

**BIG LAKES COUNTY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
April 30, 2015**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Special Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

**PRESENT WERE:**

Reeve: Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle  
Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie  
Councillor: Donald Charrois, HP East/Banana Belt  
Ray Dupres, Enilda /Big Meadow  
Ken Killeen, Kinuso  
Robert Nygaard, Faust  
Edward Podollan, Joussard  
Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood  
Frank Sutherland, Grouard

Administration: William Kostiw, CAO  
Bill Landiuk, Executive Director of Corp. Services  
Jeri Romaniuk, Exec. Director of Inter-Gov. Relations  
Jessica Martinson, Recording Secretary  
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works and Utilities  
Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development  
Alma Mallock, Manager of Administration  
Ted Laszczak, Manager of Utilities  
Leo Tobin, Fire Chief  
Robbie Klatt, Ag Fieldman/ ASB Manger  
Sherry Monteith, Ag. Administrative Assistant  
Andrew Austin, GIS Technician  
Suzanne Allan, Manager of Community Development

**CALL TO ORDER:** Reeve Matthews called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2015-09-317** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SUTHERLAND** that the agenda for the April 30, 2015 Special Council meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2015 DRAFT BUDGET:**

**2015 OPERATING &  
CAPITAL  
BUDGET:**

The 2015 operating & capital budget was presented to Council. Mr. Landiuk presented the 2015 Grant Status Report. It was noted that Little Smoky Ski Hill funding has been increased to \$20,000 for the 2015 year.

**2015-09-318** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the 2015 Grant Status report be approved for 2015.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Landiuk presented council with the 2015 Capital Budget. Discussion was held regarding a Water/Ice Rescue Craft that can go on land and water. Councillor Nygaard advised that \$75,000 grant has been approved from the Government and the Faust Fire Department has raised \$40,000.

**2015-09-319** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PODOLLAN** that the funding in the amount of \$167,000 for Water/Ice Rescue Craft be removed from the budget.

**CARRIED**

**2015-09-320** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the funding in the amount of \$68,000 be approved in the 2015 budget for the purchase of a Water/Ice Rescue Craft.

**CARRIED**

Discussion was held regarding a Tiger Dam Flood Control System.

**2015-09-321**

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the funding in the amount of \$328,000 for the purchase of a Tiger Dam Flood Control System be removed from the budget.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discussion was held regarding solar light in the Hamlets. Administration advised that the 4 Solar Street Lights for the Hamlet of Faust have already been purchased.

**2015-09-322**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PODOLLAN** that the 4 Street Lights for the Hamlet of Jousard not be purchased and removed from the budget.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Podollan stepped out of the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Mr. Klatt advised that the Rough Terrain Sprayer is not required for the agricultural department anymore.

**2015-09-323**

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the purchase of a Rough Terrain Spray be removed from the budget.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Podollan returned to the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Mr. Landiuk presented Council with the 2015 Reserves.

A break was taken from 10:00 a.m. to 10:12 a.m.

Councillor Podollan returned to the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Mr. Landiuk indicated that the Municipal Tax Revenue is based on the same tax rate as 2014 (Residential/Farmland-3.50 mills, Non-residential – 13.75 mills). Salary increases were based on COLA and if applicable grid increases. Staff additions as approved by Council are also included. Calculations for employee benefits have increased due to LAPP. No change to current service levels other than the addition of the High Prairie Airport operations. Capital projects are being funded from a combination of grants and reserves

**2015-09-324**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the 2015 operating budget be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council reviewed the 2014-2021 Capital Projects. It was noted that the Crawford Connector Road has been removed from the list as it has been completed.

Mr. Landiuk advised Council that the following projects have been removed from the 2015 Capital Budget Tiger Dam Flood Control System, 4 Street Lights in the Hamlet of Jousard, Rough Terrain Spray and addition of \$68,000 for the Water/Ice Rescue Craft.

**2015-09-325**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the 2015 capital budget be approved as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Landiuk presented Council with the 2015 Tax Bylaw.

Councillor Dupres stepped out of the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

**TAX BYLAW  
03-2015:**

Mr. Landiuk presented Council with the Tax Bylaw 03-2015.

Councillor Dupres returned to the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Council considered increasing the mill rate by .25 mill or .50 mill.

A break was taken from 11:10 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

**2015-09-326**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that a tax increase in the amount of .50 mill for Farmland, Residential, Non-Residential and Machinery Equipment be approved.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Podollan requested a recorded vote.

In Favor: Councillor Charrois, Councillor Dupres, Reeve Matthews, Deputy Reeve Marx, Councillor Stewart

Opposed: Councillors Killeen, Councillor Podollan, Councillor Nygaard and Councillor Sutherland

**2015-09-327**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the tax increase be allocated to the Roadway Fund Reserve 6-32-00-00-760.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2015-09-328**

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that first reading be approved for the 2015 Tax Bylaw 03-2015.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**2015-09-329**

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting adjourn at 11:35 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Ken Matthews, Reeve

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William (Bill) Kostiw, CAO