



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting October 10, 2023 - 07:00 PM

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 Christianson

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 7:00 p.m.

2 Approval of the Agenda

Res. No. 2023-0305

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the agenda for this October 10, 2023 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Res. No. 2023-0306

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the minutes of the September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

See item 6.4, resolution order.

4 Public Hearings

5 Delegations

5.1 7:30 p.m. - Dale Laturus - Texas Gate Agreement

Mr. Laturus was received by Council at 7:25 p.m. Mr. Laturus asked questions about why the Texas gate agreement is required, how many people entered into agreements, and how many people had to change or update gates due to these agreements and requirements. Mr. Laturus asked questions about design requirements.

Mr. Laturus requested that the road allowance east of section 27 and 34-01-12-W3 be developed to a bladed trail or gravel road.

Mr. Laturus was excused by Council at 8:29 p.m.

See item 8.1, agenda order.

6 Reports of Administration & Committees

6.1 Administrative Update

Res. No. 2023-0316

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 List of Accounts for Approval

Res. No. 2023-0317

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

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

- Inn. CU Cheques 4146 - 4176 totalling \$1,152,249.18
- Inn CU CAFT Payment # 2023-0129 - 2023-0143 totalling \$24,035.18
- Inn CU Online Banking Payment # 2023-0089 - 2023-0098 totalling \$27,571.34
- Automatic Withdrawal Payment #2023-0009 - 2023-0010 - totalling \$22,157.05
- Collabria Credit Card Payment #2023-0066 - 2023-0079 totalling \$6,278.04
- Total Payments \$1,232,290.79

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet

Res. No. 2023-0318

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the Statement of Financial Position, Balance Sheet, and Bank Reconciliations as of September 30, 2023 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

See item 7.1, resolution order.

6.4 Committee Reports

Res. No. 2023-0307

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the committee reports and minutes be accepted and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

See item 5.1, agenda order.

7 In Camera Session

7.1 Move to In Camera Session

Res. No. 2023-0319

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That we move to an in-camera session in order to discuss employee matters, time 10:17 p.m.

All staff left the meeting room at 10:38 pm

All staff rejoined the meeting room, time 10:54 p.m.

7.2 Rise from In Camera Session

Res. No. 2023-0320

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That we rise from in camera session, time 10:54 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

See item 9.1, resolution order

8 Unfinished Business

8.1 Jensen Bridge (NE 29-04-17-W3) Contract - Salvage of Bridge

Res. No. 2023-0308

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the original contract terms for the Jensen Bridge Replacement (NE 29-04-17-W3) remain if the credit for leaving the bridge with an adjacent landowner is only \$1,500 - \$5,000 credit to the contract price.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Jensen Bridge (NE 29-04-17-W3) - Reduction of Scope of Work

Res. No. 2023-0309

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the reduction of scope of work with Harbuilt Construction for the approximate value of \$10,000 for adjustments to the pier diaphragms on the Jensen Bridge Replacement Project (NE 29-04-17-W3).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Draft of Transfer Agreements with AAFC re: Irrigation Projects

8.3.1 Move to In Camera Session

Res. No. 2023-0310

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That we now move to an in-camera session in order to receive a legal opinion on the draft of the transfer agreements with Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada, time 8:50 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

All staff remained in the Council Chambers during the in-camera session.

8.3.2 Rise from In Camera Session

Res. No. 2023-0311

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That we now rise from in camera session, time 9:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3.3 Response to AAFC re: Draft Transfer Agreements

Res. No. 2023-0312

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That AAFC be notified that the draft agreements look acceptable, with a few questions outlined by our legal counsel. The Council would like to request an in person meeting with AAFC once the final agreement is ready.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3.4 Direction to Legal Counsel re: Draft Transfer Agreements with AAFC

Res. No. 2023-0313

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the SARM Legal Department be requested to draft agreements with the patron groups so that once the transfer agreement with AAFC is ready to be signed, the agreements with the patron groups (Lower Frencham River Water Users Corporation and West Flat Irrigation Corporation) can be signed consecutively.

That the SARM legal department also advise the Council and staff on the how to properly handle the conflict of interest or potential conflict of interests identified by Councillors Gunter & Christianson as board members of the West Flat Irrigation Corporation, Councillor Kornfeld as a shareholder of a company that is a landowner in the Val Marie Irrigation Project, and the Administrator as a landowner in the West Val Marie Irrigation Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Orkney Community Hall & Lots
Res. No. 2023-0314
Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Administrator obtain quotes to tear down and dispose of the former "Orkney Hall" building.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Grasslands National Park - Road Maintenance Agreement 2023-2027/28
Res. No. 2023-0315
Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Contribution Agreement GC2084 with Parks Canada regarding road maintenance for the road from HWY 18 to the North Gate of Grasslands National Park (in SE 21-03-12-W3) and the road from HWY 4 to the 70 Mile Butte Parking Area for the federal fiscal years 2023-2027/28 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

See item 6.1, agenda order.

9 New Business

9.1 Bylaw 2023-10 "A Bylaw to Establish Property Tax Incentives and Penalties"

9.1.1 Bylaw 2023-10 First Reading
Res. No. 2023-0321
Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-10 "A Bylaw to Establish Property Tax Incentives and Penalties," be introduced and read for the first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1.2 Bylaw 2023-10 Second Reading
Res. No. 2023-0322
Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-10 "A Bylaw to Establish Property Tax Incentives and Penalties," be now read for the second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1.3 Bylaw 2023-10 Three Readings at One Meeting
Res. No. 2023-0323
Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-10 "A Bylaw to Establish Property Tax Incentives and Penalties," be given three readings at this one meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1.4 Bylaw 2023-10 Third Read and Adopt
Res. No. 2023-0324
Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-10 "A Bylaw to Establish Property Tax Incentives and Penalties," be read for the third time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Bylaw 2023-11 "A Bylaw to Regulate the Speed of Vehicles on Municipal Roads"

9.2.1 Bylaw 2023-11 First Read
Res. No. 2023-0325
Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-11 "A Bylaw to Regulate the Speed of Vehicles on Municipal Roads" be introduced and read for the first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2.2 Bylaw 2023-11 Second Read
Res. No. 2023-0326
Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-11 "A Bylaw to Regulate the Speed of Vehicles on Municipal Roads" be now read for the second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2.3 Bylaw 2023-11 Three Readings at One Meeting
Res. No. 2023-0327
Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-11 "A Bylaw to Regulate the Speed of Vehicles on Municipal Roads", be given three readings at this one meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2.4 Bylaw 2023-11 Third Read & Adopt
Res. No. 2023-0328
Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-11 "A Bylaw to Regulate Speed of Vehicles on Municipal Roads", be read for the third time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 Bylaw 2023-12 "A Bylaw Respecting Buildings"

9.3.1 Bylaw 2023-12 First Read
Res. No. 2023-0329
Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-12 "A Bylaw Respecting Buildings", be introduced and read for the first time.

CARRIED

9.3.2 Bylaw 2023-12 Second Read
Res. No. 2023-0330
Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-12 "A Bylaw Respecting Buildings", be now read for the second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3.3 Bylaw 2023-12 Three Readings at One Meeting
Res. No. 2023-0331
Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-12 "A Bylaw Respecting Buildings", be given three readings at this one meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3.4 Bylaw 2023-12 Third Read and Adopt
Res. No. 2023-0332
Moved by: Reeve Grant

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-12 "A Bylaw Respecting Buildings", be read for the third time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 SaskPower - Farm Service Upgrade to NW 34-03-12-W3

Res. No. 2023-0333

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the SaskPower upgrade outlined in File #20404486 be noted, however the road that the underground line is going to be installed in is under the R.M. of Glen McPherson's jurisdiction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 R.M. of Edenwold No. 158 - Support for SARM Resolutions

Res. No. 2023-0334

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That the motions submitted to the SARM Convention by the R.M. of Edenwold be noted as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 Notice of Intent - Seismic Activity - Synterra Technologies Ltd. Monchy 2023-2D

Res. No. 2023-0335

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That Notice of Intent for Synterra Technologies Ltd Monchy 2023-2D program not be considered by Council until all landowner approvals have been received by the proponent seeking the approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 Seismic Exploration in Beaver Valley and Val Marie Community Pastures

Res. No. 2023-0336

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the concerns of the pasture boards be acknowledged and it be relayed that the R.M. is developing a policy on seismic activity approvals which will require landowner consent before the Notice of Intent will be considered by the R.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Grant declared a conflict of interest in this matter.

9.8 TerraSine Resources Ltd. - Placing Source Points in Road Ditch (Pinto Creek 2D 2023 Project)

Res. No. 2023-0337

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the request to place source points in the road ditch for the Pinto Creek 2D 2023 Project be considered if TerraSine Resources can prove to the R.M. that all adjacent landowners are in agreement with this procedure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 Communications

Res. No. 2023-0338

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. 2023-0339

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That this meeting adjourn, time 12:30 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
