



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting July 6, 2023 - 07:00 PM

PRESENT:

Reeve: Larry Grant
Division 1 Councillor: Tyler Jensen
Division 2 Councillor: Timothy Christianson
Division 3 Councillor: Steven Gunter
Division 4 Councillor and Deputy Reeve: Shadrick Peno
Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

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

1 Call to order

A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2 Approval of the Agenda

Res. No. 2023-0222

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the agenda for this July 6, 2023 meeting be approved with the addition of:

- New Business - Request from the Val Marie Recreation Board for backhoe work; and
- New Business - Letter to Environment Canada re: Bridge Replacement Disruptions due to Barn Swallow Nesting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 June 22, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Res. No. 2023-0223

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the minutes of the June 22, 2023 Regular Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 Public Hearings

5 Delegations

5.1 7:30 p.m. Dan Rafla - A/Resource Conservation Manager, Grasslands National Park, Topic: Resource Conservation Programs and Projects

Mr. Rafla was received by Council at 7:25 p.m. Mr. Rafla shared a presentation with Council on the different management programs and priorities that Grasslands National Park is currently working on in the Resource Conservation Department of Grasslands National Park. Mr. Rafla was excused at 8:07 p.m.

5.2 8:00 p.m. WSP - Daniel LeMay, Bridge Engineer & Andrea Zimmer, Senior Environmental Scientist; and Environment and Climate Change Canada re: Nesting at Jensen Bridge

Mr. LeMay and Ms. Zimmer from WSP were received by Council at 8:10 p.m. Farel Miankodila was received via teleconference. Environment Climate Change Canada was not able to attend.

Council relayed concerns to WSP regarding:

- Contract management of the bridge replacement schedule. The R.M. was responsible for bird deterrent on the bridges, and focused most efforts on the Olson (N NE 09-03-13-W3) as it was scheduled first. Allowing the contractor to change the order of the locations should never have happened.
- The lack of effort by WSP to come up with a solution to proceed with the Jensen Bridge (NE 29-04-17-W3) project with Environment Canada regarding the Barn Swallows nest was brought forward. Council told WSP that they would have liked to have seen a more genuine effort to find a way to make the project proceed. The engineering and environmental team did not work hard enough on the R.M.'s behalf to find a solution.
- Council requested that WSP request a meeting with Environment Canada so that all three parties could discuss the events around the Barn Swallow nests at the Jensen Bridge (NE 29-04-17-W3) and the bridge replacement being put on hold.

Delegates were excused at 9:40 p.m.

6 Reports of Administration & Committees

6.1 Administrative Update

Res. No. 2023-0224

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. 2023-0225

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

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

- Inn. CU Cheques 4097 - 4108 totalling \$68,416.3
- Inn CU CAFT Payment # 2023-0075 - 2023-0083 totalling \$14,136.31
- Inn CU Online Banking Payment # 2023-0057 - 2023-0064 totalling \$18,711.15
- Collabria Credit Card Payment #2023-0045 - 2023-0048 totalling \$182.70
- Total Payments \$101,446.46

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet

Res. No. 2023-0226

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Statement of Financial Position, Balance Sheet, and Innovation Credit Union Bank Reconciliation as of June 30, 2023 be accepted as presented noting that the Bank Statements for the RBC Account and SARM High Interest Savings Account for June 2023 have not been received yet.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Committee Reports

Res. No. 2023-0227

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the committee reports and minutes be accepted and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 In Camera Session

7.1 Move to In Camera Session

Res. No. 2023-0228

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That we move to an in-camera session in order to discuss employee matters, time 10:14 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

All staff left the meeting room, time 10:14 p.m.

All staff rejoined the meeting room, time 10:18 p.m.

7.2 Rise from In Camera Session

Res. No. 2023-0229

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That we rise from in-camera session, time 10:18 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 Unfinished Business

8.1 Surplus Items Tender Results

Res. No. 2023-0230

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That it be noted no tenders were received for the sale of surplus items and the items be listed for sale via classified ad at the following prices:

- Water Tank - \$250.00
- Homebuilt Sidearm - \$500.00
- Schulte Sidearm - \$7,500
- Lights - \$5.00 each
- Fuel Slip Tank - \$450

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Daily Field Reports - Bridge Projects

Res. No. 2023-0231

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the daily field reports from WSP regarding the Olson Bridge Replacement (N NE 09-03-13-W3) be noted as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 New Business

9.1 Sasktel Cable Installation w1/2 24-01-11-W3

Res. No. 2023-0232

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the notice from Sasktel regarding cable installation in the W1/2 of 24-01-11-W3 be noted as received, and that SaskTel be notified that the roads in those quarter sections area have now been transferred to Parks Canada and are no longer under R.M.#17 jurisdiction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 August Meeting - Date Change Request

Res. No. 2023-0233

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the August meeting be rescheduled to August 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to accommodate an Administrator annual leave request.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 Road Committee Order - Road Closure due to Bridge Replacement

Res. No. 2023-0234

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Road Committee Order to close the road at the Olson Bridge (N NE 09-03-13-W3), and restrict the road east of HWY #4 continuing north of Section 8 & 9-03-13-W3) to local traffic only until the bridge replacement N NE 09-03-13-W3 is completed, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 Val Marie Recreation Board Request - Backhoe Work

Res. No. 2023-0235

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the R.M. backhoe and operator assist the Val Marie Recreation Board with a water line installation to the north side of the Val Marie Skating Rink and ball diamonds with no charge to the Val Marie Recreation Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 Letter to Environment Canada re: Bridge Replacement Disruptions due to Barn Swallow Nesting

Res. No. 2023-0236

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That a letter be written to Environment Canada outlining how their decision to deny our engineer's solution for bridge construction to proceed and simultaneously allow for barn swallow nesting to continue has caused more harm to the environment than good and was completely illogical and unwarranted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 Communications

Res. No. 2023-0237

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 Reeve & Councillors Forum

12 Adjournment

Res. No. 2023-0238

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That this meeting adjourn, time 11:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
