

COUNTY COUNCIL

March 24, 2015

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on March 3, 2015. In attendance were R. Ford, P. Jensen, D. Cody, R. Taylor, R. Jones, G. Krokosh, D. Heggie, Administrator S. Hathaway and Ag Fieldman J. Meeks.

Reeve R. Ford called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

RED COAT RAIL INC.

Representatives from Red Coat Rail Inc. arrived at the meeting at 11:00 a.m. to go over their purchase of the rail line between the Villages of Stirling and Foremost. The organization is looking at trying to have the line operational by mid July of this year and will be designed to haul grain. They have some concerns with the road crossing along the track and also wanted to know if there was any development concerns or the possibility of tax breaks. Another area discussed was that of weed control on the lines and they are well aware of their requirements. The delegation, as well as Ag Fieldman J. Meeks, left the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

MINUTES
(15-03-27)

R. Jones moved to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held March 3, 2015 as presented.

Carried.

ACTION TRACKING
(15-03-28)

R. Jones moved that the action tracking document be accepted as information.

Carried.

LAND USE BYLAW
AMMENDMENT
(15-03-29)

R. Taylor moved that Administration add Biodiversity to the items to look at when the Land Use Bylaw is amended.

Carried.

RECESS

R. Ford Called for a recess at 12:04 p.m.
R. Ford called the meeting back to order at 12:35 p.m.

WATER SURVEY
(15-03-30)

R. Taylor moved to send a letter to Alberta Health and copy it to Alberta Environment outlining the concerns of the duplication of reporting that is being proposed.

Carried.

COUNCILLOR
REMUNERATION
(15-03-31)

R. Taylor moved to accept the Councillor Remuneration report as information.

Carried.

DIVISIONAL REPORTS

D. Cody – Attended the Doctor Recruitment Committee where they have two doctors signed to contract and did another 6 visits. Austin Hook is the new president. Also attended the ORRSC meeting where a presentation was made by Rogers Communications regarding communication towers. Also talked about holding a South Saskatchewan Regional Plan meeting. Attended the AAMDC Convention which was good, and while there had a meeting with the Minister of Health where ambulance issues, doctor recruitment and the Milk River hospital were discussed.

R. Taylor – Attended the Chief Mountain Regional meeting and the minutes are going to be on the next agenda. Also attended the South Saskatchewan Biodiversity meeting and the Ridge Water Quality meeting which were both reported on at the Ag Service Board meeting.

G. Krokosh – reported that he attended the Further Ed meeting where they are working on their budget but are awaiting the Provincial budget before they can finalize. Also they received a grant to do regional consultation to ensure they are offering the programs that people want.

P. Jensen – Report was attached, but also attended a Ridge Country Housing meeting where it was announced that \$7.9 million in funding has been provided by the Provincial and Federal governments for the work to be done at the Raymond lodge.

R. Ford – reported he attended the Mayors and Reeves meeting at the AAMDC where a discussion was had regarding the Utility Advocacy Board being dissolved, a decision that has now been overturned. Also discussed was the need to have grazing leases looked after by Alberta Agriculture and not Alberta Environment. There was also a discussion regarding the frequency of the AAMDC conventions. Also attended was the meeting with the Health Minister and the South Saskatchewan Biodiversity meeting.

(15-03-32)

R. Taylor moved to accept the reports as presented.

Carried.

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> (15-03-33)	P. Jensen moved to accept the correspondence as information.	Carried.
<u>AG SERVICE STAFFING PROPOSAL</u> (15-03-34)	R. Taylor moved to proceed with the staffing proposal of adding one new full time position to the Ag Service Department while reducing the number of seasonal staff that is brought in.	Carried.
<u>BILL 20</u> (15-03-35)	R. Taylor moved to accept the document as information.	Carried.
<u>ATB AGREEMENT</u> (15-03-36)	R. Jones moved that administration enter into the agreement with ATB Financial as presented.	Carried.
<u>ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION SURVEY</u> (15-03-37)	D. Cody moved that administration complete the Alberta Transportation Survey.	Carried.
<u>OUTSTANDING ACCOUNT</u> (15-03-38)	G. Krokosh moved that the outstanding account of \$2,014.65 be written off and that the policy be reviewed to try to eliminate this from happening in the future.	Carried.
<u>SMALL COMMUNITY FUND</u> (15-03-39)	D. Heggie moved that the County of Warner make application to the Small Community Fund to try to get potable water to Ridge Park and Gold Springs Campground.	Carried.
<u>REGIONAL ORTHO PROJECT</u> (15-03-40)	D. Cody moved that the County of Warner authorize the MD of Willow Creek No. 26 to be the managing partner of the 2015 regional ortho photography program.	Carried.
<u>WRITING ON STONE RODEO</u> (15-03-41)	P. Jensen moved that the County of Warner provide the sand and one rough cut of mowing like was completed last year to the Writing on Stone Rodeo Association.	Carried.
<u>RIDGE RESERVOIR WATER ASSOCIATION REQUEST</u> (15-03-42)	R. Taylor moved to transfer 40 acre feet of water from the current water license to the County of Warner allowing for the Ridge Reservoir Water Association to keep the balance of the water allocation for rural potable water use.	Carried.
<u>WRENTHEM POST OFFICE LETTER</u> (15-03-43)	G. Krokosh moved to accept the letter from the Wrentham Post Office as information.	Carried.
<u>POLICY 320.51 DUST CONTROL</u> (15-03-44)	P. Jensen moved to approve the Dust Control Policy 320.51 as presented.	Carried.
<u>BYLAW 913-15 LAND USE AMMENDMENT</u> (15-03-45)	R. Jones moved to give Bylaw 913-15, a bylaw to predesignate a parcel of land from Urban Fringe Residential to Urban Fringe, first reading.	Carried.
<u>ADJOURN</u> (15-03-46)	R. Jones moved to adjourn at 2:53 p.m.	Carried.

Reeve

Administrator