## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Friday June 25, 2004 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Reeve Herm Martens and Councillors Groening, Fraese, Robert and Wiens were present with Reeve Martens in the chair. Councillor Kornelsen had sent his apologies.

Don Harder the Public Works Foreman attended the meeting. He advised Council that the cost of gravel only for the Lowe Farm Project would be \$106, 355.00. Having this gravel applied and packed would cost \$321,158.00. The excavation alone would cost \$79,356.00. The net cost of having Lowe Farm paved if the R.M. of Morris does all the excavation and the packing would be \$379,841.31.

Council discussed various options for Lowe Farm and decided to try to pass the by-laws this year and do the project next year. The CAO was instructed to contact the Department of Highways and ask first if the Grant-in-aid could be rolled over to next year, and if this was not possible if the Grant-in-aid could be used to buy a stockpile of gravel. Council decided that everyone in Lowe Farm would pay for this upgrading project, including John Dickson, Butch Harder, Ron Unger, Tony Dyck, Andy Ungan. Friesen and the Elevators. The CAO was further instructed to prepare handouts for the meeting on June 29, 2004. Council will propose that the community would be charged at total of \$350,000.00 by way of mill rate debenture with the balance being paid for by the R.M. of Morris at large.

The CAO advised Council that the fee to have an appraisal done at the Municipal Office would be approximately \$2,000.00. Council asked the CAO to check for price from the Mayor of Niverville who does appraisals.

The CAO advised Council that Mr. John Gray the auditor will be here at 9:00 a.m. on June 30, 2004 to meet with the Finance Committee.

Reeve Martens updated Council on the requirements for the Emergency Measures.

Sieg Neumann-Lionel Wiens #159/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris hire Malissa Dreger to update the EMO plan from her home at a cost of \$15.00 per hour.

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Councillor Groening updated Council on the Rural Water Proposal. Mr. John Kostal is interested in water. In this 4 and ½ mile line there would be a potential 13 customers. Mr. Kostal has five confirmed and expects between 7-9 would sign up. The cost would be \$90,000.00. The Water Committee has received approval from the Province of Manitoba to install computer monitors at the water treatment plants. One price that had been obtained by the Public Works Foreman was \$18,000.00 per plant. The Committee is still working on Easements. The Public Works Foreman has ordered 400 feet of new rod for the directional-boring machine because the old rod was too difficult to separate. The CAO was instructed to obtain up-date prices on the directional boring machine cost.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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