



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting October 8, 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 7:06 p.m.

2 Approval of the Agenda

Res. No. 2024-0243

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Res. No. 2024-0244

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the minutes of the September 10, 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. 2024-0245

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 List of Accounts for Approval

Res. No. 2024-0246

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

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

Inn. CU - Cheques 4398 - 4414 totalling \$761,563.86

Inn. CU - CAFT Payment No. 2024-0112 to 2024-0124 totalling - \$23,120.43

Inn. CU - Online Banking Payment No. 2024-0083 to 2024-0092 totalling - \$33,823.33

Inn. CU - Automatic Withdrawals Payment No. 2024-0012 to 2024-0013 totalling - \$29,374.97

Unpaid Invoices - totalling a credit on Account with SARM - (\$72.47)

Collabria Credit Cards Payment No. 2024-0076 to 2024-0081 totalling - \$2,600.21

Total Payments - \$850,410.33

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet

Res. No. 2024-0247

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 List of Lands in Arrears - Tax Enforcement Act

Res. No. 2024-0248

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the list of lands in arrears as of October 8, 2024 be noted as received and that all properties with less than 50% of the 2023 levy be removed from the Tax Enforcement List.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 Committee Reports

Res. No. 2024-0249

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. 2024-0250

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

All staff left the meeting room at 8:30 p.m.

All staff rejoined the meeting room at 9:10 p.m.

7.2 Rise from In-Camera Session

Res. No. 2024-0251

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That we now rise from in-camera session, time 9:23 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 Unfinished Business

8.1 Canada Community Building Fund Agreement (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2034)

Res. No. 2024-0252

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the CCBF Agreement for the April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2034 term be approved and signed by the Reeve and Administrator.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 COSEWIC 6-Month Interim Status Report on the Black Tailed Prairie Dog - Attending COSEWIC Wildlife Species Assessment Meetings

Res. No. 2024-0253

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the R.M. request that the Provincial Ministries of Agriculture, Environment, and Justice be requested to look into collusion and conflict of interest regarding the species at risk assessments and how the recommendations to the Federal Government are made - especially regarding the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog. The R.M. Council strongly feels that the Province of Saskatchewan needs to be the one that challenges this process and the parties involved in species at risk assessments and listings. There are multiple examples of conflict of interest and collusion between parties and organizations who are financially benefitting from a species being heightened throughout the species at risk act/legislation. Challenging the processes that brings species onto the Species at Risk listings is out of the scope of the R.M. and needs Provincial intervention. The RM Council has made numerous efforts to have their concerns heard regarding this process and feels that they have done all that can be possibly done as an RM Council. Provincial support to change these processes is required.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Amendment Request - Haul Road Agreement Terms - Material Required for Walker Bridge Replacement (SW 24-01-11-W3)

Res. No. 2024-0254

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Road Maintenance Agreement with Warman Construction Ltd. (Agreement No. 2024-01) be amended to reflect the following changes to section 3. a) & b):

- hauling 595 tonnes of granular backfill via route #1 is struck from the agreement
- 2000 tonnes of aggregate will be hauled via route #2

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Graveling Road in Section 36-02-10-W3 to West Side of Section 2-03-10-W3 (Dixon Pasture Road)

Res. No. 2024-0255

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That if the R.M. can co-ordinate a gravel hauler this fall that the road in Section 36-02-10-W3 to the west side of Section 02-03-10-W3 (to the texas gate) be gravelled. If the Dixon Grazing board wants to gravel to the corrals in the SE 04-03-10-W3 the R.M. would approve a cost share agreement for up to 100 yards per mile (application rate) of gravel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 New Business

9.1 Ministry of Government Relations - Updates to Public Sector Accounting Standards

Res. No. 2024-0256

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the updates to the Public Sector Accounting Standards be noted as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Cheque Signing & EFT Policy - Update Schedule A

Res. No. 2024-0257

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That Schedule 'A' of the Cheque Signing and EFT Policy be approved as attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 The Plant Health Act replaces The Pest Control Act

Res. No. 2024-0258

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

Whereas the Province of Saskatchewan has changed the classification of Clubroot with the enactment of The Plant Health Act;

The Administrator draft the necessary bylaw to repeal Bylaw 5-19 "The Clubroot Management Bylaw".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 Road Naming Request - South of Section 31-03-13-W3

Res. No. 2024-0259

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the road south of section 31-03-13-W3 be named "Cemetery Road" per the valid "Request for Road Naming" under Bylaw 14-20; provided the Ministry of Highways agrees to the installation of the signage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Kornfeld declared a Conflict of Interest in agenda item 9.5 and left the room. Time 11:00 pm

9.5 Draft Bylaw 2024-02 - Road Closure & Lease West of NW 35-01-12-W3 (C. Kornfeld)

Res. No. 2024-0260

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the terms of the lease agreement be approved in principle for this and future road closure and lease bylaws; however, no further consideration of this Bylaw will be made until the required public notice has been conducted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Kornfeld rejoined the meeting room, time 11:20 p.m.

9.6 Management of Road through Section 26-01-12-W3 & SE 35-01-12-W3

Res. No. 2024-0261

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That an offer be made to Dale Laturnus to close and lease the road through Section 26 & SE 35-01-12-W3 with the condition that he cannot alter the integrity of the road. If Mr. Laturnus is in favor of this arrangement the R.M. would begin the required public notice process to pass the required bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 Butte Hutterian Brethren - Road Maintenance South of Sections 31,32,33,34-03-15-W3

Res. No. 2024-0262

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That Butte Hutterian Brethren be made aware that the road south of section 31, 32, 33, & 34-03-15-W3 is on a section line not a road allowance and the R.M. has no recollection of agreements regarding the maintenance this road; therefore, will not be maintaining it. Administration is to have the road removed from the R.M. map with the next printing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Administrator declared a conflict of interest in agenda item 9.8 and left the room, time 11:40 pm. The Administrator rejoined the room at 11:48 p.m.

9.8 Jason & Cathy Legault (612805 Saskatchewan Ltd.) - Request to Install Texas Gates

Res. No. 2024-0263

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That Jason & Cathy Legault (612805 Saskatchewan Ltd.) be authorized to install texas gates on the following roads and an agreement be entered into after installation is complete:

- on the road North of the NW 19-06-13-W3
- on the road west of the NW 20-06-13-W3
- at the SE Corner of the road east of SE 30-06-13-W3

CARRIED

9.9 Notice of Intent for Seismic Operations - Pinto Creek 2024-2D

Res. No. 2024-0264

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That Synterra Technologies Ltd be approved for crossing RM road allowances with equipment only for Project Pinto Creek 2024-2D. No access is permitted to RM road allowances for seismic activity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.10 Notice of Intent for Seismic Operations - PC-Grasslands 2024-2D

Res. No. 2024-0265

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That Synterra Technologies Ltd be approved for crossing RM road allowances with equipment only for Project PC-Grasslands 2024-2D. No access is permitted to RM road allowances for seismic activity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.11 Saskatchewan Rural Municipal Administrator Internship Program (MAIP) Application

Res. No. 2024-0266

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That an application be made to the Saskatchewan Rural Municipal Administrator Internship Program (MAIP) for the internship of Logan Resch to obtain her RMAA 'C' Certificate. That it be noted that the RM Council has reviewed the requirements of the program and agree to the terms and conditions of the program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 Communications

Res. No. 2024-0267

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

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- 12** **Adjournment**
 Res. No. 2024-0268
 Moved by: Reeve Grant

 That this meeting adjourn, time 12:09 p.m.

 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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