



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting April 9, 2024 - 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 7:03 p.m.

2 Approval of the Agenda

Res. No. 2024-0080

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the agenda for this April 9, 2024 meeting be approved with the addition of rescheduling the June 2024 meeting under New Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 March 6, 2024 Regular Meeting

Res. No. 2024-0081

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the minutes of the March 6, 2024 Regular Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 Public Hearings

5 Delegations

5.1 7:30 p.m. - Alex McPhee - Pronghorn Maps - RM Map Building

Alex McPhee was received by Council at 7:10 p.m. Mr. McPhee reviewed his concerns with developing an RM Map around using ISC data and publishing ownership information. Mr. McPhee asked if a discussion could be had with Administration and the RM's legal counsel regarding the publication of this information before he quoted to start the development of an RM Map. Mr. McPhee excused himself at 7:25 p.m.

5.1.1 Legal Advice regarding RM Map Development

Res. No. 2024-0082

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That Alex McPhee of Pronghorn Maps be authorized to contact the RM's legal Counsel with the Administrator for approximately 1 hour of billable time to discuss the concerns around ISC data and publishing ownership information by a third party.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

See item 6.1, resolution order.

5.2 8:30 p.m. - Brock Harbor - Subdivision Policy

Brock Harbor was received by Council at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Harbor asked Council if there could be a reconsideration of the part of the Zoning Bylaw that does not permit subdivisions. Mr. Harbor has a yard site that he would consider selling if it could be subdivided. Mr. Harbor excused himself at 8:38 p.m.

6 Reports of Administration & Committees

6.1 Administrative Update

Res. No. 2024-0083

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 List of Accounts for Approval

Res. No. 2024-0084

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

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

Inn. CU - Cheques 4279 - 4301 totalling - \$60,335.45

Inn. CU - CAFT Payment No. 2024-0020 to 2024-0036 totalling - \$25,005.04

Inn. CU - Online Banking Payment No. 2024-0024 to 2024-0033 totalling - \$21,214.29

Collabria Credit Cards Payment No. 2024-0012 to 2024-0026 totalling - \$2633.29

Total Payments - \$109,188.07

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet - March 2024

Res. No. 2024-0085

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the Statement of Financial Position, Balance Sheet and bank reconciliations as of March 31, 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Committee Reports

Res. No. 2024-0086

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the committee reports and minutes be accepted and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

See item 8.1, resolution order.

7 In Camera Session

7.1 Move to In-Camera Session

Res. No. 2024-0090

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That we now move to an in-camera session in order to discuss employee matters, time 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ben McLearn left the room at 9:00 pm, Cathy Legault left the room at 9:15 pm.

All staff rejoined the meeting room, time 9:32 p.m.

7.2 Rise from In-Camera Session

Res. No. 2024-0091

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That we rise from in-camera session, time 9:32 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

See item 8.4, resolution order.

8 Unfinished Business

8.1 Notice of Completion - Seismic Program - Grasslands 2023-2D

Res. No. 2024-0087

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the completion notice for seismic program "Grasslands 2023-2D" be acknowledged and signed by the Administrator.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Notice of Completion - Seismic Program - Huff Lake 2023-2D

Res. No. 2024-0088

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the completion notice for seismic program "Huff Lake 2023-2D" be acknowledged and signed by the Administrator

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors Christianson and Gunter declared a conflict of interest in agenda item 8.3 and refrained from discussion and voting.

8.3 Agriculture & Agri-food Canada - Closing Certificate - West Val Marie Irrigation Project Transfer Agreement

Res. No. 2024-0089

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Closing Certificate regarding the West Val Marie Irrigation Project Transfer Agreement be received from Agriculture & Agri Food Canada.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

See item 7.1, resolution order.

8.4 Black Tailed Prairie Dog Control Policy

Res. No. 2024-0092

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the response from Minister Tell of February 20, 2024 regarding the Black Tailed Prairie Dog Control Policy be noted as received and the deficiencies of the policy were discussed in person with Minister Tell and Minister Marit at a meeting at the Legislature in Regina on March 7, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.1 SARM Resolutions Committee - Wording Changes to Resolutions

Res. No. 2024-0093

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the wording changes suggested by the SARM Resolutions Committee to the resolutions R.M. of Val Marie submitted be accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 2024 Prequalification Agreement with Stacey McCrea - Aggregate Loading, Hauling, Spreading

Res. No. 2024-0094

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the prequalification agreement with Stacey McCrea for aggregate loading, hauling, and spreading for the 2024 year, be approved and signed by the Reeve and Administrator.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 2024 Prequalification Contract with 102039803 Saskatchewan Ltd. (Harlan Gunter) Aggregate Loading & Hauling, and Excavation Services

Res. No. 2024-0095

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the prequalification agreement with 102039803 Saskatchewan Ltd. (Harlan Gunter) for aggregate loading and hauling as well as excavation services for the 2024 year, be approved and signed by the Reeve and Administrator.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 Texas Gate Agreement Request - Dale Laternus

Res. No. 2024-0096

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That Councillor Christianson and Gunter visit Mr. Laternus' residence to make one more attempt to have him sign the requested texas gate agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.8 R.M. of Lone Tree - Custom Work (Gravel Reclamation) Request

Res. No. 2024-0097

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the custom work request by the R.M. of Lone Tree be approved and that they be billed the same rate as 2023 - \$200 per hour.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.9 SaskPower - Underground Service Request (File #20391818)

Res. No. 2024-0098

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That SaskPower be notified the R.M. approves the work outlined in File #20391818 with the same conditions as outlined in resolution 2023-0276.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.10 McGuire Bridge Replacement Project - Funding Announcement by the Governments of Saskatchewan and Canada

Res. No. 2024-0099

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That it be noted the Government of Saskatchewan and Canada have announced the funding of the "McGuire Bridge Replacement Project" and the municipality may now proceed with media announcements and public notice of the funding program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.11 Frenchman River Erosion into Newton Lake Road - Erosion Control Options

Res. No. 2024-0100

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That an Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit be applied for to carry out bank stabilization activities on the Frenchman River near the Newton Lake Road in the SW 03-04-14-W3. That the permit be drawn up requesting to install steel and rock groynes as well as bank sloping and stabilization.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.12 Reschedule May 2024 Regular Meeting

Res. No. 2024-0101

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the May 2024 meeting be rescheduled to May 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. and that this resolution serves as notice to all Council members present.

CARRIED

8.13 TerraSine Program Cancellations

Res. No. 2024-0102

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That it be noted the following seismic programs managed by TerraSine Resources Ltd are cancelled for the 2024 year and the R.M. will be resent notices of intent if they restart again in the future:

- 22 Chambery 3D R-23P007
- Bowdoin Monchy 2D 2023-23P008
- 22 Chambery 2D-23P009
- Soda Lake 3D 2023-23P011

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.14 Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency - Response to resolution 2023-0954

Res. No. 2024-0103

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That the reply from the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency of March 14, 2024 be noted as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.15 Finalization of Contract with Tri-Core Projects Ltd.

Res. No. 2024-0104

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That it be noted the Reeve and Administrator executed the contract with Tri-Core Projects Ltd. for the "Construction of a Three Span 30.0 Meter long x 8.53 Meter wide Precast and Steel Bridge" McGuire Bridge over the Frenchman River Replacement in the SW 30-05-15-W3 on April 3, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 New Business

9.1 Ministry of Highways - 2023 Traffic Count Map

Res. No. 2024-0105

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the Ministry of Highways 2023 Traffic Count Map be noted as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Potential Addition of Brassy Minnow (Missouri population) to the List of Wildlife Species at Risk under the Species at Risk Act

Res. No. 2024-0106

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the RM of Val Marie does not support the listing of the Brassy Minnow (Missouri Population) as a species of special concern.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 The Saskatchewan Employment Act - Requirement for a "Violence in the Workplace" Policy

Res. No. 2024-0107

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That the Administrator draft a Violence Prevention Policy for further consideration, as required by *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 Foreman Request - Run Electrical & Air Line across Railway Ave to RM storage lots

Res. No. 2024-0108

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the R.M. request permission from the Village of Val Marie to run an electrical line and an air line across Railway Avenue from the shop to the lots across the street from the R.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 Graham Tire Deal

Res. No. 2024-0109

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That 6 grader tires be purchased from Graham Tire on their "take-off" special to keep in inventory.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 Review of Insurance Policy/Coverages

Res. No. 2024-0110

Moved by: Reeve Grant

The insurance policy coverage levels including building coverage, deductibles, and liability insurance levels be noted as reviewed and that staff review the equipment values and ensure they are sufficient.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 Local Government Election Act - Legislative Changes & Preparing for 2024 Election

Res. No. 2024-0111

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That it be noted the changes to the *Local Government Election Act* that will be in effect for the 2024 election were reviewed and that the Council wishes to continue with the Bylaws that are already in effect for elections.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 Village of Val Marie - Targeted Sector Support Projects

Res. No. 2024-0112

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Village of Val Marie be replied to that the R.M. is not interested in collaborating on Zoning Bylaws or Asset Management Plans at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.9 Cancellation of Texas Gate Agreement - Martin Laturus

Res. No. 2024-0113

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the Texas Gate Agreement with Martin Laturus be cancelled as he has removed the gate the agreement was covering, and that the invoice for signs be reversed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.10 Reschedule June Meeting

Res. No. 2024-0114

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the June 2024 Regular meeting be rescheduled to Wednesday, June 12, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. and that this resolution serves as notice for all Council members present.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 Communications

Res. No. 2024-0115

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

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. 2024-0116

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That this meeting do now adjourn, time 11:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
