract Gravel Hauling Tender.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.10 Gravel Hauling Contract Extension

Res. No. 2022/020

Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That a contract extension be offered to Stacey McCrea for gravel hauling for the 2022 year extending the terms of his existing contract for one year (the 2022 season).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 New Business

8.1 Canada Summer Jobs Funding

Res. No. 2022/021

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That an application be made to the Canada Summer Jobs program for funding a student to the non-permanent Utility Operator position.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 2022 Cyber Liability Coverage

Res. No. 2022/022

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That it be noted the cyber liability coverage from SARM was cancelled by SARM and Administration is waiting for a quote direct from the insurance provider.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Ministry of Government Relations - Regulatory Changes - Boards of Revision Certification and Registrar

Res. No. 2022/023

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That we request the current appointed board of revision to take the required board of revision training to be compliant with 2023 requirements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 RCMP Annual Performance Plan Meeting and Update

Res. No. 2022/024

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That it be noted the Regional Annual Performance Plan meeting with the RCMP has been cancelled due to COVID risk, and that Sgt. Malone offered to meet with Councils individual Councils should they want a meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Presentation of Bond

Res. No. 2022/025

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That it be noted the bond covering all municipal employees was presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Sask Lotteries Grant Allocation

Res. No. 2022/026

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the R.M. allocate its share of the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program to the Village of Val Marie/Val Marie Recreation Board for the 2023 year with a stipulation that no funds are allocated spray park project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 Notice of Intent - Seismic Activity - Project: Mankota HEI 2021 2D

Res. No. 2022/027

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the Notice of Intent from Terra-sine Resources Ltd for their seismic operation program "Mankota HEI 20212D, Program Number: 21P037" be acknowledged and signed and that they be requested to notify the R.M. of any use of R.M. roads.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.8 SARM Annual Convention - Appointing Voting Delegates

Res. No. 2022/028

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That Councillors Christianson and Kornfeld be appointed voting delegates at the SARM Annual Convention if they are able to attend.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.9 Mower Quote

Res. No. 2022/029

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That the quote from Pattison Agriculture (Shaunavon location) for the supply of a 2022 Schulte XH1500 mower be approved that that the 2012 Schulte Mower be traded with a value of \$8,700.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 Communications

Res. No. 2022/030

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 Reeve & Councillors Forum

11 Adjournment

Res. No. 2022/031

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That this meeting do now adjourn, time 4:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Administrator