



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting July 12, 2022 - 07:00 PM

PRESENT:

Reeve: Larry Grant
Division 2 Councillor: Timothy B. Christianson
Division 3 Councillor: Steven Gunter
Division 4 Councillor and Deputy Reeve: Shadrick Peno

ABSENT:

Division 1 Councillor: Tyler Jensen
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 7:25 p.m.

2 Delegations

2.1 7:26 p.m. - 8:40 p.m. - Leanne Heisler, Wildlife Ecologist, Fish Wildlife and Lands Ministry of Environment, Province of Saskatchewan

Ms. Heisler updated the Council on the prairie dog mitigation policy that the Ministry of Environment is working with other provincial and federal departments. The purpose of the policy development is to mitigate the spread of prairie dogs outside Grasslands National Park, and to create a legal way for landowners and lessee's to be able to address prairie dogs on their private or leased lands. Discussions around different aspects of the policy between the delegate and the Council occurred. Ms. Heisler asked for a subsequent meeting to further discuss policy development items.

2.2 8:45 p.m. – 9:20 p.m. - Genevieve Jones, A/Field Unit Superintendent, Saskatchewan Field Unit and Daniel Fehr, Asset Manager I, Grasslands National Park

The Council updated the delegates on the bridge replacement project that is going to be occurring on the road North of the NE 09-03-13-W3 and requested that Parks Canada consider contributing to the upgraded bridge project. Different ideas on partnership scenarios were presented by the R.M. Council.

3 Approval/Adoption of the Agenda Res. No. 2022-185

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the agenda for this July 12, 2022 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 June 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes Res. No. 2022-186

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the minutes of the June 14, 2022 Regular Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5 Public Hearings

6 Reports of Administration & Committees

6.1 Administrative Update

Res. No. 2022-187

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 List of Accounts for Approval

Res. No. 2022-188

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the "List of Accounts for Approval" detailing the following payments be approved:

Inn. CU - Cheques 3883-3903 totalling \$71,686.50

Inn. CU - CAFT Payment # 2022-0046 to 2022-0062 totalling - \$24,315.62

Inn. CU - Online Banking Payment # 2022-024 to 2022-0033 totalling - \$19,043.09

Inn. CU - Automatic Withdrawal Payment # 2022-0003 totalling - \$19.97

Collabria Credit Cards Payment # 2022-0066 to 2022-0071 totalling - \$22.32

Total Payments - \$115,087.50

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet

Res. No. 2022-189

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2022 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Committee Reports

Res. No. 2022-190

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the committee reports and minutes be accepted and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 Unfinished Business

7.1 Detail Design Engineering - McGuire Bridge (resolution 2022-135)

Res. No. 2022-191

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the administrator's approval of the \$17,000 lump sum cost to complete the detail design of the McGuire Bridge (SW 30-05-15-W3, Bridge ID: 315-05-30) by WSP be noted (approval outlined in resolution 2022-135).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 ICIP - Jensen Bridge - Signed Ultimate Recipient Agreement

Res. No. 2022-192

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Ultimate Recipient Agreement signed by both the Province of Saskatchewan and the R.M. of Val Marie, for the replacement of the Jensen bridge (in the NE 29-04-17-W3), be noted as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Canada Summer Jobs Funding

Res. No. 2022-193

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That it be noted the application to the Canada Summer Jobs Funding program was not successful.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Letter to Grasslands National Park re: May 12, 2021 article & September 7, 2021 Delegation Res. No. 2022-194
Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

Whereas no response was received from the Field Unit superintendent after the September 7, 2021 delegation where concerns were raised over Prairie Dog populations and the statements made by Parks Canada staff in the article May 12, 2021 Prairie Post article;

That a letter requesting a response to those concerns be sent to the new Acting Field Unit Superintendent Genevieve Jones and CC'd to the same people on the April 13, 2021 letter to Stephano Liccioli RE: Development of Conflict Management Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 New Business

8.1 AAFC Irrigation Projects Divestiture - Special Meeting Request
Res. No. 2022-195
Moved by: Reeve Grant

That a special meeting with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada representatives be held on July 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in order to discuss the divestiture of the irrigation projects; and that this resolution serves as formal notice of the call of the meeting for those in attendance today.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Annual Newsletter
Res. No. 2022-196
Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the annual newsletter be approved for circulation with the tax notices.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Village of Climax - Support for Letter re: CBSA Port Hours
Res. No. 2022-197
Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That a letter of concern be drafted and sent to all Members of Parliament regarding the hours at the ports in Southwest Saskatchewan not being re-instated to pre-pandemic service levels.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Notice to RM under Planning & Development Act
Res. No. 2022-198
Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Notice to the R.M. required by The Planning and Development Act for the registration of a Lease for a wellsite in the municipality be noted as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 Communications
Res. No. 2022-199
Moved by: Reeve Grant

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 Reeve & Councillors Forum

11 Adjourment
Res. No. 2022-200
Moved by: Reeve Grant

That this meeting does now adjourn, time 11:26 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Administrator