

Minutes of the Red Deer River Municipal Water User Group, March 20th, 2008, 1:00 p.m., Civic Centre, Drumheller, Alberta

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Co-Chair Patt Churchill, Town of Innisfail (Co-Chair Reeve Earl Marshall, County of Stettler absent).

Present: Redford Peebles – Town of Stettler, Bryce Nimmo – Town of Drumheller, Ray Romanetz – Town of Drumheller, Tim Ainscough – Town of Innisfail, Cathy Perry – Village of Alix, Murray Marshall – County of Starland, Lynda Fiedler – Town of Sylvan Lake, Ron Wilson – Town of Three Hills, Jim Loughheed – Red Deer County, Al Kemmere – County of Mountain View, Lorna Watkinson-Zimmer, City of Red Deer, Walter Stefanik – Village of Big Valley, Dug Major – Special Areas Board, Cliff Soper – Lacombe County, Chris Reeds – Town of Trochu, Ray Reckseidler – Village of Delburne, Bob McIntyre - Town of Sundre, Rick Poole – Town of Blackfalds, Wayne Richardson – County of Paintearth, John Koster – Town of Hanna, Dick Hart – Consultant, Alan Pentney – Consultant, Keith Ryder – Director.

2.0 Introductions

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

Bill Shaw recommended that discussion item be included on the agenda to extend an invite to Hon. Jack Hayden, Minister of Transportation.

Fiedler that the agenda for the March 20th, 2008 Red Deer River Municipal User Group Meeting be adopted as amended. Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

Fiedler that the Red Deer River Municipal User Group Meeting Regular Meeting minutes of January 17th, 2008 be adopted as presented. Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

1. State of the Watershed

Presentation by Ms. Beverly Anderson, Manager, Red Deer River Watershed Alliance.

Ms. Anderson presented an update to the group on the activities of the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance. Her presentation placed emphasis on a “State of the Watershed” study and report that the Alliance is commencing work on. She also reiterated the function of the RDRWA and the importance working with RDRMUG for the overall benefit of the whole Red Deer River Basin. Chair Churchill thanked Ms. Anderson for her work and presentation.

2. Red Deer River Municipal User Group Water Needs Assurance Study Presentation by Mr. Alan Pentney and Mr. Dick Hart.

The **Water Assurance Study** was presented by Mr. Alan Pentney and Mr. Dick Hart. This study has provided RDRMUG with many tools that will facilitate and enhance the group's future endeavors to present well researched documents to all levels of Government in identifying and securing our Communities future water needs. Chair Churchill acknowledged the quality and timely presentation of the study and thanked Mr. Pentney and Mr. Hart on behalf of the group for their work. The presentation ended at 3:55 pm with an open discussion and questions from the membership.

5.0 Financial

5.1 Review Current Financial Status

K. Ryder, Executive Director provided an overview of the financial status to March 31, 2007 as follows:

Balance Sheet - Cash on hand: \$2,541.61; \$56,625.27 Chinook; Investments include \$90,000.00 term deposit at 3.2%; Total Current Assets \$162,542.60, of which approximately \$20,000.00 is the balance owing for the Water Use / Needs Study.

Statement of Revenue and Expense: Revenue year to date \$14,176.89; Actual Expenses year to date are \$9,785.49 which includes the website contract at \$90/month, and K. Ryder's contract of \$2,730.00.

Surplus to date is \$4,391.40.

Soper moved the adoption of the financial statement report as presented. Carried.

5.2 Membership Update

K. Ryder reviewed the 2008 membership list and noted that there are 28 paid (8 outstanding) participating communities for a total projected revenue of \$56,214.50 (\$0.25 per capita with a total population figure of 224,858). If any member requires a copy of their 2008 invoice, please contact K. Ryder.

5.3 2008 Budget

Lougheed moved the acceptance of the 2008 RDRMUG Budget as presented January 17, 2008.

Carried

6.0 Executive Director's Report

K. Ryder presented an informal report due to time limitations. He reiterated the importance to RDRMUG of the Water Assurance Study and advised he will be organizing the study and recommendations to insure that the group is able to gain the full value of this study. Orders will be taken from the members for either full printed copies of the study, CD formats or partial packages.

7.0 Review of Municipal Projects

Updates from members on water projects in their respective communities

- City of Red Deer – no new projects to report, all previously mentioned projects are progressing
- County of Red Deer reported that the review of the Gleniffer Lake Reservoir Shorelands Area Structure Plan is at the Committee level. There are public meetings and hearings being scheduled for input.
- Town of Stettler is proceeding with water treatment plant upgrades to meet the requirements of the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission.
- Town of Sundre, working with the County of Mountainview waiting for report from Alberta Environment re continuing erosion concerns.
- Village of Alix reported a major leak in their water supply line. This occurred in the recent cold weather. The Village is now working on a line flushing program
- Town of Hanna reported that a new well has been added to the Henry Krueger system that has doubled this system's capacity. The new line to Byemoor and Endiang is now in the flushing stages and will be operational very soon.
- County of Mountainview/Mountainview Water Commission) will be meeting with Alberta Environment and receiving the report/study on the Red Deer River that will hopefully address some of the problems being encountered in the County of Mountainview and the Town of Sundre with erosion and other issues.
- County of Lacombe reported on a worthwhile seminar sponsored by Alberta Agriculture and dealt specifically with a study of the Whelp Creek Watershed.

Reeve Kemmere acknowledged and thanked the RDRMUG Steering Committee for their time and efforts in working with the consultants to produce the Water Needs Assurance Study.

Adjournment:

The next meeting is scheduled for **May 15th, 2008 at 1:00 PM at the Civic Centre, Drumheller, Alberta.**

Fiedler that the meeting be adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM