

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
April 20, 2016**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Special Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

PRESENT WERE:

Reeve: Ken Matthews, Gilwood North/Triangle
Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor: Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Ron Matula, Enilda/ Big Meadow
Robert Nygaard, Faust
Edward Podollan, Joussard
Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood South
Frank Sutherland, Grouard

Absent: Donald Charrois, HP East/Banana Belt

Administration: William (Bill) Kostiw, CAO
Jessica Martinson, Recording Secretary
Bill Landiuk, Exec. Director of Corporate Services
Ted Laszczak, Director of Utilities & Safety
Suzanne Allan, Director of Community Services

Engineers: Jackie Mykytiuk, M2 Engineering
Nathan Miller, M2 Engineering

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Matthews called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2016-13-300

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART that agenda for the April 20, 2016 Special Council Meeting for the purpose of discussing Regional & Local Water be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***REGIONAL &
LOCAL WATER:***

Mr. Kostiw presented Council with an overview of the current state of the Regional & Local Water. Mr. Kostiw advised that there has been numerous studies and report on the County water and sewer systems and discussed re-evaluating the operations and future needs to ensure we get premium quality water at enough quantity to serve our ratepayers into the foreseeable future.

Mr. Laszczak presented Council with an overview of each water plant within Big Lakes County. Council was advised that the Hamlet of Grouard and the Hamlet of Faust currently have the best water treatment plants in the County.

Ms. Mykytiuk and Mr. Miller presented Council with a map to restructuring the Regional waterline project into three (3) zones.

Zone 1 to include:

- Hamlet of Grouard
- Kapawe'no First Nation
- Salt Prairie
- Prairie Echo
- Peavine Metis Settlement

Zone 2 to include:

- Town of High Prairie
- Hamlet of Enilda & Co-ops
- Hamlet of Joussard
- Sucker Creek First Nation
- Triangle

Zone 3 to include the following:

- Hamlet of Faust
- Hamlet of Kinuso
- Kinuso Rural Co-op
- Swan River First Nation

A break was taken from 10:34 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.

Councillor Podollan returned to the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Discussion took place regarding the cost estimates to implement each zone. Discussion was also held regarding a water commission.

Councillor Stewart stepped out of the meeting at 11:17 a.m. and returned at 11:18 a.m.

A break was taken at 11:23 a.m. to 11:41 a.m.

2016-13-301 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SUTHERLAND** to go into camera at 11:41 a.m. to discuss regional and local water matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:14 a.m. and reconvened at 12:56 p.m.

Councillor Matula returned to the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

2016-13-302 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** to come out of camera at 2:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2016-13-303 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATULA** that administration be directed to research and bring back to Council answers to the following questions with regards to the regional and local water project:

- More accurate numbers and costs?
- Actual estimated cost of M³ after construction?
- Investigate Ground Water?
- Investigate local options by community?
- Investigate raw water sources?
 - Examples Snipe Lake, Heart River Dam and wells.
- Check raw water to all areas such as Enilda and Jousard.
- Check raw water from Hilliard's Bay to High Prairie.
- Confirm grant funding.
- Small Communities Grant Transfer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

2016-13-304 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SUTHERLAND** that the meeting adjourn at 2:22 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ken Matthews, Reeve

William (Bill) Kostiw, C.A.O.