



## **Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17**

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Special Meeting July 18, 2022 - 09:00 AM**

#### **PRESENT:**

Reeve: Larry Grant  
Division 1 Councillor: Tyler Jensen  
Division 3 Councillor: Steven Gunter  
Division 4 Councillor and Deputy Reeve: Shadrick Peno  
Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

#### **ABSENT:**

Division 2 Councillor: Timothy B. Christianson

**STAFF ATTENDANCE:** Cathy Legault, Administrator

- 1 This Special Meeting was called by resolution 2022-195 in order to consider the following: 1) Receive delegates from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and discuss the divestiture of the irrigation projects in the R.M.**

- 2 Call to Order**

A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m. Councillor Kornfeld was not present at the call to order of the meeting.

*Councillor Kornfeld joined the meeting at 9:37 a.m.*

*Councillor Gunter declared a conflict of interest because he also serves on the Board of Directors for the West Flat Irrigation Corporation.*

- 3 Reports From Delegation of Council**

Blaine Schafer and Ron Woodvine from the Water Infrastructure Division of Agriculture and Agri-food Canada were received by Council. Delegates discussed the federal government divesting itself of its ownership and operation of the Val Marie and West Val Marie Irrigation Projects within the R.M.

The delegates proposed that AAFC transfer the Val Marie and West Val Marie Irrigation Projects to the RM of Val Marie, with funding of \$4.85M (\$3.0 for Val Marie and 1.85M for West Val Marie) to address future environmental liabilities, decommissioning of major structures, and future operation and maintenance costs and decommissioning costs of the project works. An additional amount would be included to replace the diesel pump facilities at West Val Marie Dam and Pumpsite No. 1, with the replacement cost to be determined by a third-party engineering study now underway. The RM could subsequently transfer components (or all) of the projects to the Lower Frenchman River Water Users Corporation and the West Flat Irrigation Corporation, but would have to retain responsibility for roads.

- 3.1 Meeting with Lower Frenchman Water Users Corporation and West Flat Irrigation Corporation**

**Res. No. 2022-200**

**Moved by:** Reeve Grant

That a meeting be held with the boards of the Lower Frenchman Water Users Corporation and the West Flat Irrigation Corporation to discuss the terms of the transfer of the irrigation projects as outlined by Agriculture and Agri-food Canada representatives.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 4      Adjournment**  
**Res. No. 2022-201**  
**Moved by:** Div. 4 Councillor Peno
- That this meeting do now adjourn, time 11:33 a.m.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
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Reeve

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Administrator