

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Held in the Boardroom of the Palliser Regional Municipal Services Building; Hanna, Alberta
at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, the 28th day of October 2009.

Present

Mr. Annon Hovde
Mr. John Kaster
Mr. Don Guidolin
Mr. Barrie Hoover
Mr. Wayne Richardson
Mr. Art Standing
Mr. Ben Armstrong
Mr. Ross Rawlusk, CAO
Mr. Jay Slem, Chairman

Representing

Village of Linden
Town of Hanna
Town of Drumheller
Starland County
County of Paintearth
Special Area #2
Wheatland County
Starland County
Special Areas Board

Staff

Mr. Bradley Wiebe, Interim CEO/ Senior Planner
Mrs. Kari Bott, Executive Assistant

Absent

Mr. Ray Romanetz, CAO
Town of Drumheller

1. **Welcome**

Chairman Annon Hovde welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION BY: Mr. Barrie Hoover
"That the agenda be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

3. **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the September 24th, 2009 board meeting were reviewed.

MOTION BY: Mr. Don Guidolin
"That the minutes of the September 24th, 2009 board meeting be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

3. a) Mr. Annon Hovde announced that Bradley Wiebe has been selected as Palliser Regional Municipal Services Ltd.'s CEO with an annual salary of \$103,000./annum, and a 1 year probationary period.

Mr. Annon Hovde reviewed the Letter of Offer with Brad, with the understanding that further details will be discussed with an executive board consisting of Mr. Ross Rawlusk of Starland County, Mr. Jay Slem of the Special Areas Board & Mr. Ray Romanetz of the Town of Drumheller.

Mr. Brad Wiebe gladly accepted the offer as presented and thanked the Board of Directors, Mr. Ross Rawlusk and Mr. Jay Slem.

MOTION BY: Mr. Wayne Richardson
"That the Board of Directors accepts Brad Wiebe's acceptance of the CEO position."

CARRIED

Mr. Ross Rawlusk and Mr. Jay Slem excused themselves from the meeting.

4. **Business Arising**

Business arising from the minutes will be dealt with as part of the agenda.

5. Financial Update

Brad Wiebe reviewed current expenses and budget items, indicating that Palliser is operating within the 2009 budgeted amounts.

Mr. Annon Hovde inquired about the Exploration Grant funds which are being held by the Special Areas Board and the progress of the Regional Profile. Brad informed the Board that the Regional Profile will be released at the November 20th full membership meeting and Special Areas will be invoiced following that.

The CN expenditures were reviewed as well as Palliser's invoice to the CN grant for the consulting work that has taken place from January – August 2009.

The most recent check register since the last Board of Directors Meeting was reviewed.

MOTION BY: Mr. John Kaster

“The Board of Directors accepts the financial update as presented.”

CARRIED

6. Activity Update

- a) **Safety Codes:** Brad informed the Board that Palliser recently received a Statement of Claim from Permit Pro for outstanding amounts owing. Palliser Safety Codes in Drumheller received a Statement of Claim for additional outstanding amounts. Kate Lima, Safety Codes Clerk advised Brad that she is aware of the outstanding amounts but that she was not prepared to pay Permit Pro until Palliser Safety Codes in Drumheller received their files back from Permit Pro. Kate Lima and Ray Romanetz recently met with lawyer Colin Kloot to review. Board discussion centered on the validity of withholding funds in relation to closed files not being returned. Brad will check with Kate regarding the status of the closed files. The general consensus was that Palliser should pay the outstanding amounts owing if that is what the lawyer advises.
- b) **Interim Audit** Monica Ell from Endeavor Chartered Accountants will perform an interim audit of Palliser on November 5 & 6th, 2009 which will assist in reducing the time required for the 2009 annual audit.

MOTION BY: Mr. Art Standing

“The Board of Directors accepts the Safety Codes and Interim Audit Review as presented.”

CARRIED

7. Special Projects Update

Municipal Sustainability Plans - Brad Wiebe updated the Board, indicating that he, Charlene and Garry have been attending meetings in the 6 communities involved and are currently entering into Phase 3 of the project.

Rail Recovery Project – Brad Wiebe discussed details of the progress to date.

- The feasibility study by RailWest Management Ltd. was presented in 8 communities over the last 3 days.
- Art Stacey and Hal Koberinski were in attendance and the turn out was very good.
- The next step will be the incorporation of the company, which will more than likely be named Badlands Railway Company.
- The discontinuance time period is almost up and there will be a share offering to raise the funds; ideally \$300,000 - \$500,000 for a down payment to accompany the offer to CN.
- Discussion focussed on the consultants' information presented at the meetings and the general feedback.
- Ben Armstrong suggested that the committee undertake a large media campaign to increase the public awareness necessary to raise the capital required.

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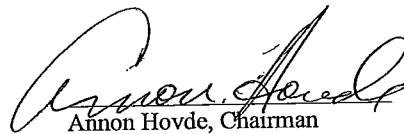
8. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is at 5:00 pm Thursday December 10th, 2009.


9. Adjournment

MOTION BY: Mr. Ben Armstrong
"That the meeting be adjourned at 8:15p.m."

CARRIED



Annon Hovde, Chairman



Recording Secretary
Bradley Wiebe, Chief Executive Officer