



Kneehill Regional Partnership Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2024, 6:00 pm
Acme Village Office

Members Present: Faye McGhee, Kneehill County; Chairperson
Councillor Jenny Lyver, Town of Trochu
Michelle Lomond, Village of Carbon
Marilyn Sept, Town of Three Hills
Reg Wiebe, Village of Linden
Rhonda Laking, Village of Acme

Administration Present: Mike Haugen, Kneehill County CAO
Carolyn Van der Kuil, Recording Secretary
Gary Sawatzky, CAO Village of Acme
Ryan Leuzinger, CAO Town of Three Hills

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Michelle Lomond

That the March 27, 2024, agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. Selection of Chairperson

Chairperson:

Mike Haugen called for nominations for the Chairperson for 2024.

Marilyn Sept nominated Faye McGhee for Chairperson for 2024.

Faye McGhee accepted the nomination.

Mike Haugen asked two more times if there were any further nominations.

Mike Haugen declared Faye McGhee the Chairperson for 2024.

Vice Chairperson:

Faye McGhee called for nominations for the Vice-Chairperson for 2024.

Michelle Lomond nominated Jenny Lyver for Vice-Chairperson for 2024.

Jenny Lyver accepted the nomination.

Faye McGhee asked two more times if there were any further nominations.

Faye McGhee declared Jenny Lyver the Vice-Chairperson for 2024.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: Marilyn Sept

That the Minutes for the October 17, 2023, meeting be approved.

CARRIED

5. Meeting Business and Project Updates

5.1 KRP 2023 Annual Report

Moved by: Jenny Lyver

That the Kneehill Regional Partnership approve the 2023 Annual Report as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 Project Updates – Regional Recreation Study and Broadband

Moved by: Michelle Lomond

That the Kneehill Regional Partnership accept the report on the Regional Recreation Study and Broadband for information as presented.

CARRIED

5.3 Regional Recreation Promotion

Moved by: Rhonda Laking

That the Kneehill Regional Partnership designate Kneehill County as the lead for the Regional Recreation Promotion project.

CARRIED

5.4 Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) Presentation

Moved by: Marilyn Sept

That the Kneehill Regional Partnership request a presentation from STARS Air Ambulance Society in conjunction with one of the KRP Education Sessions.

CARRIED

6. Education Session

7. Municipal Round Table

Three Hills

- A charity hockey game between first responders and midget all-stars was organized last week, raising \$17,000 for a youth center.
- Progress on the Pumphouse project, slated for completion in summer.
- Reduced prices on lots, selling four new ones.

- Spring/summer infrastructure project underway in front of Golden Hills Lodge, aiming for completion by end of July.
- Planned "Paint the Ice" event on Good Friday, encouraging creativity and fun before removing the ice.
- Facing challenges with capital projects due to high costs.

Linden

- Work continues on Linden's Land Use Bylaw and Area Structure Plan.

Acme

- Planning a drop-in lunch to appreciate volunteers during April's Volunteer Week.
- Advancements in the school project and flour mill construction.
- Approved two more development permits for housing, aiming for 16 total this year.
- Expecting tender results for lift station by the end of next week.
- Pumphouse plans progressing.
- Working on Strategic Plan

Trochu

- Awaiting announcement from AHS regarding the senior living facility.
- Launching a Citizen Patrol program with significant interest.
- Continuing work on the Land Use Bylaw.
- Open Farm Days will be celebrated at the Trochu Arboretum.
- Grand opening scheduled for April 20 for the daycare established in November.
- New services in town including a physiotherapist, dog trainer, and the village butcher will be moving to their own place as they have outgrown the grocery store.

Carbon

- While the process of hiring a permanent CAO is underway, an Interim CAO has been appointed to fulfill the role temporarily.

Kneehill County

- Paul McLaughlin, RMA's President will be stepping down in the fall. He has been a great advocate during his tenure.
- Council had to deal with an under-levy on the 2023 Alberta School Tax collection. The County will be by utilizing reserves to deal with the shortfall.
- Work continues on the Municipal Development Plan.
- Recently hired an Economic Development Manager.
- First reading was given to two direct control districts and a public hearing scheduled for April 23rd. The purpose of these bylaws is to accommodate Waste Connections of

Canada Inc. to develop a Class II Integrated Waste Management Facility in Kneehill County. It could potentially be benefit for municipalities if approved.

8. Follow-Up Action List

9. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on June 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Linden.

10. Adjournment

Chairperson

Recording Secretary