

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18, 2010**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Wednesday August 18, 2010.

PRESENT:

***TIM STONE
MIKE MCRANN
ALVIN HUBERT
BRUCE JACK
JOHN MOEN
CINDY CLARKE
BARBARA BUCK***

***REEVE
COUNCILLOR
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DIANNE NELLIS

***CHIEFADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER***

SANDY PEDDLE

RECORDING SECRETARY

JASON JAGODICH

***DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING
AND PUBLIC WORKS***

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Jason Jagodich, Director of Engineering and Public Works entered the Council meeting at 10:09 a.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

7.3 Agricultural Disaster Area

7.4 Tax Sale Date

**MOTION
01.08.18.10**

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council adopt the agenda for the August 18, 2010 regular meeting with the noted additions.

Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2010

The minutes from the July 21, 2010 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review. The following changes were noted:

Pg. 3 Motion 05.07.21.10 change *Rural Development* with *Planning*

Pg. 4 Motion 07.07.21.10 add the word *amend* in front of section 3.3.2 and remove the words *be amended*

MOTION 02.08.18.10

Moved by Councillor McRann that the Council minutes from the July 21, 2010 meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

5.1 CAO Report

The Chief Administrative Officer's written report was presented to Council. The following items were discussed:

- Library Board
- Drought Tour
- Economic Development Officer

MOTION 03.08.18.10

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council authorize Administration to provide bookkeeping services to the Saddle Hills County Municipal Library Board.

Carried

MOTION 04.08.18.10

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council accept the Chief Administrative Officer's written report for information purposes only.

Carried

5.2 Director of Engineering and Public Works' Report

The Director of Engineering and Public Works' written report was presented to Council. The following items were discussed:

- Bonanza Shop Design – door placement and office placement
- Discussion of possible next shop placement
- Dust Control
- Road Slashing Project- Additional funds to be researched
- Hamlet of Woking low water issue
- Woking Community Hall gravel request
- Savanna crossing lights
- Rental trucks for gravel program

MOTION

05.08.18.10

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council authorize administration to proceed with the completion of designated areas for further slashing if additional funding can be found.

Carried

MOTION

06.08.18.10

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council direct Administration to provide 56 tonnes of gravel to the Woking Community Hall as a service to the community and as a conclusion to the hall renovations.

Carried

MOTION

07.08.18.10

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council direct Administration to develop a graveling policy for community halls.

Carried

MOTION

08.08.18.10

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council accept the Director of Engineering and Public Works' report for information purposes only.

Carried

Rob Lonson from Stewart Weir and Amer Award from WorleyParson entered the Council meeting at 11:33 a.m.

4.1 Stewart Weir – East Doe River Project Update

Mr. Lonson from Stewart Weir and Mr. Award from WorleyParson gave a verbal presentation to Council on the East Doe River project. They provided an overall overview of what is happening with the project to date.

Rob Lonson from Stewart Weir and Amer Award from WorleyParsons departed the Council meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Council recessed the meeting at 11:59 a.m. and reconvened at 1:26 p.m.

5.3 Director of Corporate Services Report

The Director of Corporate Services Report written report was presented to Council.

**MOTION
09.08.18.10**

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council accept the Director of Corporate Services report for information purposes only.

Carried

7.1 July 2010 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Administration presented Council with the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for July, 2010 for information purposes.

**MOTION
10.08.21.10**

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council accept the July 2010 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for information purposes only.

Carried

7.2 G5 Steering Committee

Presented was a letter received from the Town of Spirit River in response to Birch Hills County Reeve Emerson's letter regarding postponing the initial Steering Committee meeting until after the fall general municipal election. Also presented, were copies of letters from the Village of Rycroft and the M.D. of Spirit River in response to the Town of Spirit River.

**MOTION
11.08.18.10**

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council concur with Birch Hills County Reeve Emerson and recommend that the G5 Steering Committee wait until after the general municipal election in October to hold the initial meeting.

Carried

7.3 Agricultural Disaster Area

Saddle Hills County is currently experiencing the worst year ever for low soil moistures. The effects are severe to the agricultural industry. This drought is affecting all aspects of agriculture including grains, canola, hay, and peas. Presented were maps from Alberta Agriculture indicating the precipitation data for our region and Administration also presented soil moistures data collected by Alberta Sustainable Resource Development. It is the Agricultural Service Board recommendation that Saddle Hills County join other Peace Country municipalities and declare Saddle Hills County as an agricultural disaster area.

MOTION

12.08.18.10

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council declare Saddle Hills County as an Agricultural Disaster Area for 2010.

Carried

7.4 Tax Sale Date

Administration requested that County Council set a tentative date for a property tax sale of October 27, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the Administration building.

MOTION

13.08.18.10

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council set the tax sale date for October 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Saddle Hills County Administration Building.

Carried

9. Information Items

- 1 Accounts Payable**
- 2 Contact (assorted material)**
- 3 Alberta Culture and Community Spirit Letter - Alberta Arts Days 2010**
- 4 Alberta Recycling Conference**
- 5 Thank You – Spirit River Settlement Historical Society**
- 6 Thank You - STARS**
- 7 Communities in Bloom – Thank You**
- 8 Municipal Affairs Letter –Library Operating Grant**
- 9 FCSS – Kids at Hope Train the Trainer**
- 10 FCM Members Advisory Letter**
- 11 Saddle Hills County Resident Letter - TELUS**

MOTION

14.08.18.10

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council accept the information items for information purposes only.

Carried

8.1 Councillor Roundtable

County Councillors provided verbal reporting on various Committee activities. Such topics were discussed for information purposes only.

MOTION

15.08.18.10

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council accept the Council verbal reports for information purposes only.

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Reeve Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

REEVE

CAO