

Lac des Iles Utility Commission
August 14, 2020
At the RM of Beaver River Council Chambers

Present: Rick Danilkewich Daryle Pope
Mike O'Grady Kim Larson
Cam Foss Secretary: Heather Pollock

Call to Order

Danilkewich: Meeting called to order at 8:55 am.

Agenda

Larson: Approve Agenda as amended.

Carried

Previous Minutes

Danilkewich: To approve the minutes of the June 26, 2020 meeting as presented.

Carried

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program grant. "...although your application was eligible and assessed, it was not among the list of projects recommended for funding."
- 2020 Annual billing completed
- Leaking valve at the water treatment plant is not leaking as bad as it was. Will be monitored.
- Customer phone list was updated excluding old customers. Heather will work on a customer phone list with service addresses.

Correspondence

- None

Financial Reports:

- June and July Bank Reconciliation
- Bank Account balances as of August 10, 2020:
Chequing \$182 913.18
Savings \$145.73
Term Deposit \$62 095.29
Term Deposit \$60 000.00
Total: \$305 154.20
- Accounts Payable:
June 16 to August 10, 2020
Total: \$32 979.57
- Outstanding Water Accounts balance as of August 10, 2020: **\$50 779.43**
- Outstanding Water Accounts balance of the arrears transferred to RM taxes **\$2658.31**

- Petty cash balance **\$185.36**

Pope: To approve the Accounts Payable as presented.

Carried

Water Plant Reports

- June 2020 water plant reports were presented.

New Business

- The board would like to see the cost of hauling away wastewater be lower. The possibility of using it to irrigate farmland was considered. The current agreement with the Water Security Agency only allows wastewater to be spread on certain roadways for dust control. Rick indicated that the levels of mercury in the water would have to be lowered to spread elsewhere. Rick will contact Morgan Gutek to find out what would have to be done to use the wastewater to irrigate farmland.
- Rick performed an informal pressure survey of the subdivision. The lots at the top of the subdivision had 35 lbs pressure and the lots at the bottom had 58 lbs pressure. We need to figure out how to even out that pressure. The valves in the main water lines need to be located as they are under the roadways. Rick will phone Maurice Murphy to see if he will come out to help locate as he knows where the valves were installed.
- Nathan Turchyn contacted Cam Foss regarding his billing on the three lots he owns. Nathan feels he should not have to pay the usage charge on lot 5 block 10 plan 102128329, that does not have service on the lot from the main. The board still stands by their decision of last year, that Nathan should pay the usage charge because he has water lines run to that lot from another lot, utilizing one curb-stop for three lots. Cam will talk to Nathan about the board's decision.
- Over the August long weekend, the influx of campers and extra water usage were taxing the water treatment plant. If this continues we may have to limit water usage for lawn watering. Lauman's residents may need a reminder that the RM of Beaver River bylaw states: A second temporary motor home or trailer home will be allowed as a visitor to the site for a period of no more than 21 consecutive days. Heather will send out an email/letter reminding lot owners of the bylaws in force and to be mindful of their water usage especially during busy times.
- The generator tender closed July 31, 2020 with only one submission. Baer Electric submitted a price of \$43 525.00 plus GST and PST.

Larson: To accept the tender submitted by Baer Electric for the supply and installation of two backup generators for the water well pump house and the water treatment plant as well as a unit heater in the water treatment plant.

Carried

Heather will contact Blair Baer informing him of the acceptance of his tender.


- Morgan Gutek from WSA was recently out to inspect the Water Treatment Plant. He indicated that the Water Rights Licence was expired and not posted in the plant. Upon further discussion between Heather and Jayson Ford, from WSA, the Water Rights Licence is in effect until March 31, 2021. Heather gave copies of the permit to Rick to hang in the WTP.
- It was mentioned that it is possible to clean rather than replace the membranes at the WTP. Mike will look into this process further.


Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date: October 16, 2020 at 9 am at the RM of Beaver River office.

Adjournment

Danilkewich: Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am


Chair


Secretary