

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 11, 2010**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday May 11, 2010.

PRESENT:

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

*REEVE
COUNCILLOR
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DIANNE NELLIS

*CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER*

SANDY PEDDLE

RECORDING SECRETARY

JASON JAGODICH

*DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING
AND PUBLIC WORKS*

ABSENT:

CINDY CLARKE

COUNCILLOR

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Jason Jagodich, Director of Engineering and Public Works entered the Council meeting at 10:04 a.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.3 2009 Year End Transfers
- 7.4 Assessment Review Board
- 7.5 Request to Reconsider Motion 11.03.09.10
- 7.6 Subdivision Appeal Board Training
- 7.7 Spirit River Regional Academy Track and Field Day

MOTION

01.05.11.10

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council adopt the agenda for the May 11, 2010 regular meeting with the noted additions.

Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2010

The minutes from the April 27, 2010 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review.

MOTION

02.05.11.10

Moved by Councillor Buck that the Council minutes from the April 27, 2010 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

5.1 CAO Report

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

- Volunteer BBQ
- FCSS Camp Wanna Go
- Staff Appreciation BBQ

MOTION

03.05.11.10

Moved by Councillor McRann 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;

- Calcium Program
- Northmark Road Graveling
- Happy Valley Road

- Hamlet of Woking Water Level
- Bulk Water Sales at Fire Hall in Woking
- Land Purchase for Bonanza Field Shop
- Range Road 134
- Rig Move Information

MOTION

04.05.11.10

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

Carried

Additional items were brought forward to be discussed with the Director of Public Works;

- Range Road 73
- Cotillion Park Power Supply

7.1 Rycroft Annual Agricultural Society Fair

Administration presented Council with an invitation to participate in the Annual Rycroft Agricultural Society Fair and Chuck Wagon Races Parade.

MOTION

05.05.11.10

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council authorize participation at the Rycroft Annual Agricultural Society Fair and Chuck Wagon Races Parade on July 10, 2010.

Carried

7.2 Compassion House Golf Classic

Saddle Hills County has received an invitation to participate in the Annual Sylvan Meadows Compassion House Golf Tournament. In the past years Council donated a foursome of golfers along with an additional \$360.00 donation.

MOTION

06.05.11.10

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council direct Administration to register a foursome of golfers in the Compassion House Golf Classic being held at Sylvan Meadows on June 19, 2010 and donate an additional \$360.00 dollars.

Carried

7.3 2009 Year End Transfers

The Audit Committee met with the auditors on April 29, 2010 to review the draft financial statements. Yearend transfers were presented to Council that are being put forward by the Audit Committee for consideration.

MOTION

07.05.11.10

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council authorize the transfer of \$2,990,000.00 to the Infrastructure Development Reserve and that \$3,000,000.00 be transferred to the Capital Structure Facility Reserve.

Carried

7.4 Assessment Review Board- (ARB)

As of May 12th, 2010, Saddle Hills County should have the three members who have been appointed to the Assessment Review Board certified to be in a position to hear any assessment appeals that may come forward. The County Assessment department is currently working with any ratepayer assessment inquiries, however, individuals who are unsatisfied with the responses received from the Department, have until June 23rd, 2010 to file any assessment complaints. After that date is when Saddle Hills County would be looking at scheduling any assessment appeal hearings.

As per amendments to the M.G.A. Saddle Hills County is required to establish a Assessment Review Board Bylaw. Administration requested direction from Council as to whether to bring forward a bylaw establishing our own Board or whether Saddle Hills County is in agreement to being part of the regional ARB concept.

MOTION

08.05.11.10

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council direct Administration to proceed with the development of an Assessment Review Board Bylaw establishing Saddle Hills County Assessment Review Board and continue to work with the Central Peace Municipalities regarding the Regional Assessment Review Board.

Carried

7.5 Request to Reconsider Motion 11.03.09.10

Ms. Nellis requested that Council reconsider motion **11.03.09.10** regarding the rental rate for 30 Sunset Drive, Spirit River.

**MOTION
09.05.11.10**

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council reconsider motion 11.03.09.10 and bring forward for discussion.

Carried

**MOTION
10.05.11.10**

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council establish the rent for 30 Sunset Drive at \$1,000.00 per month for a one year term, with the intention of disposing of the property at the conclusion of the lease.

Carried

7.6 Subdivision Appeal Board Training- (SDAB)

Council was advised that typically Saddle Hills County offers training for SDAB members and in the past training has been provided by Municipal Affairs every few years or by a consultant on other years as required.

There has been no indication that Municipal Affairs is offering the training this year in the region and Administration requested direction from Council about holding a training session provided by Saddle Hills County planning consultant.

**MOTION
11.05.11.10**

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council direct Administration to arrange training with the focus on Saddle Hills County planning documents as soon as it can be arranged with Saddle Hills County planning consultant; that it be advertised to the general public on a first come, first serve basis; that current members of the SDAB be encouraged to take the training that additional costs of approximately \$800.00 be paid from 2010 surplus and that compensation be given to all who attend the training at the current rate established in policy AD14.

Defeated

MOTION

12.05.11.10

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council direct Administration to arrange training with the focus on Saddle Hills County planning documents as soon as it can be arranged with Saddle Hills County planning consultant; that it be advertised to the general public on a first come, first serve basis; that current members of the SDAB be encouraged to take the training and that additional costs of approximately \$800.00 be paid from 2010 surplus.

Carried

7.7 SRRA Track and Field Day

Spirit River Regional Academy will be hosting their fourth annual Track and Field Day on May 17, 2010. There will be nearly 1000 participants and the anticipated cost for the day is \$4000.00 dollars. Spirit River Regional Academy would to ask that County Council consider sponsoring this event once again to assist with the cost of this undertaking.

MOTION

13.05.11.10

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council donate \$500.00 to the Spirit River Regional Academy Track and Field Day to be held on May 17, 2010 in Spirit River.

Carried

7.8 PASZA Annual General Meeting

Reeve Stone presented Council with the meeting date for the Peace Ari Shed Zone Association Annual General Meeting on June 3rd, 2010, in Sexsmith.

MOTION

14.05.11.10

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council authorize attendance to the Peace Air Shed Zone Annual General meeting for the representative and/or alternate to attend on June 3, 2010 in Sexsmith.

Carried

8.1 Councillor Round Table

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

MOTION

15.05.11.10

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

Carried

9. Information Items

- 1 Accounts Payable**
- 2 Contact**
- 3 Thank You from the Bonanza School**
- 4 Thank You from Rycroft Agricultural Society**
- 5 Renewable Energy Toolkit**
- 6 FCM – Rural Forum**
- 7 Grande Spirit Foundation**
- 8 Grande Spirit Foundation - Invitation**
- 9 Tourism, Parks and Recreation**
- 10 TransCanada Groundbirch Mainline Project**
- 11 Alberta Municipal Affairs**
- 12 Alberta Municipal Affairs**
- 13 AAMD&C The Advantage**
- 14 Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta**
- 15 Municipal Government Day**

MOTION

16.05.11.10

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

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Reeve Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

REEVE

CAO