

**MINUTES OF THE SMOKY RIVER REGIONAL WATER  
MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN THE  
SMOKY RIVER REGIONAL FIREHALL  
on October 1, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Norm Boulet  
Lindsay Brown  
Donna Buchinski  
John Coy  
Maggie Gervais  
Raoul Johnson  
Danielle Laflamme  
Luc Levesque  
Gilles Roy  
Yvonne Sawchyn  
Joseph Zdeb                      Chairperson  
Administration:              Rick Gervais, Manager

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Joseph Zdeb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA:** Moved by Yvonne Sawchyn that the agenda be approved as presented. (copy attached)  
CARRIED

**REGULAR MINUTES:** Moved by Donna Buchinski that the minutes of August 27, 2024, be approved as presented.  
CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING:** None

**BANK RECONCILIATION:** Moved by Raoul Johnson that Bank Reconciliation dated August 31, 2024, be accepted as circulated. (copy attached)  
CARRIED

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Moved by Norm Boulet that Income Statement dated September 20, 2024, be accepted as information. (copy attached).  
CARRIED

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT:** Moved by Raoul Johnson that the accounts payable for cheques No. 4939 to 4952 and 5 online payments ending September 20, 2024, in the amount of \$51,723.16 to be ratified by the Board. (copy attached)  
CARRIED

**MANAGER UPDATE:** A discussion about the current state of the MCC and Generator at the Water Plant took place. The Manager, Rick Gervais explained the difficulties the electricians are having to quote this project and that engineered plans should be involved to get pricing for this project.

Moved by Raoul Johnson that the Manager seek out quotes from Engineer firms to design a plan for an MCC Panel and Generator System to be integrated into the Water Plant for a potential 2025 Capital Project.

CARRIED

A discussion on the rejection of the Drought and Flood Protection Program Grant Application took place. It was agreed that the Commission does fit the criteria for the DFPP Grant, and we should inquire further into it.

Moved by Donna Buchinski to inquire about an in-person meeting with the Honourable Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas and the Water Commission to discuss the DFPP program and guidelines.

CARRIED

The Manager, Rick Gervais verbally updated the Board on the potential meeting scheduled for October 12, for Minister Todd Loewen to visit the River Intake at 5-Star.

Moved by John Coy to accept the Manager's update as information. (copy attached)

CARRIED

**POLICY REVIEW:** Moved by Maggie Gervais that Policy No. 003-3 – Communications With Media, be approved as circulated. (copy attached)

CARRIED

**PROPOSED BUDGET:** Gilles Roy joined the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Moved by Lindsay Brown to enter into a closed session.

CARRIED

The Manger, Rick Gervais left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Moved by Raoul Johnson to exit the closed session at 7:46 p.m.

CARRIED

The Manager, Rick Gervais re-joined the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Moved by Lindsay Brown to accept proposed 2025 Budget "C" which includes a 2 % cost of living increase for all employees, and effective January 1, 2025, a water rate increase of \$0.25/m<sup>3</sup> bringing the rate to \$6.25m<sup>3</sup>. (copy attached)

CARRIED

Moved by Joseph Zdeb for the Manager to prepare a report for a 5-year Capital Plan to present at the next meeting.

CARRIED

CLARIFIER UPGRADES: Moved by John Coy to accept the Clarifier Upgrades update as information. (copy attached)

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS: MD of Smoky River Letter: The MD of Smoky River No. 130 is requesting to implement a Truck Fill Station into the Water Commission's Metering Staton at NW-3-78-21-W5.

Moved by Gilles Roy to enter into a closed session at 7:52 p.m.

CARRIED

Moved by Lindsay Brown to exit the closed session at 7:57 p.m.

CARRIED

Moved by Norm Boulet to ask for an Agreement in Principle from the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130, requesting additional information regarding their request for the use of the Water Commission's Metering Station.

CARRIED

Moved by Joseph Zdeb to accept the letter from the MD of Smoky River as information. (copy attached)

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: Notice of Award  
AMWWP Smoky River WTP Upgrade

Moved by Danielle Laflamme to accept all correspondence as information. (copies attached)

CARRIED

A discussion transpired about further grant funding under the Water for Life Program and/or the Drought and Flood Protection Program.

Moved by Joseph Zdeb that the Water Commission request for meetings with the Honourable Rebecca Shulz, Minister of Alberta Environment and Protected Areas, and the Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, to take place at the Annual RMA Conference.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2024, at the Smoky River Regional Fire Hall at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Joseph Zdeb adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

  
Chairperson

  
Recording Secretary