

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIG RIVER NO. 555 HELD ON JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 AT THE BIG RIVER COMMUNITY CENTRE IN BIG RIVER, SASKATCHEWAN.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reeve John Teer at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Division 1 – Doug Panter

Division 2 – Ron Miller

Reeve – John Teer

Administrator - Donna Tymiak

Division 3 – Vickie Hodgson (via phone & in person)

Division 4 – Richard Crashley

Councillor Vickie Hodgson joined the Council Meeting via conference phone.

MINUTES

1/15

PANTER: That, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 be approved as presented.

Carried.

TITLES, BONDS AND SECURITIES

2/15

CRASHLEY: That, it be acknowledged the Administrator has placed the titles, Insurance Policies, Bonds, Securities, Term Deposit Certificates and other legal documents of the Municipality before council for their inspection.

Carried.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

3/15

MILLER: That, the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of December be accepted as presented.

Carried.

LIST OF ACCOUNTS

4/15

PANTER: That, the List of Accounts as listed on the attached schedule, totaling \$ 132,646.65 reflecting cheques 8052 to 8083, be passed for payment.

Carried.

SOLICITOR  
5/15

CRASHLEY: That, Zatlun Law Office and SARM Legal Services, Mike Morris and Andrew Svenson, be appointed as the solicitors for the RM of Big River No. 555 for the year 2015.

Carried.

ENGINEERS  
6/15

MILLER: That, AECOM Engineering Ltd. be appointed as the engineering firm for the RM of Big River No. 555 for the year 2015.

Carried.

AUDITOR  
7/15

PANTER: That, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP be appointed as the auditors for the RM of Big River No. 555 for the year 2015.

Carried.

FIRE RANGERS  
8/15

CRASHLEY: That, Councillors Doug Panter, Ron Miller, Vickie Hodgson and Richard Crashley be the RM of Big River, No. 555 Fire Rangers for the year 2015, and that it be acknowledged each fire ranger has been presented with and have in their possession a copy of the *Prairie & Forest Fires Act, 1982*.

Carried.

POUND ADMINISTRATOR  
9/15

MILLER: That, the Administrator be appointed as pound administrator in order to deal with stray animal issues.

Carried.

WEED INSPECTOR  
10/15

PANTER: That, Gerald Fillmore be appointed as weed inspector for 2015 and that, if his services are required, he be compensated at a rate of \$20.00 per hour and mileage paid at the same rate as set by Council at the beginning of the year.

Carried.

PEST CONTROL OFFICER

11/15

CRASHLEY: That, Gerald Fillmore of Prince Albert be appointed as Pest Control Officer for the year 2015.

Carried.

WCB COUNCIL ASSESSABLE EARNINGS

12/15

MILLER: That, the 2015 assessable earnings for members of Council under the Worker's Compensation Board Act be set at \$50,994.00, per elected official, as set by the Worker's Compensation Board.

Carried.

SARM MEMBERSHIP

13/15

PANTER: That, SARM Membership be renewed.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND

14/15

CRASHLEY: That, the Council accepts the Administrator's Bond Coverage Policy through SARM in the amount of \$200,000.00 as presented.

Carried.

SARM EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE

15/15

MILLER: That, the RM of Big River carry the Excess Liability Insurance offered through SARM with coverage in the amount of two million dollars.

Carried.

HEALTH & DENTAL RENEWAL

16/15

PANTER: That, the Extended Health and Dental Benefits Coverage for RM Employees offered through SARM be renewed.

Carried.

LONG TERM DISABILITY RENEWAL

17/15

CRASHLEY: That, the Long Term Disability Benefit offered through SARM be renewed.

Carried.

GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

18/15

MILLER: That, the Group Life Insurance Plan for all permanent employees be renewed.

Carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW

19/15

PANTER: That, the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to borrow an amount, to meet the expenditures for the municipality for municipal purposes, not to exceed \$500,000.00, by way of an operating line of credit, with the Big River Branch of CIBC to be repaid at the terms negotiated with that institution.

Carried.

SASK LOTTERIES ALLOCATION

20/15

CRASHLEY: That, the R.M. of Big River, No 555 allocate the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund Community Grant program for 2015 as follows: R.M. of Big River \$250.00, Organized Hamlet of Phillips Grove \$250.00, Organized Hamlet of Nesslin Lake \$250.00, Town of Big River \$5,410.20.

Carried.

SASK. AG & FOOD LEASES

21/15

MILLER: That, unless sooner paid, the Administrator complete the LA 302 Form (Cancellation Request) supplied by Sask Ag and Food on those provincial lands that have taxes owing for more than one year after December 31, 2014, and have the same signed by the administrator and Reeve as required by Sask Ag and Food, and submitted to the same before January 31, 2015.

Carried.

PARKLAND ASSOCIATION OF RM'S

22/15

PANTER: That, Administrator Donna Tymiak, Reeve John Teer and Councillors Richard Crashley and Vickie Hodgson be authorized to attend the Parkland Association of RM'S on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. to be held at the Spiritwood Legion Hall and that expenses be paid.

Carried.

BR LEGION 85<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

23/15

CRASHLEY: That, Reeve John Teer represent the RM at the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #136, being held Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Big River Community Centre commencing at 5:00 p.m.

Carried.

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

24/15

MILLER: That, in accordance with Section 373 of *The Municipalities Act*, S.S., 2005, c. M-36.1, Council appoint EPS Management Services Inc. as a Bylaw Enforcement Services provider and the Bylaw Enforcement Officers under their employ as the Bylaw Enforcement Officers of the RM of Big River, No. 555, and that further the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to enter into a 1 year contract with the same.

Carried

EMO EXECUTIVE MEETING

25/15

PANTER: That, the Big River EMO Executive Meeting be held Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Big River Community Centre.

Carried.

Councillor Vickie Hodgson left the Council Meeting 9:37 a.m.

CANTEEN LEASE AGREEMENT

26/15

CRASHLEY: That, the 2014-2015 Canteen Lease Agreement with Minor Sports, be signed.

Carried.

Councillor Vickie Hodgson returned via conference phone to the meeting 10:20 a.m.

TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

27/15

MILLER: That, Council support the application for Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities (TAPD) for 75% of the capital funding for the purchase of a replacement vehicle for paratransit service (HandiBus), to a maximum of \$55,000 and that contingent on the application being approved and in co-operation of the Town of Big River, the RM contribute equally with the Town up to \$15,500.00 for the said purchase to enhance service to the community.

Carried.

SARM CONVENTION

28/15

PANTER: That, the Administrator, Reeve John Teer and Councillors Doug Panter, Ron Miller, Vickie Hodgson and Richard Crashley be authorized to attend the SARM Annual Convention to be held in Saskatoon March 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and that Reeve John Teer and Councillor Doug Panter attend as voting delegates, Councillor Richard Crashley represent the RM at the SMHI meeting and that associated expenses be paid.

Carried.

MLDP  
29/15

CRASHLEY: That, the following registrations be made for modules of the Municipal Leadership Development Program being held in conjunction with the SARM Convention March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Saskatoon and that associated expenses paid:

Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace -- Vickie Hodgson

Carried.

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE BINS  
30/15

MILLER: That, two household garbage bins be purchased from Highway 55 Waste Management.  
Carried.

REPORTS  
31/15

PANTER: That, the following reports be acknowledged and filed:  
Maintenance  
Committee Reports and Financial Statements  
Unpaid taxes at year end

Carried.

RECESS FOR LUNCH – 12:01 PM  
32/15

CRASHLEY: That, council recess for lunch.

Carried.

RECONVENE DELIBERATIONS – 12:59 PM  
33/15

MILLER: That, council reconvene its deliberations.

Carried

Councillor Vickie Hodgson joined the Council meeting via conference phone 12:59 p.m., then at 1:11 p.m. joined the meeting in person.

Delegation Leslie Just joined the Council meeting to discuss his abandoning the application to subdivide PT-NW-35-56-08-W3 and rezoning the land back to Agriculture Resource District, the existing vacant old dwelling on the said land and the use of the garage completed in 2013 12:59 p.m. – 1:12 p.m.

ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT

34/15

PANTER: That, the Administrator draft an amendment to the zoning bylaw to rezone PT-NW-35-56-08-W3 from RR- Resort Residential to AR-Agriculture Resource, to accommodate the request of Leslie Just, Just Enterprises, who is not proceeding with a plan of proposed subdivision and that first reading will be conditional to the invoice from 2013 for engineering fees being paid and further that costs associated with advertising the zoning amendment shall be paid by the applicant prior to 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading being done.

Carried.

COUNCIL INDEMNITY

35/15

HODGSON: That, the following accounts be approved for payment at this meeting and added to the next list of accounts presented to council:

Richard Crashley	Council Indemnity	\$ 442.50
Vickie Hodgson	Council Indemnity	\$ 314.00
Ron Miller	Council Indemnity	\$ 355.00
Doug Panter	Council Indemnity	\$ 376.00
John Teer	Council Indemnity	\$ 405.00

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

36/15

CRASHLEY: That, the correspondence having been read now be filed and that a list of the correspondence having been read be added to and form part of these minutes.

Carried.

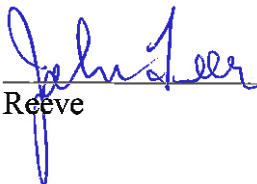
Delegation George Hildebrand joined the Council to discuss road and equipment maintenance 1:53 p.m. – 2:03 p.m.


ADJOURNMENT – 2:03 PM

37/15

MILLER: That this meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

  
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Reeve

  
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Administrator