



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
RURAL BUDGETS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 13, 2015
PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Directors
Director Rose, Meeting Chair
Director Goodings
Director Sperling
Director Hiebert, 10:20 am

Staff
Shannon Anderson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Fran Haughian, Manager of Communications
Trish Morgan, Manager of Community and Electoral Area Services
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

Guests
North Peace Light Horse Association

- Jody Basisky, Vice President
- Becky Carsie, Secretary
- Vivian Stewart, Director at Large

Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS: NB-1 Trish Morgan - 2015 Volunteer Recognition Banquet

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
August 13, 2015 MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Sperling,
That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee agenda for the August 13, 2015 meeting be adopted as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER: *Director Rose to Chair Meeting*
2. DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
4. MINUTES:
M-1 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2015.
5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:
6. DELEGATIONS:
D-1 North Peace Light Horse Association
7. CORRESPONDENCE:
C-1 October 6, 2014 Natural Gas Extension Grant Application from Samara Kuenzl – Area D
8. REPORTS:
R-1 July 28, 2015 Charlie Lake Community Club funding amendment 2010 GIA.
R-2 July 28, 2015 Sunset Prairie Recreation Commission funding amendment 2012, 2013, 2014 GIA
R-3 July 28, 2015 Moberly Lake Community Association Funding Amendment 2012 GIA
R-4 July 28, 2015 Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer – Fair Share additional funding
R-5 August 6, 2015 Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer – FSJ Arts Council Choir performance
R-6 July 2015 Financial Report – GIA only (Draft)
9. NEW BUSINESS:
10. COMMUNICATIONS:
11. ADJOURNMENT:

MINUTES:

M-1
July 16, 2015 RBAC
Minutes

MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Sperling,
That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2015 be
adopted.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

D-1 North Peace Light
Horse Association

The delegation was in attendance to provide information on facility usage and property
ownership. Topics included:

- Not-for-profit, run by volunteers only (96 members) – struggle to find volunteer base
- Association has concerns – do we repair the building or replace it. Have requested quotes – no response to date
- Need to determine replacement costs versus repair costs
- It is the only public facility in the area
- Association holds/hosts many events, i.e. user nights, 2 clinics/month September to April; Ride for the Disabled May to September .
- Have a waiting list for residents wanting to board horses
- Association owns the 40 acre parcel, land is valued at \$282,000; building is valued at \$410,00
- Have considered selling a 5 acre parcel however pasture area generates income, any sale would require membership ratification
- Main priority is the building as it guarantees greatest income
- Rodeo grounds require repairs, if repaired BC High School Rodeo would use the facility
- Majority of users live within the City of Fort St. John
- Annual General Meeting scheduled for September

The Delegation left at 10:45 am

Staff will forward an email to the Association requesting the following:

- Obtain a quote for repairs
- Obtain a quote for construction of a new facility – using current size and taking into account future needs (minimum and maximum)
- Obtain quote for repair of rodeo grounds
- Provide a list of priorities – arena facility, wash bay, etc.
- Sketch of property
- Identify future plans
- How many users/members are urban, how many are rural
- Recommend to make a presentation to the City of Fort St. John as well

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1
Natural Gas Extension
Grant - Kuenzl

MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Goodings,
That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve an Electoral Area D Fair Share
Natural Gas Extension Grant for Samara Kuenzl in the amount of \$5,000.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

R-1
Charlie Lake Community
Club funding amendment

MOVED Director Sperling, SECONDED Director Goodings,
That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approves the July 15, 2015 Funding
Amendment from the Charlie Lake Community Club requesting to reallocate \$935.94 from 2010
Grants-in-Aid and \$2,910.55 from 2011 Grants-in-Aid for a total of \$3,846.49 to go towards the
purchase and installation of a new ice machine for the bar area of the community hall.

CARRIED.

R-2
Sunset Prairie Recreation Commission
MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Sperling,
That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approves the July 17, 2015 Funding Amendment from the Sunset Prairie Recreation Commission requesting to reallocate \$9,605.05 of unclaimed Grant-in-Aid funds from 2012, 2013 and 2014 to go towards the purchase and installation of 3 toilets (outdoor) and the purchase of a ride-on lawn mower. CARRIED.

R-3
Moberly Lake Community Association
MOVED Director Rose, SECONDED Director Hiebert,
That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approves the July 5, 2015 Funding Amendment from the Moberly Lake Community Association requesting to reallocate \$4,414.71 from their 2012 Grant-in-Aid funds to repair their water pump and install new windows. CARRIED.

R-4
Fair Share additional funding
MOVED Director Sperling, SECONDED Director Hiebert,
a) That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee divides equally the additional \$180,000 Fair Share funding received from the Province to each Electoral Area Fair Share fund; and
b) that staff be directed to develop a "release of funds" policy relative to the rural areas, for review by the Committee at its next meeting. CARRIED.

R-5
FSJ Arts Council – Choir performance
MOVED Director Sperling, SECONDED Director Goodings,
That Electoral Areas 'B and 'C' provide a BC Rail Grant in the amount of \$2,500 each for a total of \$5,000 toward the Fort St. John Art Council – North Peace Community Choir performance at Carnegie Hall, New York City. CARRIED.

The Choir will be requested to provide pictures from the event.

R-6
Financial report – July 2015 (GIA only)
The Financial Report was reviewed with the following noted:
• Youth Travel – Northern BC High School Rodeo has returned their travel grant, staff will provide an update for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1 2015 Volunteer and Recognition Banquet
The 2015 Volunteer and Recognition Banquet has been scheduled for October 17 in Dawson Creek. A training workshop, conducted by Vantage Point, will be held prior to the banquet to review board fundamentals of the Society Act. It was agreed that the Moberly Lake and Tomslake Fire Department Societies and Search and Rescue Societies from the region be invited to attend the workshop.

It was noted that Society Act changes will be brought into force over the next few months and in anticipation of that regional workshops will be held in November to assist organizations from across the region.

COMMUNICATIONS:
Staff will prepare a News Release regarding funding for the FSJ Arts Council – Choir performance at Carnegie Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am