

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a special meeting of the Council of R.M. of Morris held on Tuesday, February 3, 2004 commencing at 10: 30 a.m. Reeve Martens and Councillors Groening, Fraese, Kornelsen, Neumann and Robert were present with Reeve Martens in the chair. All members of Council had been duly notified and Councillor Wiens had sent his regrets. This meeting had been called by Reeve Martens to discuss the 2004 water line project, purchase of equipment, and office computers.

Dave Shwaluk from the Manitoba Water Services Board, Duane Boutang from PFRA and Don Harder, the RM Foreman also attended the meeting.

Dave Shwaluk stated that Council should try to decide on a work plan. The MWSB agreement is for a total of \$1,400,000.00, but the PFRA only has \$200,000.00. This means that for the first \$600,000.00 the R.M. of Morris would pay 1/3 of the cost, for the next \$800,000.00 the R.M. would have to pay 2/3, and for any additional work the R.M. would have to pay 100 % of the cost.

Duane Boutang said that their money is committed but this commitment is in the future. They have set aside \$200,000.00 for the R.M. of Morris in the 2004 construction season, and there probably will be no more in the future. If the R.M. were planning to tender on this work, they would have to have at least \$5 million in liability insurance plus a bid bond for 10%, plus a labour and material bond. The R.M. must also provide engineering and bacteria testing.

Dave Shwaluk discussed open cut versus boring for service connections and said this should be specified in the tender. If there are any larger users, they should have a larger meter and a larger minimum bill. The MWSB can do a water rate study. Don Harder advised that the R.M. of MaDonald has a good by-law. There are private companies such as Reid Crowther that do water audits. The MWSB would be willing to cost share an \$8,000.00-\$10,000.00 computerized water reading system, which warns of meter problems.

The Acting CAO was instructed to check with other R.M.'s in the Pembina Valley area regarding water loss. The Acting CAO was also to check into billings from the MWSB.

Mr. Shwaluk and Mr. Boutang then left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Council reconvened at 1:00 p.m. and received a report from the Foreman on the equipment he had inspected in Alberta. The equipment committee will make a final decision. Council wants to review the water rate by-law.

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AGREEMENT

Ralph Groening - Leo Kornelsen:
#22/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign the agreement with the Manitoba Water Services Board

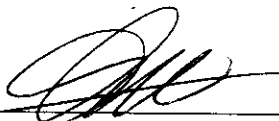
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OFFICE
COMPUTERS


Sieg Neumann - Denis Robert:
#23/04 Resolved that the R.M. of purchase four computers from PC at Work and Play with 17 inch monitors as per their quote with the server being 3.0 ghz.

Carried 5
Against 0

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM



Reeve



Acting CAO