

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 commencing at 8:30 a.m. Reeve Martens and Councillors Groening, Fraese, Kornelsen, Neumann and Robert were present with Reeve Martens in the chair. Councillor Wiens had sent his apologies. This meeting had been called by Reeve Martens to meet with Provincial Government representatives to try to finalize outstanding issues with the ring dykes.

Mr. Steve Topping, Jim Maclean, Ross Madder, and Dave Sexton attended the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Steve Topping advised that the dykes had been built to handle a 1 in 100-year flood. He advised that there was a history of working together as a team. Mr. Topping had worked hard to try to find advantages for the R.M. of Morris such as in-kind contribution. Mr. Topping had also gone to the Treasury Board to obtain guaranteed maximums on all of the costs. None of these dykes are over budget.

Councillor Groening reviewed the Lowe Farm dyke and the impression that Land Management fees were too high for this project.

Steve Topping confirmed that the Province of Manitoba is responsible for maintaining all dykes, which requires a legal survey.

There was some discussion concerning the dispute on the Riverside dyke regarding the final progress payment. Mr. Ross Madder will send an email outlining all of the outstanding items for the Riverside dyke.

The CAO was advised to send out bills for the final payment for Riverside that would include the maximum potential charge. It is expected that this project will exceed the maximum.

There was some discussion concerning the Aubigny borrow pit and the Provincial representatives advised that if the R.M. of Morris could find a suitable borrow pit that would have the same amount of area, then they would be willing to consider a trade.

There was some discussion concerning an extra pump that was needed at Rosenort. It seems that an extra pump is required and that there could be substantial costs, which would become part of the dyke costs.

Mr. Steve Topping advised that Brad Allum would be the new supervisor in the Morris office.

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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