



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

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Special Meeting August 4, 2023 - 01:00 PM**

#### **PRESENT:**

Reeve: Larry Grant  
Division 2 Councillor: Timothy Christianson  
Division 3 Councillor: Steven Gunter  
Division 4 Councillor and Deputy Reeve: Shadrick Peno  
Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

#### **ABSENT:**

Division 1 Councillor: Tyler Jensen

**STAFF ATTENDANCE:** Cathy Legault, Administrator and Ben McLearn, Public Works Foreman

**1 This special meeting was called by Reeve Grant in order to consider the following matters:**

**1) Meet with WSP Bridge Engineers to discuss design concerns with the Olson Bridge and road grade tie in as well as potential flood impacts upstream.**

**2) Declaration of an Agricultural Disaster due to Drought in R.M. 17.**

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**2 Call to Order**

A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Council and staff left at 1:04 p.m. to tour the Olson Bridge Replacement area (N NE 09-03-13-W3) with WSP Bridge Engineers Farel Miankodila and Daniel Lemay.

Council, staff, and delegates returned to the Council Chambers at 2:30 p.m.

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**3 Meet with WSP Bridge Engineers to discuss design concerns with the Olson Bridge Replacement (N NE 09-03-13 W3) and road grade tie in as well as potential flood impacts upstream.**

WSP Bridge Engineers reviewed their preliminary flood study findings (using survey records and topographic maps from the Ministry of Environment, along with additional tools) noting in summary that the study confirmed that there should not be any issues from possible change of headwater levels from the old bridge construction and new bridge with raised profile. The same study also confirmed that there aren't any variations between headwater and tailwater elevations (or very minimal). The roadway design was revised (while flood verifications were underway). The new design will require the maximum speed of the road to be 50 km/hr or less.

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**3.1 TWP Rd 32 - Bridge/Road Tie-in Plan Amendments (August 3, 2023)**

**Res. No. 2023-0241**

**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Preliminary Flood Study presented by WSP be noted as received, and the amended road tie in plan (dated August 3, 2023) be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**3.2 Road Plan Revisions & Amending Back Sloping Agreements**

**Res. No.** 2023-0242

**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That an amendment to the backs loping agreements be requested to have the new road plan and construction areas approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**3.3 Change Order for Additional Bank Sloping**

**Res. No.** 2023-0243

**Moved by:** Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the Administrator be authorized to sign a change order to authorize the additional bank sloping on the SW corner of the Olson Bridge (N NE-09-03-13 W3) provided the amount is less than the force account amount.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**4 Declaration of an Agricultural Disaster due to Drought in the R.M. of Val Marie No. 17**

**Res. No.** 2023-0244

**Moved by:** Reeve Grant

That the R.M. of Val Marie be declared an agricultural disaster area due to drought, heat, strong winds, gophers, prairie dogs and grasshoppers. That the Premier of Saskatchewan consider these factors and make appropriate funding available to assist the many producers who are now facing their third (or more) consecutive year of devastation (crop losses, livestock herd reductions and high feed costs).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**5 Adjournment**

**Res. No.** 2023-0245

**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That this meeting adjourn, time 3:16 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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