



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting May 8, 2024 - 07:00 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

Ben McLearn, Public Works Foreman

1 Call to order

A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2 Approval of the Agenda

Res. No. 2024-0117

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the agenda for this May 8, 2024 regular meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting

Res. No. 2024-0118

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the minutes of the April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 Public Hearings

5 Delegations

6 Reports of Administration & Committees

6.1 Administrative Update

Res. No. 2024-0119

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 List of Accounts for Approval

Res. No. 2024-0120

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

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

Inn. CU - Cheque No's 4302 - 4322 totalling - \$43,442.12

Inn. CU - CAFT Payment No's 2024-0037 to 2024-0049 totalling - \$20,920.70

Inn. CU - Online Banking Payment No's 2024-0034 to 2024-0042 totalling - \$17,999.79

Collabria Credit Cards Payment No's 2024-0027 to 2024-0047 totalling - \$6,228.30

Total Payments - \$88,590.91

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet

Res. No. 2024-0121

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Statement of Financial Position, Balance Sheet, and Bank Reconciliations as of April 30, 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 2023 Audited Financial Statements (Final)

Res. No. 2024-0122

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the 2023 Audited Financial Statements presented by Dudley & Company LLP be approved noting that in the auditor's opinion the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the municipality as at December 31, 2023. That the synopsis provided by Dudley & Company LLP be included in the tax notice mailing for 2024, satisfying the requirement to publicize the financial statement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 Committee Reports

Res. No. 2024-0123

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

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. 2024-0124

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That we now move to an in-camera session in order to discuss employee matters, time 8:30 p.m.

All staff left the meeting room, time 8:41 p.m.

All staff rejoined the meeting room, time 9:06 p.m.

7.2 Rise from In-Camera Session

Res. No. 2024-0125

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That we rise from in-camera session, time 9:06 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 Unfinished Business

8.1 Val Marie Irrigation Project Transfer - Closing Certificate from Agriculture & Agri-food Canada

Res. No. 2024-0126

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Building Permit Application & Process

Res. No. 2024-0127

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the attached form be approved as the "Building Permit Application Form" for the R.M. of Val Marie No. 17.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Response to SARM Resolution 21-24A re: Bridge Infrastructure Funding Rural (sponsored and moved by R.M. of Val Marie No. 17)

Res. No. 2024-0128

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That a letter be written back to SARM explaining that we have received the response from the Ministry of Government of Relations regarding bridge funding; however, this Council continues to believe that this funding model is discriminatory to rural municipalities and their infrastructure renewal requirements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Response to SARM Resolution 23-21A re: De-listing of Prairie Dogs as a Species at Risk (sponsored by the R.M. of Val Marie No. 17, R.M. of Lone Tree No. 18, R.M. of Auvergne No. 76, R.M. of Arlington No. 79 and moved by R.M. of Val Marie No. 17)

Res. No. 2024-0129

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the response from SARM regarding resolution 23-21A re: the De-Listing of Prairie Dogs as a Species at Risk be noted as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Grasslands National Park - Contract Spraying Request

Res. No. 2024-0130

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That due to written contract requirements related to contract spraying, the R.M. does not agree to do contract spraying for Grasslands National Park and resolution 2024-0055 is hereby rescinded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Meeting with WSP (Staff and Preconstruction Meeting with Tri-Core Projects)

Res. No. 2024-0131

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the Administrator attempt to schedule the meeting with WSP on June 11 at 7:00 pm, and the preconstruction meeting with Tri-Core Projects and WSP on June 12, 2024 before the regular Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 Outstanding Texas Gate Agreement - Dale Laturus

Res. No. 2024-0132

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That the outstanding texas gate agreement with Dale Laturus be tabled until the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.8 Dudley & Company - Audit Fees for 2023 & 2024

Res. No. 2024-0133

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the following amounts be approved as the contract cost for auditing services from Dudley & Company LLP for the 2023 and 2024 fiscal year audits:

- 2023 - \$8000 (\$700 contract increase)
- 2024 - \$9000 (\$1,700 contract increase)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 New Business

Councillor Peno declared a conflict of interest in the following matter and abstained from discussion and voting.

9.1 Cost Share Graveling Request - Shadrick Peno (West of Section 6-03-15-W3 1.2 miles)

Res. No. 2024-0134

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That a cost share agreement with Shadrick Peno be approved for the road west of section 06-03-15-W3. The agreement being the RM17 will cost share 50% of up to 100yds per mile of gravel applied to this section of road in the 2024 gravel program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Masefield Grazing Ltd. - Blading Request

Res. No. 2024-0135

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the request for additional fireguard roads to be bladed in 2024 in the Masefield pasture be approved, noting that the east/west road through that pasture was not bladed in 2022 or 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 Innovation Credit Union - Financial Services Proposal

Res. No. 2024-0136

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the "Financial Services Proposal" from Innovation Credit Union dated April 10, 2024 be tabled until the next meeting due to the Council not being convinced that Innovation Credit Union took enough concern regarding the transfer that was not conducted properly at the end of December 2023.

Furthermore, that the Administrator request a proposal from Bank of Montreal to compare service levels and fees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 Overlimit Gravel Request - Terry Mitchell

Res. No. 2024-0137

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the overlimit aggregate purchase request from Terry Mitchell be declined, the 200 yards per year limit will apply.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 Violence Prevention Policy - DRAFT

Res. No. 2024-0138

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the "Violence Prevention Policy" as required by *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*, be tabled until the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 Meeting Request with MP Jeremy Patzer

Res. No. 2024-0139

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That any Council members that are able to attend a meeting with MP Jeremy Patzer on May 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. be authorized to attend. Mr. Patzer requested a meeting with Council to discuss boundary alterations to Grasslands National Park. That the office be closed so that the Assistant Administrator can take notes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 2024 Annual Budget

Res. No. 2024-0140

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the 2024 annual budget be tabled until the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 2024 Mill Rate

Res. No. 2024-0141

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That setting the 2024 mill rate be tabled until the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 Communications

Res. No. 2024-0142

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

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. 2024-0143

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That this meeting adjourn, time 11:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
