

COUNTY COUNCIL

April 4, 2017

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on April 4, 2017. In attendance were R. Ford, D. Cody, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh, P. Jensen, Superintendent L. Liebelt, Intern D. Christensen and Administrator S. Hathaway

Reeve R. Ford called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

MINUTES
(17-04-01)

P. Jensen moved to approve the minutes of the Council meeting March 7, 2017 as presented. Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
(17-04-02)

G. Krokosh moved that land sale and Ridge Water Users be added to the agenda. Carried.

MEETINGS TO ATTEND
(17-04-03)

R. Taylor moved that D. Cody and R. Ford attend the Milk River Watershed Source Water Protection Workshop and that R. Ford attend the WRRP Grant Recipient Showcase in Lethbridge. Carried.

AG SERVICE BOARD MEETING
(17-04-04)

R. Taylor moved to cancel the Ag Service Board meeting scheduled for April 11, 2017. Carried.

ACTION TRACKING
(17-04-05)

D. Cody moved to accept the action tracking report as information. Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
(17-04-06)

P. Jensen moved to accept the Administrator's report as information. Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
(17-04-07)

R. Taylor moved to accept the Public Works Superintendent's report as information. Carried.

MORGAN STRATE

M. Strate entered the meeting at 9:40 a.m. and provided Council with an overview of how the County assessment is calculated as well as an update of where the assessment is looking at being this year. M. Strate left the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

RECESS

R. Ford called for a recess at 10:18 a.m.
R. Ford called the meeting back to order at 10:28 a.m.

GREENGATE POWER

Representatives from Greengate Power arrived at the meeting at 10:28 a.m. and provided a presentation of their company and their proposed plan for windmills in the County of Warner. The Representatives from Greengate Power left the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

RANGE ROAD 20-2
(17-04-08)

D. Cody moved that a response letter be sent explaining that the County is no longer adding oil roads to its road network and provide them with a copy of our dust suppressant policy. Carried.

L. Liebelt left the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

R. Shaw entered the meeting at 11:40 a.m.
R. Shaw left the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

BANK RECONCILIATION
(17-04-09)

R. Taylor moved to accept the bank reconciliation statement from February 28, 2017 as information. Carried.

CHEQUE REGISTER
(17-04-10)

P. Jensen moved to accept the cheque listing in the amount of \$870,322.59 as information. Carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
(17-04-11)

D. Cody moved to accept the financial statement dated February 28, 2017 as information. Carried.

COUNCILLOR
REMUNERATION
(17-04-12)

G. Krokosh moved to accept the councillor remuneration report as information. Carried.

DIVISIONAL REPORTS

D. Cody – attended the Canadian Badlands Conference which had a number of good presenters, information is available from D. Cody if anyone is interested. The AAMDC convention presentation by B. Mason, talking about the capping of electrical power rates, was interesting.

R. Taylor – reported that Alberta Environment will be sending out letters to all those who have cattle on the public lands around Ridge Reservoir. Fencing work in areas B, C, and D should start soon. Also reported is CN Rail has a contract for weed control over all of its rail lines so every three years weeds will be sprayed along every mile of track.

G. Krokosh – Attended the Annual Safety meeting where there was good discussion and it was nice to see some of the seasonal employees in attendance.

P. Jensen – Ridge Country Housing has had its annual building audits completed and things look to be in order. The tenders for the new lodge in Raymond should closing the end of April. Attended the RID seminar where they talked about how the water is delivered.

R. Ford – announced that he was not chosen to sit on the Species at Risk advisory committee. At the Handi-Bus meeting it was reported that the schools in Warner and Milk River are looking at the possibility of using the bus to get back and forth between the two schools for different classes. The Coutts Recreation Board spent a lot of money fixing the waterpark up last year and it looks to be working great, they have decided not to repair the golf dome as it wasn't being used. They are still in good financial shape. The Milk River Watershed Council has prepared a letter with responses to the species at risk proposed policies.

(17-04-13)

P. Jensen moved to accept the Divisional Reports as presented. Carried.

RID AGM
(17-04-14)

R. Taylor moved that P. Jensen be paid for attending the RID AGM. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE
(17-04-15)

R. Taylor moved to accept the correspondence as information. Carried.

ALBERTA
ENVIRONMENT
CONFERENCE CALL
(17-04-16)

R. Taylor moved that all of Council attend the conference call on April 13th if they are able to attend. Carried.

FORTIS ALBERTA LED
CONVERSION
(17-04-17)

R. Taylor moved that this item be brought back to the next meeting with more information. Carried.

TOWN OF MILK
RIVER PUBLIC
HEARING
(17-04-18)

P. Jensen moved that D. Cody and S. Hathaway attend the Town of Milk River public hearing on April 10th. Carried.

T. Ostenberg entered the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

COUNCILLOR TAX
CREDIT REMOVAL
(17-04-19)

D. Cody moved to send a letter to the Federal Minister of Finance outlining the concerns of Council with the proposed removal of the tax credit. Carried.

T. Ostenberg left the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

MASINASIN
RECREATION BOARD
(17-04-20)

R. Taylor moved to accept the request for an increase in the Masinasin Recreation levy to double the amount that they are currently getting. Carried.

WELLNESS BUS
COMMUNITY
PROJECT
(17-04-21)

R. Ford moved to provide a letter outlining the groups that they could work with and letting them know that more information in the future would be beneficial. Carried.

MP INVITE
(17-04-22)

D. Cody moved to accept the invitation to the open house as information. Carried.

- LAND SALE
(17-04-23) D. Cody moved to set the price for the land sale in the NW 12 1-11-W4 at \$1200 per acre as per the recommendation of the County assessor. Carried.
- POLICY 630-08 AG SERVICE PERSONNEL POLICY
(17-04-24) R. Taylor moved to approve Policy 630-08 the Ag Service Personnel Policy as presented. Carried.
- POLICY 320-01 TRANSPORTATION PERSONEL POLICY
(17-04-25) D. Cody moved to approve Policy 320-01 the Transportation Personnel Policy as presented. Carried.
- POLICY 120-01 ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL POLICY
(17-04-26) P. Jensen moved to approve Policy 120-01 the Administration Personnel Policy as presented. Carried.
- POLICY 120-25 TIME-IN-LIEU POLICY
(17-04-27) R. Taylor moved to approve Policy 120-25 the Time-In-Lieu Policy as presented. Carried.
- POLICY 110.06 INTERNET COMPUTER USE COST REIMBURSEMENT
(17-04-28) G. Krokosh moved to approve Policy 110-06 the Internet Computer Use Cost Reimbursement policy as amended. Carried.
- IN-CAMERA
(17-04-29) G. Krokosh moved to go in-camera at 2:10 p.m. Carried.
S. Hathaway and D. Christensen left the meeting.
- (17-04-30) R. Taylor moved to return back to regular session. Carried.
S. Hathaway and D. Christensen returned to the meeting.
- ADJOURN
(17-04-31) G. Krokosh moved to adjourn meeting at 2:28 p.m. Carried.

Reeve

Administrator