



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting September 13, 2022 - 03:00 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

1 Call to order

A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

2 Approval/Adoption of the Agenda

Res. No. 2022-236

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the agenda for this Sept. 13, 2022 meeting be approved with the addition of discussing the timeline of the irrigation projects transfer under unfinished business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 August 23, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Res. No. 2022-237

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the minutes of the August 23, 2022 Regular Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 Public Hearings

5 Delegations

5.1 3:30 p.m. Genevieve Jones, A/Field Unit Superintendent, Saskatchewan South Field Unit & Dan Fehr, Asset Manager, Grasslands National Park - re: Contributing to Bridge Project in NE 09-03-13-W3.

Delegates were received by Council at 3:30 p.m. Ms. Jones suggested that rather than a contribution to the Olson Bridge project they would consider entering into a road maintenance agreement for the road accessing 70 Mile Butte day-use area due to the volume of park related vehicles that use that road.

5.1.1 Drafting Road Maintenance Agreement with Grasslands National Park

Res. No. 2022-239

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Administrator continue discussion with Grasslands National Park delegates regarding the terms of a road maintenance agreement for certain roads entering Grasslands National Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 7:30 p.m. Daniel Facette - Texas Gate Agreement

Mr. Facette was received by Council at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Facette expressed his opinion that offset gates should be permitted rather than having to drive over them year-round when they are only used for fall grazing. Mr. Facette excused himself at 7:30 p.m.

6 Reports of Administration & Committees

6.1 Administrative Update

Res. No. 2022-238

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

See item 5.1, resolution order.

6.1.1 In Camera Session - Employee Matters

6.1.1.1 Move to In Camera Session

Res. No. 2022-240

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That we move to an in-camera session in order to discuss employee matters, time 4:02 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1.1.2 Rise from In Camera Session

Res. No. 2022-241

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That we now rise from in camera session, time 4:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1.2 Tax Enforcement Proceedings SW 01-03-14-W3

Res. No. 2022-242

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the approval of the Provincial Mediation Board for the R.M. to acquire title to the SW 01-03-14-W3 should the arrears of taxes not be paid thirty days after the delivery of Form G be noted. That the Administrator report on the progress of this file at the next meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 List of Accounts for Approval

Res. No. 2022-243

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

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

- Inn. CU - Cheques 3919-3933 totalling \$24,834.02
- Inn. CU - CAFT Payment # 2022-0089 to 2022-0103 totalling \$23,269.06
- Inn. CU - Online Banking Payment #2022-0044 to 2022-0052 totalling \$19,683.46
- Inn. CU - Automatic Withdrawal Payment #2022-0005 to 2022-0006 totalling \$710,061.63
- Collabria Credit Cards Payment #2022-0087 totalling \$204.02
- Total Payments \$778,052.19

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet

Res. No. 2022-244

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the Statement of Financial Position, Balance Sheet, and Bank Reconciliations as of August 31, 2022 be accepted as presented - noting that the SARM High Interest Savings Account statement has not yet been received therefor the reconciled balance is not shown on these statements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3.1 RBC Investment Maturity

Res. No. 2022-245

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the matured GIC's held with RBC Dominion Securities be invested back with RBC Dominion Securities within the five-year laddering strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Committee Reports

Res. No. 2022-246

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the committee reports and minutes be accepted and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 Unfinished Business

7.1 Val Marie Grazing Corporation - Invoice for Cumulative Administrative Costs Associated with Conflict Management and Recurring Issues Related to Black Tailed Prairie Dogs Outside of Grasslands National Park

Res. No. 2022-247

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That receipt of the September 6, 2022 letter and invoice to Grasslands National Park regarding administrative costs for dealing with Black Tailed Prairie Dog matters be acknowledged.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Resolution 2022-232 - Renting the NW 18-04-13-W3 for Grazing

Res. No. 2022-248

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the acceptance of the offer outlined in resolution 2022-232 by Karson Legault be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Road Legitimization Projects

7.3.1 Road Legitimizations - Agreement for Sale of Land (Terms and Conditions)

Res. No. 2022-249

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the terms of the Agreement of Sale and corresponding diagrams presented by the administrator be approved for presentation to the landowners.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3.2 Road Legitimizations - Road in SE 28, NE21, SE 21 TWP03-RG12-W3

Res. No. 2022-250

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the road accessing the north end of Grasslands National Park that travels through the SE 28, and NE and SE of 21 in TWP3-RG12-W3 also be legitimized along with the other projects already approved (roads through Dixon Pasture and road to Jensen yardsites).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Texas Gate Agreement - Val Marie Grazing Corporation

Res. No. 2022-251

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Texas Gate Agreement with Val Marie Grazing Corporation be approved and signed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.5 Swift Plumbing & Heating - Quote Additional Ducted Air Conditioner for Boardroom

Res. No. 2022-052

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the quote from Swift Plumbing & Heating to add an additional ducted air conditioner be noted and air conditioning improvements be further considered for next year's budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.6 SARM Community Planning - Revised Flood Hazard Mapping

Res. No. 2022-253

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That due to the flood hazard mapping not being accurate enough for Council to accept, Council requests the SARM planner submit the Zoning Bylaw without flood mapping or any approvals required by Water Security Agency. If that is not possible, this project is ended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.7 Irrigation Projects Transfer - Timeline

Res. No. 2022-254

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the R.M. agrees to be as timely as possible in responding to requests related to the irrigation transfer in order to make the transfer happen in as efficient manner as possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.8 Recess

Res. No. 2022-255

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That we recess for a supper break for 45 minutes, time 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.9 Rise from Recess

Res. No. 2022-256

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

All Council members being present, we rise from recess break at 6:45 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 New Business

8.1 Proposed Management Plan for Greenish-white Grasshopper

Res. No. 2022-257

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That a letter be sent to Environment and Climate Change Canada, as well as COSEWIC outlining our concerns with any organization that has a priority of increasing grasshopper populations in southwest Saskatchewan - especially on a year of severe drought and crop losses due to drought and grasshoppers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

See item 5.2, agenda order.

8.2 Gravel Hauling Contract - 2023 (and subsequent years contract)

Res. No. 2022-258

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the administrator research what the percent increase in heavy custom work hourly rate changes (gravel hauling equipment) have been from 2021 to 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Notice of Intent - Terra-Sine Mankota-Kincaid 22P032 Project

Res. No. 2022-259

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the Notice of Intent from TerraSine Resources for their seismic program "Mankota-Kincaid 2D 2022" be acknowledged and signed and that they be requested to notify the R.M. of any use of R.M. roads and be made aware of the Fire Ban currently in place in the R.M. It is requested that all contractors be made aware of the extremely dry conditions in this area and be very cautious not to start grass/wildfires.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Drought Response

8.4.1 R.M. of Pinto Creek No. 75 - Disaster Declared

Res. No. 2022-260

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the disaster declaration from R.M. of Pinto Creek be acknowledged and supported.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.2 Federal Livestock Tax Deferral Regions Announced

Res. No. 2022-261

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That a letter be sent to Federal Minister of Ag, Premier Scott Moe, and Wood River M.L.A. David Marit asking for an explanation on why our R.M. was not included in the Federal Livestock Tax Deferral Provision. Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation will surely have information to support the claim of drought in this R.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.3 Drought Disaster Declaration

Res. No. 2022-262

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

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 make the appropriate funding available to assist many producers who are now facing their second year of devastation due to crop losses, livestock herd reductions, and high feed costs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Ministry of Government Relations - Input on Potential Changes to The Municipalities Regulations Municipal Compliance Discussion Paper

Res. No. 2022-263

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That we acknowledge receipt of notification of the Municipal Compliance legislation changes that are being considered.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Sand Lake Hutterian Brethren - Custom Work Request

Res. No. 2022-264

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the request for the R.M. to move a trail that goes through the south half of section 14-02-14-W3 as custom work be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 Road Committee Order - Road Closure due to Bridge Work in NW 03-02-11-W3

Res. No. 2022-265

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the road committee order to close the road east of the 'Y' in SE 07-02-11-W3 to east side of the Dixon Bridge in order to accommodate bridge repairs be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.8 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Process

Res. No. 2022-266

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the process to amend the zoning bylaw be acknowledged and the draft text of bylaw 2022-07 be given public notice and proper advertising.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 Communications

Res. No. 2022-267

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. 2022-268

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That this meeting do now adjourn, time 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Administrator