

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a special meeting of the council of the RM of Morris held on Monday October 20th, 2008 commencing at 8:30 a.m. Reeve Herm Martens and Councillors Ralph Groening, Leo Kornelsen, Denis Robert, Stan Siemens and Lionel Wiens were present with Reeve Herm Martens in the chair. This meeting had been called to meet with Sam Schellenberg and Gordon Martel from Pembina Valley Water Co-op. Mayor Dale Hoffman and Councillors Bill Ginter and Ruth Murray from the Town of Morris were also present.

The CAO distributed a copy of a letter that had been received from Carolyn and Trevor Thiessen. This letter raised several concerns regarding the proposed water retention pond development by Pembina Valley Water Co-op.

Reeve Martens thanked Sam Schellenberg and Gordon Martel for coming out to the meeting. Sam Schellenberg reported that he and Gordon had been on the Thiessen's yard in Spring. This was while the Greenhouse was still open. They had walked over to Thiessen's dike to examine the drainage from a different angle. They had been advised by the Thiessen's that it was their life mission to stop this project. Sam reported that he does return calls. The only call not returned was a call that was waiting for him when he returned from holidays on Wednesday. The reason he had not returned this call is that he was busy dealing with government departments that had already been contacted by the Thiessen's.

Sam continued to report that the trees inside the oxbow will have to go, but as many as possible will be saved. PVWC paid \$3,000.00 per acre for this property. PVWC has received all of the necessary approvals. A full review had to be done before an environmental licence was issued. PVWC had hired a forestry person to come and check all of the trees, and there was nothing unusual. Manitoba Environment then required that they have an independent environmental person, who spent 4 days checking all the shrubs and underbrush. This person found two at risk plants, and PVWC spent a total of \$4,000.00 checking for these and having them moved. PVWC has been issued a class 3 environmental licence which has been signed by the Minister. This licence gives them permission for clear cutting. Manitoba Hydro wants a five meter easement for a Right - of -Way. This is the only outstanding matter. PVWC will stay back from the highway and from the Thiessen's. They do not anticipate any drainage concerns. Public Hearings are at the call of the Minister of Water Stewardship, and the Minister had not requested any hearings due to the low environmental impact. All of the stumps in the clear cut area will be pulled out, burned down, and then buried. Drainage patterns will not change, but will just go around the berm.

The meeting then adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

The Town Council members as well as Sam Schellenberg and Gordon Martel then left the meeting.

Council of the RM of Morris decided that in the eight lots in the Industrial Subdivision in Lowe Farm, the Southern Street will be called Harder Avenue and the Northern Street will be called Heppner Avenue.

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

REEVE

CAO