

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Wednesday March 10, 2004 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Reeve Martens and Councillors Groening, Fraese, Kornelsen, Neumann, Robert and Wiens were present with Reeve Martens in the chair.

Agenda	Leo Kornelsen – Barry Fraese #54/04 Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented and may be amended.	Carried 6 Against 0
Minutes	Ralph Groening – Sieg Neumann #55/04 Resolved that the minutes of the February 11, 2004 and February 12, 2004 meetings be approved as presented.	Carried 6 Against 0
Public Hearing	Council of the R.M. of Morris decided to hold a hearing on April 6, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. for Lowe Farm and at 7:30 p.m. for Rosenort, both hearings to be held in the R.M. of Morris Council Chambers regarding the dykes.  MARTENS Reeve Martens reported on concerns from the Red River Basin regarding the transfer of Biota. This seems to be a red herring and Reeve Martens is of the opinion that both Countries should be working together for the common good.	
Variation Board	Lionel Wiens – Denis Robert #5604 Resolved that the Council of the R.M. of Morris resolve into a variation board.	Carried 6 Against 0
	No persons appeared to be heard.	
Variation 1/2004	Ralph Groening – Sieg Neumann #57/04 Resolved that application for variation #1/2004 to reduce the required size from 40 acres to 10.4 acres on part of SW 31-6-2W owned by Edward and Erna Penner be hereby approved.	Carried 6 Against 0
Adjourn Variation	Denis Robert – Barry Fraese #58/04 Resolved that the variation board resolve back to Council of the R.M. of Morris.	Carried 6 Against 0
Low Farm Kane Rec.	Ralph Groening – Barry Fraese #5904 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris combine the Kane and Lowe Farm Recreation Dstricts into one district to be known as the Lowe Farm/Kane CCD on the condition that they take responsibility for the sign in Lowe Farm that needs to be upgraded, flagpole in Kane needs to be maintained and have a flag, the Cairn in Kane needs to be maintained, and the Kane signs be maintained.	Carried 6 Against 0
Rec. Appointment	Ralph Groening – Denis Robert #60/04 Resolved that Councillor Wiens be assigned the responsibility for the Lowe Farm/Kane CCD	Carried 6 Against 0

Councillor Groening reported that there is some discrepancy in the mileage rates with the R.M. of Morris paying 34 cents per kilometer, the Town of Morris paying 36 cents per kilometer, and the R.M. of Ritchot paying 39 cents per Kilometer. Councillor Groening also reported that 60 people have signed up for the water lines and he is anticipating 50 miles. This will be funded by a federal grant of \$200,000.00, a provincial grant of \$466,667.00, with the balance to be paid by the R.M. of Morris.

The Acting CAO was instructed to contact the R.M. of Montcalm regarding a water hook-up for Mr. Rick Lehmann.

Mr. Don Harder, the Public Works Foreman, attended the meeting at 11:05 a.m. He advised that the drainage letters have all gone out. The Roads Committee has negotiated an additional three-year contract with Lavallee Trucking for the years 2005-2007. The Foreman also reported on the water line extensions and reported that Mr. Alvin Wiebe under Weed Control has started effective March 1, 2004. The Foreman also reported on negotiations for a quad.

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Council ~~set a~~ firm policy that water and sewer hook-ups will cost a total of \$50.00 to provide service up to the property line. From the property line to the home will be considered the homeowners responsibility.

Gravel  
Program

Sieg Neumann – Barry Fraese  
#61/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve the 3 year contract with Lavallee Contracting as negotiated by the roads Committee for 2005 to 2007.  
Carried 6  
Against 0

Man.  
Conserv.  
Drainage

Ralph Groening – Sieg Neumann  
#6204 Resolved that we request permission from Manitoba Conservation to allow the Municipality to undertake drainage work at the following location.  
N-35-4-2W  
Carried 6  
Against 0

Highways  
Drainage

Ralph Groening – Leo Kornelsen  
#63/04 Resolved that we request permission from the Department of Highways in Carman to allow the Municipality to undertake drainage work at the following locations.  
E-1-5-2W PR# 332  
W-6-6-1W PR# 332  
E-30-6-1W PR# 332  
E-11-6-1W PR# 205  
E-30-5-2W PR# 336  
W-35-5-1E PR# 330  
Carried 6  
Against 0

Sthrn. Man  
Railway  
Drainage

Sieg Neumann – Barry Fraese  
#64/04 Resolved that we request permission from Southern Manitoba Railway to allow the Municipality to undertake drainage work at the following locations.  
N-32-4-1E  
N-35-4-2W  
Carried 6  
Against 0

CN Railway  
Drainage

Ralph Groening – Lionel Wiens  
#65/04 Resolved that we request permission from Canadian National Railway to allow the Municipality to undertake drainage work at the following location.  
14-5-1E East side of railway  
Carried 6  
Against 0

Leo Kornelsen – Lionel Wiens  
#66/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris authorize 2 employees and 2 Council members to attend the Weed Inspection seminar in Holland.

Carried 6  
Against 0

Ralph Groening – Denis Robert  
#67/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris purchase a Polaris Sportsman 500 from Rosenort Motors in the amount of \$10,032.00 for weed control.

Carried 6  
Against 0

Lionel Wiens – Sieg Neumann  
#68/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris pay Andy Friesen a \$20.00 per month allowance for the use of his cellular phone.

Carried 6  
Against 0

At 1:00 p.m. Councillor Kornelsen reported on the Riverside Park. There has been some discussion on the recreation district on turning this park over to the local community group. The Acting CAO was instructed to draft a five-year lease agreement providing that the local group would provide all maintenance. The R.M. of Morris would provide liability insurance coverage. Councillor Kornelsen also reported on the Protection Committee. Councillor Neumann reported that the Finance Committee is considering giving the budget to each Fire Department. There are some perceived problems with our fire trucks. The mutual aid group has determined that each fire department must have one truck that is less than twenty years old.

Councillor Neumann, the Chairman of the Finance Committee reviewed the entire year end financial statements with the Council of the R.M. of Morris.

Sieg Neumann – Ralph Groening  
#69/04 Resolved that the December 31, 2003 Financial Statement be adopted as presented.

Carried 6  
Against 0

Councillor Wiens advised that he would like to see a summary of all of the deals that the R.M. of Morris has with the Town of Morris, together with the related cost.

The Acting CAO was instructed to contact Hayhurst Elias regarding the Sperling Curling Club.

Ralph Groening – Sieg Neumann  
#70/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris confirm the request for grant-in-aid funding for paving in Lowe Farm and dust control in Sperling.

Carried 6  
Against 0

Ralph Groening – Sieg Neumann  
#71/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris resolve into camera to discuss personnel issues.

Carried 6  
Against 0

Ralph Groening – Sieg Neumann  
#72/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris resolve back to open Council.

Carried 6  
Against 0

Foreman  
Salary

Lionel Wiens – Ralph Groening  
#73/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris adjust the Public Works  
Foreman salary as per the Employee Relations Committee retroactive to  
January 1, 2004.

Carried	6
Against	0

There being no further business, Councillor Fraese moved that the meeting  
adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Reeve



Acting CAO

