

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting held on December 15, 2004 commencing at 2:00 p.m. in the R.M. of Morris council chambers between Reeve Herm Martens, Deputy Reeve Ralph Groening, Councillor Don Pfrimmer from the Rural Municipality of Roland, and Councillor Walter McTavish from the Rural Municipality of Thompson, as well as Les McEwen, Brian Osborne, and Bill Turner from the Tobacco Creek Model water shed.

Reeve Martens stated that Brian Osborne has some concerns with the R.M. of Morris and Roland joining as a conservation district with Rhineland Montcalm.

Brian Osborne stated his concerns that this conservation district would be about provincial drainage. He thinks that the Tobacco Creek Model is so close to reality and on the verge of being established. Mr. Osborne is concerned about diluting the energy.

Councillor Ralph Groening stated that the proposal is to take over provincial drains. If provincial drains cannot be taken over then the R.M. of Morris will walk. We are not trying to stop Tobacco Creek or hinder Deerwood.

Les McEwan suggested that there could be a conservation district with two municipalities being the R.M. of Morris and the R.M. of Roland.

Reeve Martens stated that Morris wants dirt moving in year 1, or else they are not interested.

Brian Osborne thinks that it is easier as part of a plan. He advised that the Tobacco Creek project has four years of planning and it is now pretty well complete. He believes that a new conservation district, extending along the Red River, would require at least four years of planning before any work was done. Mr. Osborne likes a conservation district consisting of two municipalities.

Councillor Groening stated that we need not only money, but also a provincial willingness to see something happen. Councillor Groening stated that the number one project would be to clean the 4-N and Anderson drains at an approximate cost of \$150,000.00.

Brian Osborne will talk to Mr. Don Norquay about a conservation district consisting of two rural municipalities.

Walter McTavish had to leave the meeting at 3:45 p.m. due to a prior commitment.

It was agreed that the Deerwood Conservation would be a working partner.

All of the participants will meet in Grand Forks on January 13th-14th.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.



Reeve



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