

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

RURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 8, 2024

PRESENT: Chair Clint Lambert

Directors Judy Greenaway
Shirley Moon
Chris Newell
Mark Parker – left at 2:59 p.m.
Michael Riis-Christianson – arrived at 2:37 p.m.
Stoney Stoltenberg

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer – left at 2:59 p.m.
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services – left at 2:44 p.m.,
returned at 2:57 p.m., left at 3:04 p.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – via Zoom
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lambert called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2024-2-1

“That the Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda for February 8, 2024 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Rural/Agriculture Committee
Meeting Minutes
-January 11, 2024

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

RDC.2024-2-2

“That the minutes of the Rural/Agriculture Committee meeting of January 11, 2024 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Referrals

Crown Land Application Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Referral No. 6409460 Seconded by Director Greenaway
Electoral Areas B (Burns Lake
Rural) and G (Houston/Granisle
Rural)

RDC.2024-2-3 "That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application No. 6409460."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding:

- First Nations notification and consultation
- Potential noise concerns of wind farms
- Application is to test wind levels for a potential wind farm if a proposal for a wind farm is submitted it would come forward to the Board
 - If application is brought forward more information will be required regarding impacts to residents and First Nations consultation.

RURAL REPORTS

Rural Budget Summary Moved by Director Parker
and Draft Requisition Seconded by Director Moon

RDC.2024-2-4 "That the Committee receive the Chief Financial Officer's Rural Budget Summary and Draft Requisition memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed:

- Administration Expenses – Admin recoveries
- Electoral Area "B" General Government Requisition
- Building Numbering Requisition
- Electoral Area "G" Waste Disposal Requisition
- Grant in Aid monies carried forward.

RURAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Grant in Aid Policy Update

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2024-2-5

"That the Committee recommend that the Board approve the updated RDBN Grant in Aid Policy as amended as follows:
3. c)...Failure to submit a report will (replacing "may") impact consideration of future applications."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Old Growth Deferral on Crown Agricultural Land Reserve Lands

Chair Lambert brought forward the Provincial Old Growth Deferral in relation to Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Land and concerns regarding the inability to harvest fibre for agricultural purposes such as shavings. Discussion took place in regard to bringing forward the issue to the Agricultural Land Commission, Ministry of Forest and Ministry of Agriculture and Food. The Old Growth Deferral mapping was also discussed.

Letter to Ministry of Forests Re: Old Growth Deferral on Crown Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Land

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2024-2-6

"That the Committee recommend that the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Forests requesting information regarding old growth management areas encompassing Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Land and outline how the impacts to the ALR Land is being considered."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Liability Insurance for Grazing Licensees and Lease Land

Chair Lambert spoke of grazing licensees and lease land holders are now required to have a \$2 million liability insurance policy. Discussion took place regarding the potential impacts to lease holders.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2024-2-6

"That the meeting be adjourned at 3:14 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clint Lambert, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director
of Corporate Services