



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting August 23, 2022 - 07:00 PM

PRESENT:

Reeve: Larry Grant
Division 1 Councillor: Tyler Jensen
Division 2 Councillor: Timothy B. Christianson
Division 3 Councillor: Steven Gunter
Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

ABSENT: Division 4 Councillor and Deputy Reeve: Shadrick Peno

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 7:06 p.m.

2 Approval/Adoption of the Agenda

Res. No. 2022-203

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the agenda for this August 23, 2022 meeting be approved with the addition of consideration of rental of the NW 18-04-13-W3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 July 12, 2022 Regular Meeting

Res. No. 2022-204

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the minutes of the July 12, 2022 Regular Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 July 18, 2022 Special Meeting

Res. No. 2022-205

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the minutes of the July 18, 2022 Special Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 August 15, 2022 10:00 a.m. Special Meeting

Res. No. 2022-206

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the minutes of the August 15, 2022 special meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m. be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.4 August 15, 2022 2:00 p.m. Special Meeting

Res. No. 2022-207

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the minutes of the August 15, 2022 special meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m. be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 Public Hearings

5 Delegations

5.1 7:30 p.m. - Kevin Dwyer, Fire Management Officer, Grasslands National Park

Delegate did not attend.

6 Reports of Administration & Committees

6.1 Administrative Update

Res. No. 2022-208

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 List of Accounts for Approval

Res. No. 2022-209

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

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

- Inn. CU - Cheques 3904- 3918 totalling \$31,990.56
- Inn. CU - CAFT Payment # 2022-0063 to 2022-0088 totalling - \$83,972.46
- Inn. CU - Online Banking Payment # 2022-034 to 2022-0043 totalling - \$20,469.19
- Inn. CU - Automatic Withdrawal Payment # 2022-0004 totalling - \$4,278.52
- Collabria Credit Cards Payment # 2022-0072 to 2022-0086 totalling - \$1,995.95
- Total Payments - \$142,666.68

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet

Res. No. 2022-210

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the Statement of Financial Position, Balance Sheet and Bank Reconciliations as of July 31, 2022 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Committee Reports

Res. No. 2022-211

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the committee reports and minutes be accepted and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 Unfinished Business

7.1 Resolution 2022-194 RE: Concerns with GNP Statements in Prairie Post Article

Res. No. 2022-212

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the acknowledgement of the R.M.'s letter regarding resolution 2022-194 from Grasslands National Park Acting Field Unit Superintendent regarding the Prairie Post Article concerns be noted, and that the Acting Field Unit Superintendent be asked to CC her response to all those on the letter from July 14, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 AAFC Irrigation Projects Divestiture

7.2.1 Response to AAFC re: Proposed Transfer Strategy

Res. No. 2022-213

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the request to transfer the project works associated with the Val Marie and West Val Marie projects be accepted in principle with the condition that the diesel pump facilities at the West Val Marie Dam and Pumpsite No. 1 be replaced (preferably with three phase electric pumps) before transfer occurs. The R.M. is not willing to accept the environmental liability of owning that facility - even if only for a short while before transferring the equipment to the irrigation group. The R.M. also does not want any possibility of cost overruns to replace those pump sites. The R.M. also wants assurance from Agriculture and Agri-food Canada that if any other major failures occur before or during the transfer, AAFC will pay the full cost of rectifying those infrastructure failures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.2 Response to Irrigation Patron Groups re: Proposed Transfer Strategy

Res. No. 2022-214

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That a simple agreement with the irrigation groups be entered into outlining the broad agreement of the proposed transfer strategy by AAFC, that being that the R.M. will accept transfer of irrigation related parcels, roads, and funding to address future environmental liabilities and decommissioning of major structures and will then transfer all parcels except the road parcels to the Irrigation patron groups. The R.M. wishes to assist with facilitating this transfer between Governments in order to provide a service to many landowners and ratepayers of the municipality; however, the R.M. does not want to accept any liability regarding the operation or existence of the irrigation system during the transfer process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Quote for Multi-Factor Authentication (municipal computer network)

Res. No. 2022-215

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the quote to add multi-factor authentication to the municipal computer network by munisoft be approved; and that A \$12.50 per pay period phone allowance will be added to the job descriptions for the office staff (Joint Office Administrator, Assistant Administrator, and clerk). The phone allowance is added to reimburse employees for using personal cell phones for municipal purposes. Receiving texts by cell phone will be required in order to log into the municipal computer network, employees will be reimbursed for using their personal cell phones for work purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Texas Gate Agreement - Sand Lake Hutterian Brethren

Res. No. 2022-216

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the agreement with Sand Lake Colony for the installation of cattle guards on municipal roads be approved and signed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 New Business

8.1 Dugout Close to Road (SE 05-04-18-W3)

Res. No. 2022-217

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That it be noted a new dugout that was built in the SE 05-04-18-W3 and was reported too close to the road, however the Council doesn't feel there is a need to take any action to change this dugout at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Cultivated Road

Res. No. 2022-218

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the cultivated road North section 20-05-18-W3 and north of section 7-05-18-W3, and the cultivated ditches on the road north of the SE 17 & SW/SE 16-05-18-W3 be noted; and that Public Works staff do not blade or maintain these the sections until further notice - unless they get seeded next spring, then they are to blade them back to a bladed trail.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 R.M. of Wood River - Support for SARM Resolution

Res. No. 2022-219

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the R.M. of Wood River's request for support for a resolution to be submitted to SARM re: tax tools be replied to with the suggestion of submitting a resolution to change the 293 exemptions to be included in minimum and base tax applications, and; that perhaps 293 exemptions should also be amended to remove the portions of the legislation that require the municipality to only apply the exemption to properties depending on who occupies the residence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 SARM Bridge Inspection Program - Preliminary Bridge Inspection Information

Res. No. 2022-220

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That the preliminary bridge inspection debrief information from Stantec be noted as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Dylan Larson - Request to Cross Road Allowance with a Water Line

Res. No. 2022-221

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That Dylan Larson be approved to run a water line through the road allowance west of irrigation Lot 140 (SW 08-04-13-W3) under the following conditions:

1. That Mr. Larson is responsible for restoring the road allowance to its original condition; and
2. That the R.M. of Val Marie assumes no responsibility for any damage to the line which could occur during any future construction. The owner maintaining signage indicating the existence of a buried water line is strongly recommended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Lands Branch - Crown Conservation Easement-Integrated Land Use

Res. No. 2022-222

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the Crown Conservation Easement on SW 28-01-12-W3 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 Wood BLG - Request for Assignment of Contract

Res. No. 2022-223

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the assignment of our contract with Wood Canada Ltd. to Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions Canada Limited for the updating and printing of the municipal map be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.8 Swift Plumbing & Heating - Air Conditioning Additions

Res. No. 2022-224

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the quote for adding a ductless air conditioner for the boardroom be noted, and Swift Plumbing and Heating be requested to quote supplying an additional ducted air conditioning unit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.9 2022 Elections - Division 2 & 4

Res. No. 2022-225

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the posting of the "Call for Nominations" for Division 2 & 4 Council positions by the Returning Officer be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.10 Filling Assistant Administrator Position for Leave

Res. No. 2022-226

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Administrator requiring to hire an interim assistant administrator while the current assistant is on an 18-month maternity/parental leave be recognized. The administrator has the authority to hire this person to begin training as soon as possible, within the wage range set out in the job description, if someone without a 'C' certification and experience with Munisoft is not able to be hired.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.11 PW Foreman Requests:

8.11.1 Rebuilding Road through the flat in Sec 30-05-15-W3

Res. No. 2022-227

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That rebuilding the bladed trail through Section 30-05-15-W3 between the turn off to the "McGuire" yard to the hill on the north side of the valley be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.11.2 Rebuilding Road west of Section 26 & 35-04-13-W3 (by Hillandale Cemetery)

Res. No. 2022-228

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That rebuilding the bladed trail west of Section 26 & 35-04-13-W3 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.11.3 Adding Harlan Gunter as an Authorized Hauler from Gravel Pits

Res. No. 2022-229

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That Harlan Gunter (102039803 Saskatchewan Ltd.) be approved as an authorized hauler for the R.M. under the Aggregate Purchasing and Loading Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.11.4 Road from east boundary of the R.M. to Dixon Pasture headquarters yard

Res. No. 2022-230

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the road from the east boundary of the R.M. beginning in the NE of 36-02-10-W3 to the Dixon Pasture headquarters yard in the SE 02-03-10-W3 be reshaped and better maintained.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.11.5 Ministry of Highways - Custom Rate for Spraying

Res. No. 2022-231

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the R.M. spraying the highway ditch through Val Marie for bindweed as requested by the Ministry of Highways be approved, the Administrator to bill a rate in line with industry standards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Res. No. 2022-232

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That Karson Legault be permitted to lease the NW 18-04-13-W3 for fall grazing provided he look after fencing, water, and any other incidentals at a rate of \$400 per season. Livestock may be on the land for fall grazing only, that this offer be made for the 2022, 2023, and 2024 seasons.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.13 September Meeting

Res. No. 2022-233

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the time of the September 13, 2022 meeting be changed to 3:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. due to the number of delegates already scheduled for that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 Communications

Res. No. 2022-234

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. 2022-235

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That this meeting do now adjourn, time 10:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Administrator