



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting October 27, 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

1 This Special Meeting was called by Reeve Grant in order to consider the following:

1) Meet with Agriculture & Agri-food Canada (AAFC), Lower Frenchman Water Users Corporation, and West Flat Irrigation Corporation representatives regarding the execution of the agreements to allow for the transfer of the Val Marie and West Val Marie Irrigation Projects from Canada to the R.M. of Val Marie.

2 Call to Order

A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councillors Christianson and Gunter declared a conflict of interest because they sit on the Board of Directors for the West Flat Irrigation Corporation. Councillors Christianson and Gunter left the meeting and attended as board members of the West Flat Irrigation Corporation. Councillor Kornfeld declared conflict of interest as a landowner in the Val Marie Irrigation project. Councillor Kornfeld left the meeting and joined the public galley.

3 Delegate discussion with Council regarding agreements to transfer the lands associated with the Val Marie Irrigation Project and West Val Marie Irrigation Project from Canada to the R.M. of Val Marie No. 17.

Delegates from the Lower Frenchman Water Users Corporation in attendance: Jody Larson, Dean Grant, Patrick Hayes, Marlon McGuire, and Dwight Olson.

Delegates from the West Flat Irrigation Corporation in attendance: Steven Gunter, Tim Christianson, Andrew Laternus, Roger Goodall, and Jason Legault.

Delegates from Agriculture & Agri-food Canada received via teleconference: Blaine Schafer & Ron Woodvine

The delegates were received at 7:05 p.m. The administrator read out the wording of the two agreements and noted differences between the agreements. Delegates and Council discussed the agreements.

4 In Camera Session - Legal Opinion on Agreements

4.1 Move to In Camera Session

Res. No. 2023-0340

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That we now move to an in-camera session to consider a legal opinion regarding the agreements, time 7:58 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public and all attendees except Blaine Schafer and Ron Woodvine left the meeting room. Reeve Grant, Councillors Jensen and Peno, the Administrator and the AAFC representatives remained in the meeting room during the in-camera session.

4.2 Rise from In Camera Session

Res. No. 2023-0341

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That we rise from in camera session, time 8:06 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 8:07 p.m. Blaine Schafer and Ron Woodvine left the meeting, and all delegates and public came back to the meeting room.

5 Agreements to Transfer the West Val Marie Irrigation Project and Val Marie Irrigation Project

Res. No. 2023-0342

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That the "West Val Marie Irrigation Project Transfer Agreement" and "Val Marie Project Transfer Agreement" which will provide for the transfer of Canada Lands to the R.M. of Val Marie be approved and signed; and

That subsequent agreements with the irrigation groups be entered into as soon as possible to transfer all lands, funds, and responsibilities outlined in the agreements between AAFC and the R.M. of Val Marie. The irrigation groups will be responsible for paying for all legal costs and ISC fees pertaining to the transfer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 8:20 p.m. Councillors Christianson, Gunter, and Kornfeld rejoined the meeting and all other delegates excused themselves.

6 Discuss an Additional Matter

Res. No. 2023-0343

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the matter of contract revisions with Harbuilt Construction Management be considered at this meeting being as all council members are present.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1 Contract Revisions with Harbuilt Construction Management for Not Disposing of Bridge Materials

Res. No. 2023-0344

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the contract with Harbuilt Construction Management be reduced \$7,800 for bridge materials being repurposed or salvaged rather than being disposed of by the contractor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 Adjournment

Res. No. 2023-0345

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That this meeting adjourn, time 8:59 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
