

MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

August 27, 2019

The Special Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office at 329 River Road, Arborg, Manitoba on Tuesday, August 27, 2019.

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| Present were: Reeve: | Brian Johnson |
| Councillors: | Frode Andersen Morley Nordal David King Gordon Klym Colin Bjarnason |
| Absent: | Chad Johnson |
| CAO: | Cindy Stansell |

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Reeve Johnson explained that notice of this Special Meeting had been given in conformity with requirements of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Procedural By-law and the Municipal Act.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Morley Nordal

Councillor David King

(1) RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Water Services ICIP Grant Application

Councillor Colin Bjarnason

Councillor Morley Nordal

(2) WHEREAS the Manitoba Water Services Board conducted the Arborg-Riverton Water Supply Study, dated August 2019;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, jointly with the Town of Arborg, submit the project titled: Regional Water Supply Project for grant funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure Stream; and

AND FURTHER BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council supports the project and is committed to fund Bifrost-Riverton's share of the Total Municipal Requirements - \$4,105,919.84.

CARRIED

3.2 Tenders**Councillor Morley Nordal****Councillor David King****(3) RESOLVED THAT Council accept the following tenders:**

| TENDER | CONTRACTOR | NET TOTAL (Less GST) |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| West 4 E22-23-2E | Phil Yoder & Sons | \$9,700.00 |
| West 5 NW4-26-3E | Phil Yoder & Sons | \$6,000.00 |
| House of Hope Sidewalk | Redi-Form Construction | \$20,475.00 |

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that should Bidder Qualification requirements not be met, Council hereby authorizes the C.A.O. to award the tenders to the next lowest bidder that meets qualifications. CARRIED

3.3 Office Administration**Councillor Colin Bjarnason****Councillor Gordon Klym**

(4) RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the CAO to offer the position of Receptionist. CARRIED

3.4 Centennial Park Project Contribution Agreement**Councillor Gordon Klym****Councillor Colin Bjarnason**

(5) RESOLVED THAT that Council authorize the Reeve to sign the Building Sustainable Communities Program Project Contribution Agreement for the Riverton Centennial Park Revitalization Project. CARRIED

3.5 Interlake/Parkland Drought Sub-Committee**Councillor Morley Nordal****Councillor David King**

(6) WHEREAS the lack of volume and frequency of precipitation in 2019 has caused incorrigible damage to the agriculture industry within the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton and Interlake region;

AND WHEREAS moisture accumulations, to date, are 40 to 60% of normal;

AND WHEREAS hay yields are coming in at 20 to 60% of average production;

AND WHEREAS dugouts and wells are drying up and water quality is a growing concern. Water Supply is rated as 30 to 40% adequate;

AND WHEREAS farmers are being forced to sell their livestock because of the high cost of providing feed and water;

AND WHEREAS there is an increasing desperation among the farmers in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton as they continue to watch the lack of precipitation inhibit the 2019 farming year;

AND WHEREAS these drought conditions have extreme negative economic impacts on all sectors of the Agriculture industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council declare a State of Agricultural Disaster within the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council request immediate assistance, through initiatives such as AgriRecovery, be provided to those in our Agricultural industry affected by current drought conditions. **CARRIED**

3.6 Road 2E Testing

3.7 Vigfusson Road Unveiling

Councillor Morley Nordal

Councillor David King

(7) RESOLVED THAT Council hold an unveiling event for Vigfusson Road;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Vigfusson family be presented with a plaque in recognition of the contribution to the municipality. **CARRIED**

4. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Morley Nordal

Councillor Frode Andersen

(8) RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby adjourn the Special Meeting of Council at 2:59 p.m. to meet again on September 11, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. **CARRIED**



Brian N. Johnson, Reeve



Cindy Stansell, C.A.O.