

**Minutes of the Red Deer River Municipal User Group Regular Meeting held on March 1, 2012 at 1:00 PM, Civic Centre, Drumheller, Alberta
(Meeting held on March 1, 2012 as January 19, Meeting was cancelled due to weather)**

1.0 Call to Order by Co-Chair D. Baird – 1:03 PM

Attendance: D. Baird – Town of Innisfail, E. Graham – Clearwater County, R. Romanetz – Town of Drumheller, B. Shaw – City of Red Deer, G. Skotheim – Town of Three Hills, J. Gendre – County of Stettler, C. Perry – Village of Alix, A. Clews – Town of Sundre, C. Reeds – Town of Trochu, D. Kuiken Village of Acme, K. MacVicar – Town of Sylvan Lake, D. Meers – M.D. of Acadia Valley, P. Doll – Town of Bowden, D. Major – Special Areas, J. Christianson – Special Areas, T. Yemen – Town of Drumheller, T. Nibourg – County of Paintearth, M. Marshall – Starland County, D. Lehman – Town of Oyen, J. Kaster – Town of Hanna, G. Gehrke – Red Deer County, A. Eastman – County of Newell, A. Campbell – Town of Stettler, D. Wyntjes – City of Red Deer, K. Ryder – RDRMUG

Guests: Terry Sly - Alberta Water Council, Gerard Aldridge - RDRWA

2.0 Adoption of Agenda:

MOTION by **Gehrke** that the agenda for the March 1, 2012 Red Deer River Municipal User Group Meeting be adopted as presented. Carried unanimously.

3.0 Confirmation of Minutes:

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 1, 2011

MOTION by **Campbell** that the Red Deer River Municipal User Group Meeting minutes of December 1, 2011 is adopted as presented. Carried unanimously.

3.2 No business arising from December 1, 2011 minutes

4.0 Financial Reports to January 31, 2012:

K. Ryder, Executive Director provided an overview of the financial status for the fiscal year to January 31, 2012 2011 as follows:

4.1 Balance Statement:

Total Cash in Bank - \$161,210.68
Total Current Assets - \$192,184.50

4.2 Revenue and Expense

Revenue year to date - \$5197.57
Actual Expenses year to date - \$1100.70

4.3 Accounting Notes

K. Ryder provided information on the financials and highlighted the GST account reporting that GST reimbursements have now been received for the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. We are still negotiating with the GST dept to recognize the RDRMUG as a municipal entity which will entitle the Group to 100% rebate instead of the 50% that is given to non-profit organizations.

MOTION by **Perry** to accept the Financial Report as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.0 Presentation(s):

5.1 Mr. Terry Sly, Alberta Water Council

Highlights:

- What is the Alberta Water Council/Structure
- What the Alberta Water Council does
- Water for Life Partnerships
- Completed & Ongoing Projects (how the AWC projects add value)
- Moving from Words to Actions
- Healthy Aquatic Systems
- Water Allocation Transfer System
- Intra-Basin Water Movement
- Non Point Source Pollution (what is NPS Pollution)
- Riparian Land Management
- Review of Water for Life Strategy

(Copy of PP presentation on our www.rdrmug.ca member's page)

5.2 Mr. Bill Shaw, City of Red Deer

"Perspectives on the Storage of Water in the Red Deer River Watershed"

Highlights:

- Outline Water Management Options
- Reasons for Storage
- Identify Water Storage Options
- Considerations in Weighing Storage Options
- Challenges

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5.3 Mr. Gerard Aldridge, Executive Director, RDRWA

Highlights:

- Update on RDRWA projects and commitments
- Information on the RDRWA's 2012 World Water Day Forum in Innisfail on March 22, 2012

6.0 Executive Directors Report:

6.1 Update on Meeting with Mr. Andy Lamb and Staff, Alberta Environment

- Crown Reservation Application
 - Application is progressing and we will be advised of the next steps in the process. These steps will include the advertising and public consultation process which will require funding and expertise to execute.
- Update on Licensing Status re: FITFIR (First in Line First in Right)
 - This whole process being review by the Department and like many issues have been delayed by leadership campaigns and elections. No changes in current status at this time.
- Update on Red Deer River Allocations
 - Currently there are no major license applications on file and the current allocations of 306,498 dam³ out of a possible 550,000 dam³ include possible future allocations for the Special Areas and Acadia Valley projects.

6.2 Meeting with Minister of Environment, Honourable D. McQueen

- We have secured a meeting with Minister McQueen on March 6, 2012 in Edmonton.
- This meeting will be brief but will give us a chance to introduce the history and workings of RDRMUG and focus on issues such as our Municipal Crown Reservation Application.
- An invitation will be extended to Minister McQueen to attend one of our future regular RDRMUG meetings.
- Members of the Board of Directors will attend this meeting with Executive Director K. Ryder

6.3 Change of Meeting Dates

- Executive Director explained the reason for the postponement of the January 19th meeting due to the very cold weather to March 1, 2012 and the reasoning for combining it with the regular meeting scheduled for March 15, 2012. (Availability of presenters) Apologies and thanks expressed for changing everyone`s schedules.

MOTION by **WYNTJES** to accept the Executive Director`s report for information. Carried unanimously

7.0 Municipal Project Review: *An opportunity for all representatives to share their current and future water/waste water projects.*

8.0 Correspondence:

Various handouts were available.

9.0 Next Scheduled Meeting Date: May 17, 2012

10.0 Adjournment – 3:35 PM