

Lac des Iles Public Utility Commission
Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015; 1:00 P.M.
Village of Goodsoil Council Chambers

Present:

John Malachowski; Marie Klassen; Jim Peno; Joe Rolfes; RM 622 Administrator Rita Rogers; Administrative Secretary Murray Rausch; Absent: Chuck Foster

Appoint Chairperson for Tues., Jan. 20, 2015 Meeting:

Klassen: That Jim Peno be appointed as chairperson for this meeting.

Carried

Call to Order:

Chairman Jim Peno called the meeting to order @ 1:00 P.M.

Agenda:

Additions: Assignment of auditor; Annual review of board indemnity and expense rates
Malachowski: That the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

Minutes, Meeting of Tues., Dec. 16, 2014:

Klassen: That the minutes of the Tues., Dec. 16, 2014 meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

Board & Administrative Personnel:

-RM Administrator Rita Rogers informed the Commission that she has submitted her resignation to RM 622 Council.

-Letter received and presented from Commission Chairman Chuck Foster, advising the Utility Commission of his resignation from the Commission, effective immediately.

-Letter received and presented from Commission Administrative Secretary Murray Rausch, providing 30 days' notice of resignation from part-time positions of administrative secretary, wastewater operator and assistant water treatment operator.

Klassen: That the Utility Commission Board acknowledge receipt of the above-described resignations.

Carried

New Building Canada Fund Applications:

The RM Office has received confirmation from the New Building Canada Fund that they are in receipt of two Project proposals/applications: 1) Wastewater transmission lines and lifts; 2) Drinking water distribution line. The New BCF also confirms that they have received the supporting documentation for both projects.

Murray has informed BAR Engineering that any further research or planning should now be halted until such time as we hear further from the New BCF. A financial summary of the two project proposals was provided to the Utility Commission Board.

Malachowski: That we acknowledge receipt of the administrative secretary's report on the New BCF Fund submissions.

Carried

Financial Statements:

Klassen: That the financial statement and reconciliation for the month of December, 2014 be approved as presented.

Carried

Assignment of Auditor:

Rolfes: That we engage Pinnacle Business Solutions, Meadow Lake to complete the audit on Utility Commission financial records.

Carried

Accounts Payable:

Malachowski: That the accounts payable as listed on Schedule "A" in the total amount of \$4,858.25 be paid.

Carried

Lauman's Landing Water Treatment Monthly Log, December, 2014:

Klassen: That we acknowledge receipt and review of the Lauman's Landing water treatment plant log for the month of December, 2014.

Carried

Lauman's Landing Production Wells 1,2 and 3:

Background: Production Wells 1,2 and 3 were drilled under the supervision of Kadon Industries in 2009. These wells are sited on the grounds of the Lauman's Landing water treatment plant, and were originally intended to serve as the raw water source for the subdivision. There were three "residual" concerns pertaining to these wells, which were documented in a Saskatchewan Watershed Authority letter to Kade Demuth, dated September 29, 2011; namely: 1) the areal extent of the aquifer was not known; 2) the lack of recovery in the test wells suggested an aquifer of limited size; 3) there was no field verified inventory of existing wells in a minimum 2 mile radius of the site. Subsequently, a decision was made by the developer to commission WaterMark Consulting of Regina, SK to develop Production Well #4 in the proximity of the Lauman's Landing boat launch, to access the Hatfield Aquifer and serve as the raw water supply to the subdivision.

In an e-mail to administrator Rita Rogers, dated Jan. 19, 2015, the Water Security Agency indicates that, at present, Production Wells 1,2 and 3 remain unlicensed. The WSA is willing to consider applications to license these wells for the purpose of their retention as a backup supply.

Klassen: That the Utility Commission retain Production Wells 1,2 and 3 as a backup supply, and that we proceed with applications to license the above-described wells with the Water Security Agency.

Carried

Lauman's Landing Water Treatment Plant Certified Operator:

Rolfes: That the Utility Commission recommend the negotiation of a renewed Memorandum of Understanding between the Councils of the Village of Goodsoil and the RM of Beaver River 622 to secure the ongoing services of a certified water treatment plant and water distribution system operator.

Carried

Lagoon Expansion Project:

Malachowski: That we recommend assignment of the supervisory/overseeing duties of the Lagoon Expansion Project to BAR Engineering, Lloydminster, and that we ask BAR Engineering to prepare a tender package and scope of work for presentation to the RM 622 Council and Utility Commission.

Carried

The official announcement of the Building Canada Fund Lagoon Expansion Project is anticipated in early February, 2015.

Information Workshop Requirements for Licensed Haulers of Liquid Domestic Waste:

The Utility Commission received information pertaining to Water Security Agency workshop requirements for licensed haulers of liquid domestic waste.

Malachowski: That the administrative secretary notify our licensed haulers of upcoming information workshop requirements.

Carried

Correspondence:

Klassen: That the correspondence having been read, be filed.

Carried

Utility Commission Elections/Appointments:

Rolfes: That we defer Utility Commission elections until such time as RM 622 Council has identified and appointed a replacement for outgoing Board member Chuck Foster.

Carried

Set Remuneration and Mileage Rates for 2015:

Klassen: That the levels of board remuneration and board mileage remain as per 2014: Board remuneration = \$20/hr.; Mileage = \$.50/km.

Carried

Advertise for Utility Commission Positions:

Klassen: That the administrative secretary proceed with the preparation of advertisements for the positions of 1) water treatment operator for Lauman's Landing; 2) administrative secretary to the Lac des Iles Utility Commission; 3) wastewater lagoon and irrigation works operator; and that a copy of the draft advertising be provided to the Utility Commission Board for examination, prior to going to press. Positions to remain "open until suitable candidates are identified".

Carried

Next Meeting:

Malachowski: That the next meeting be held at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015 at the RM 622 Council chambers in Pierceland.

Carried

Adjournment:

Malachowski: That the meeting be adjourned (3:00 P.M.)

Carried



Jim Peno, Acting Chairman



Murray Rausch, Administrative Secretary