

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

RURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 12, 2022

PRESENT: Chair Mark Parker

Directors Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway - via Zoom
Clint Lambert
Chris Newell
Jerry Petersen
Gerry Thiessen

Director Michael Riis-Christianson, Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)
Absent

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Others Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle – via Zoom
Bob Motion, District of Fort St. James
Taylor Turkington, Manager, Beswick Hildebrant Lund – via Zoom
Cathy Peters, BC Human Trafficking, Educator, Speaker, Advocate – via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2022-5-1

"That the Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda for May 12, 2022 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
-April 14, 2022

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2022-5-2

"That the minutes of the Rural/Agriculture Committee meeting of April 14, 2022 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RURAL REPORTS

Legacy Funding – Coastal GasLink (CGL) Pipeline Project

The following was discussed:

- Requesting funding for fire protection equipment (water pump trailer)
 - o BC Cattlemen’s working to have fire protection equipment
 - o Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) currently has 9 trailers that have been deployed to a number of fires
 - o Support organizations/societies in the region in their acquisition of fire protection equipment

- Internet fibre connection
 - o Buckflats area in Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)
- Legacy funding for waste-based initiatives
 - o Region-wide request
- LNG Canada and Coastal GasLink Project funding allocated to the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine for waste initiatives
- RDBN receiving RDKS waste due to pipeline activity
- Knockholt Expansion costs and the impacts due to additional waste
- Potential formation of societies throughout the region
- Providing CGL with an outline of the RDBN’s ask and suggested ideas
 - o \$75,000 per Electoral Area
 - o \$500,000 region-wide request for waste projects – long term liability of landfills.
 - o Staff will include the capital costs of Knockholt Landfill expansion and determine outline of funding requests.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORT

COVID-19 Relief Fund Applications

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2022-5-3

“That the Committee recommend that the Board approve the following applications for COVID-19 Relief Funds:
-Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural)
-Lakes District Film Appreciation Society – Insurance, Utilities - \$6,002
-Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural)
-Fraser Lake Saddle Club – Insurance, Utilities - \$2,451
-Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)
-Lakes District Film Appreciation Society – Insurance, Utilities - \$6,002.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2022-5-4

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:06 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services