



## South Red Deer Regional Wastewater Commission

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### Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board

#### South Red Deer Regional Wastewater Commission

Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Town of Penhold Office

#### **Board Members Present:**

Angela Aalbers	Mountain View County
Tyrone Muller	Town of Penhold
Harvey Walsh	Town of Olds
Jean Barclay	Town of Innisfail
Robb Stuart	Town of Bowden
Lonny Kennett	Red Deer County

#### **Other Elected Officials, Administration, Consultants and Others Present:**

Dan Daley	Town of Olds, Alternate
Greg Harris	Mountain View County, Alternate
Michael Wuetherick	Chief Administrative Officer
Andy Treu	Red Deer County

#### **1.0 Call to Order:**

Chair Angela Aalbers, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

#### **2.0 Adoption of Agenda**

RES 22-95

#### **Moved by Lonny Kennett**

That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, be adopted amended to include section 5.6 – City of Red Expropriation, 5.7 – Chair Alliance.

Carried.

**3.0 Minutes**

RES 22-96

**Moved by Harvey Walsh**

That the meeting minutes of October 21<sup>st</sup> , 2022, Regular Meeting be approved as presented.

Carried.

**4.0 Business Arising from Previous Meetings**

Administration presented a summary of business arising from previous meetings. The report tracks ongoing initiatives and resolutions and provide a means of prioritizing administrative and legislative direction for the Commission.

RES 22-97

**Moved by Tyrone Muller**

That the SRDRWC Board accept as information Administrations' update on business arising from previous meetings.

Carried.

**5.0 Business**

**5.1 Operations and Project Manager's Update**

CAO Michael Wuetherick provided an update on the operations, and ongoing maintenance status. Administration reported on status of the facilities which were generally running well. Due to seasonally low flow rates and cool temperatures, the Commission has had several odor complaints along the Waskasoo line and the OMF.

Res 22-98

**Moved by Robb Stuart**

That the SRDRWC Board accept as information Administrations' update on operations and the project manager's update.

Carried.

**5.2 SRD Water-for-Life Application – Olds ESP**

Administration presented an updated opinion of probable cost for construction of an emergency storage pond to re-commission the former Town of Olds sewage lagoons.

RES 22-99

**Moved by Harvey Walsh**

That the SRDRWC Board confirms its commitment to fund the proposed Olds Emergency Storage Pond grant application of \$7.2 million with 90% funding from the Water-for-Life program, and the remaining 10% from SRDRWC.

Carried.

**5.3 SRDRWC Safety Policy Adoption**

Administration presented the Board with the annual renewal of SRDRWC's Safety Policy. This document is refreshed annually, and posted at all SRDRWC facilities and reviewing with contractors.

RES 22-100

**Moved by Tyrone Muller**

That the SRDRWC Board adopt the Safety Policy Statement dated December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as amended.

Carried.

**5.4 SRD 2022 Safety Program Report**

Administration presented the 2022 safety program compliance report from Dara Safety Inc. outlining key performance indicators and areas of focus for 2023 to further improve SRD's safety performance.

RES 22-101

**Moved by Jean Barclay**

That the SRDRWC Board appoint accept the 2022 Safety Program report as information.

Carried.

The meeting went into recess at 10:22 am and reconvened at 10:30 am.

**5.5 Approval of 2023 Operating and Capital Budget and 2023 Rate Bylaw**

Administration presented an update of the 2023 operating and capital budget, and a 3-year operating and capital budget forecast consistent with the Commission's bylaws. Proposed rates were downwardly revised to reflect lower treatment costs from the City of Red Deer than presented in the preliminary budget.

RES 22-102

**Moved by Jean Barclay**

That the SRDRWC Board direct Administration to explore possible locations for a Septic Receiving Station with Red Deer County.

Carried.

RES 22-103

**Moved by Tyrone Muller**

That the SRDRWC Board approve the 2022 Financial Budget outlining the operating and capital budget provisions as presented, AND;

That the SRDRWC board apprive the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of Bylaw 2022-01 setting member rates for service at \$2.59/m<sup>3</sup> and \$6.95/m<sup>3</sup> for SRS customers effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Carried.

RES 22-104

**Moved by Lonny Kennett**

That the SRDRWC Board approve the first reading of Bylaw 2022-01 Rates and Fees Bylaw.

Carried.

RES 22-105

**Moved by Harvey Walsh**

That the SRDRWC Board approve the second reading of Bylaw 2022-02 Rates and Fees Bylaw.

Carried.

RES 22-106

**Moved by Robb Stuart**

That the SRDRWC Board proceed to third and final reading based upon unanimous consent.

Carried.

RES 22-107

**Moved by Jean Barclay**

That the SRDRWC Board approve the third reading of Bylaw 2022-02 Rates and Fees Bylaw.

Carried.

#### **5.6 City of Red Deer – Expropriation Closure**

Administration provided an update on the Hazlett Expropriation settlement led by the City of Red Deer where SRDRWC is responsible for \$1.34 million. As current working capital is insufficient to cover this expenditure use of short-term lending facility, or other capital resources will be required.

RES 22-108

#### **Moved by Lonny Kennett**

That the SRDRWC Board direct Administration to defer payment to the City of Red Deer pending receipt of closing legal documents from the City and approval of a financing plan.

Carried.

#### **5.6 Chair – Alliance and Strategic Discussion**

Chair Angela Aalbers led a discussion with the board on setting of priorities and focus areas for the Chair in 2023. The Chair, on behalf of the full board, is to focus on improving the relationship and alliance with the City of Red Deer as the top priority.

### **6.0 Reports**

The Board received the following reports:

#### **6.1 Chairman's Report**

The Chair report was not presented, as former Chair Mike Walsh is no longer representing Penhold on the SRDRWC board.

#### **6.2 CAO Report**

RES 22-109

#### **Moved by Jean Barclay**

That the SRDRWC Board accept as information the CAO's report.

Carried.

### **6.3 Financial and Other Reports**

RES 22-110

**Moved by Robb Stuart**

That the SRDRWC Board accept as information the CAO's financial and other reports as presented.

Carried.

### **7.0 Confidential Items**

#### **7.1 Board In-Camera Session**

The board moved into closed session (FOIP Section 16 – Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party).

RES 22-111

**Moved by Robb Stuart**

That the SRDRWC Board move in camera at 11:37 am.

Carried.

Don Munro and Andy Treu left the meeting at 11:37 am. CAO, Michael Wuetherick left the room at 11:40 am, returning at 11:44 am.

RES 22-112

**Moved by Lonnie Kennett**

That the SRDRWC Board move out of camera at 11:44 am.

Carried.

### **8.0 Next Meetings, Events**

- Regular meeting, Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Penhold)

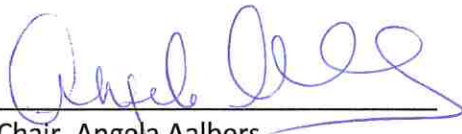
9.0 Adjournment

RES 22-113

**Moved by Angela Aalbers**

That the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 11:45 am

Carried.



Chair, Angela Aalbers



CAO, Michael Wuetherick