CENTRAL PEACE REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM COLLABORATION COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021
Brownlee Building

MEETING NOTES

PRESENT	Gerald Manzulenko, Reeve	Birch Hills County
	Larry Davidson, CAO	Birch Hills County
	Tony van Rootselaar, Reeve	MD of Spirit River No. 133
	Nick van Rootselaar, Deputy Reeve	MD of Spirit River No. 133
	Dan Dibbelt, CAO	MD of Spirit River No. 133
	Alvin Hubert, Reeve	Saddle Hills County
	Cary Merritt, CAO	Saddle Hills County
	Tracy Lapping, Recording Secretary	Saddle Hills County
	James Thomas, Councillor	Town of Spirit River
	Dee Deveau, CAO	Town of Spirit River
	Brian Markovich, Councillor	Village of Rycroft
	Peter Thomas, CAO	Village of Rycroft

1. Interim Chair Alvin Hubert called the meeting to order at 12:57 p.m.

   Alvin Hubert gave an overview of the Central Peace Regional Water System project and how it began and were we are today.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

   MOVED by Gerald Manzulenko

   That the agenda for the December 8, 2021 Central Peace Regional Water System Collaboration Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

   Carried

3. **Selection of Chair and Vice Chair**

   1st call for nominations for Chair

   Gerald Manzulenko nominated Alvin Hubert as chair for the Central Peace Regional Water System Collaboration Committee. Alvin Hubert accepted the nomination.

2nd call for nominations for Chair

No other nominations were made.

MOVED by Gerald Manzulenko

That nominations for Chair of the Central Peace Regional Water System Collaboration Committee be ceased.

Carried.

1st call for nominations for Vice-Chair

Gerald Manzulenko nominated Nick van Rootselaar as Vice-Chair for the Central Peace Regional Water System Collaboration Committee. Nick van Rootselaar accepted the nomination.

2nd call for nominations for Vice-Chair

No other nominations were made.

MOVED by Gerald Manzulenko

That nominations for Vice-Chair of the Central Peace Regional Water System Collaboration Committee be ceased.

Carried

4. **Old Business -**
N/A

5. **New Business**

5.1 **Terms of Reference**

Cary Merritt presented the Central Peace Regional Water System Collaboration Committee Terms of Reference with amendments. The amendments presented were accepted by the Committee. However, Gerald Manzulenko suggested that the Committee Composition be amended as follows:

The CC shall consist of the following representatives:
Two (2) Councillors from each Municipality with only one vote from each Municipality; and
One (1) member of Administration from each Municipality.

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The Terms of Reference are to be amended accordingly and be brought back to the next meeting.

5.2 **MPE Engineering Progress Report**

Cary Merritt went over the progress report from MPE Engineering dated December 7, 2021. During the progress report Cary discussed the land acquisition for the raw water pumping station; the geotechnical investigation; environmental assessments for terrestrial and aquatic; river engineering; historical resources reviews and indigenous consultations. Cary further stated that the plan is to tender in the spring for construction and the proposed construction completion would be fall of 2024.

5.3 **Phasing Plan for the Water Supply / Water Supply Map**

Cary Merritt presented the phasing plan for the water supply, there are 6 phases to the plan and Phase 1 and 2 is moving forward with Phases 3 to 6 left for consideration. There was discussion among the members in regards to the remaining phases and how to get there. Consensus among the members was that the Central Peace Municipalities require access to water for economic growth.

5.4 **Alberta Transportation – Water Grant Programs – Deadline**

Cary Merritt discussed with the members that the deadline for submission for application under the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP) and Water for Life (W4L) programs has been extended to February 28, 2022. Cary further stated that the Committee should submit an application for grant funding to assure that the project is put on the radar for the future phases.

There was discussion among all the members as to which phase to apply for grant funding. Phase 4 is to construct a new Regional Water Treatment Plant Hub. Consensus among the members was to submit an application for the construction of a new Regional Hub.

The members are to go back to their respective Councils and make the following motion to support the grant application:

"That Saddle Hills County Council supports an application to Alberta Transportation for the Water for Life – New Regional Water Systems grant program for the design and construction of a new regional water treatment plant (hub) for the Central Peace Regional Water System."

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MOVED by Nick van Rootselaar

That an application under the Water for Life (W4L) program be submitted for the construction of a new Regional Water Treatment Plant Hub.

Carried

6. **Next Meeting Date**: February 2022

7. **Adjournment** at 2:20 p.m.

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