

**MINUTES OF THE EAST CENTRAL ALBERTA REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION (ECARWC) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2006 COMMENCING AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE LEGION HALL IN CASTOR, ALBERTA**

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PRESENT: Howard Bouck, Camrose County  
Jack Lyle, Camrose County  
Earl Marshall, County of Stettler  
Len Waters, Village of Big Valley  
Darwin Durnie, Stantec  
Wayne Richardson, County of Paintearth  
John VanDoseberg, Crystal Consulting  
Paul McKay, Village of Donalda  
Darcy Wetter, Castor  
Grant Carl, Consort  
Pat Gorcak, Veteran  
Bruce Bignell, Village of Gadsby  
Irena Thiessen, New Norway  
Marvin Jassman, Ferintosh  
Ron Dyck, Ferintosh  
Bill Knight, Lacombe County of Stettler  
Dennis Cordel, Halkirk  
Bonnie Sansregret, Consort  
Jan Slempp, Special Areas  
Russ Wiad, Red Deer  
Tim Fox, County of Stettler

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2006 by Chairperson Wayne Richardson.

Introductions were made.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Pat Gorcak

“that the December 14, 2006 agenda be adopted with the following additions:

5.6 Special Areas’ Water Project License, and

5.7 Big Valley Water.”

Carried

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by Len Waters

“that the minutes of the, November 1, 2006 meeting be approved as presented.”

Carried

## **REPORTS**

### Chairperson:

Wayne Richardson reported that the application for the project has been submitted to the Province and that negotiations with the Town of Stettler have been completed.

### Project Manager:

John VanDoseberg presented his report as attached.

### Financial:

Moved by Grant Carl

“that East Central Alberta Regional Water Commission invoice from Brownlee for legal fees in regards to the Water Plant negotiations (\$4,106.00) be cost shared with the Town of Stettler 50/50 ( $\$4,106.00 \div 2 = \$2,053.00$ ).” Carried

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Process for Development of Commission

#### Bylaw:

- The bylaw has to be approved by the Minister.
- A Commission is a Board totally on its own.
  - Decisions made here are binding and the Commission does not have to go back to its Council.
  - One director from each member forming the commission
- Page 7 - volume of water supply during the next month
  - The commission will want to know the minimum allocation. When you get the number look at it closely, as you will need to be sure of the volume, to determine that you have allocated is enough for future growth in your community. This will affect the design of the system (pipe size) which is hard to change once it is in the ground.
- One member one vote with regards to financials.
- Debenture costs will be by allocation of water. Example: 10 % allocation - you will pay 10% debenture.
- It was mentioned for those communities not receiving water or will not be receiving water in the near future:
  - How will we handle this?
  - Should they only pay on the reservoir and not on the pipeline until later?
- The question that came up was will the government pay 100% for the cost of over sizing of infrastructure for communities that are not hooked-up right a way.
- Interim - you will pay on your line, other members not on the line will pay the reservoir and administration.
- John will add an interim cost section.
- For any new member that wants to join after the formation of the commission, the cost of this will be determined at that time.

#### Resolutions:

Some time in January we need to get all Councils together to talk about the Commission. Certain resolutions will be needed to be passed and this will be sent out to all the communities.

Time Line:

Bylaws to be in place in January and an application for forming a commission will be sent in February.

Interim Chairperson:

Jay Slemph nominated Wayne Richardson as Interim Chairperson for the East Central Alberta Regional Water Commission.

**Moved by Earl Marshall**

“that nominations for Interim Chairperson for the East Central Alberta Regional Water Commission cease.” Carried

Wayne Richardson was acclaimed as Interim Chairperson for East Central Alberta Regional Water Commission.

Negotiations of Water Treatment Plants - Castor, Veteran, Consort, Gadsby Waterline:

Dave Campbel has valued all the facilities in Castor, Veteran, and Consort. This needs to begin immediately, as well as to establish the method of cost, ie: net book value.

January 4, 2007 has been tentatively set for the first Negotiating Meeting.

Engineering - Next Phase:

**Moved by Pat Gorcak**

“that we ask Stantec Engineering to present their proposal at the January 24, 2007 East Central Alberta Regional Water Commission Meeting.” Carried.

Highway 12/21 Group:

Bill Knight reported on the Highway 12/21 Water Commission Project to date.

Special Areas' Water Project License:

Jay Slemph reported on the Special Areas Inter-basin Transfer License and that they are now in the process of applying for this.

Big Valley Water:

Mr. Waters, from the Village of Big Valley, reported on Big Valley's water problems that have arisen and that Alberta Environment has been down and they are working on possible solutions.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.