

**MINUTES OF THE SMOKY RIVER REGIONAL WATER
MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN THE
SMOKY RIVER REGIONAL FIREHALL
on June 12, 2025**

PRESENT: Alain Blanchette (7:45p.m.)
 Donna Buchinski (phone in)
 John Coy
 Maggie Gervais
 Danielle Laflamme
 Robert Lauze
 Luc Levesque
 Gilles Roy
 Marcus Sheane
 Joseph Zdeb Chair

 Administration: Rick Gervais, Manager

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Joseph Zdeb called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

AGENDA: Moved by Danielle Laflamme that the agenda be accepted as presented. CARRIED

REGULAR MINUTES: Moved by Donna Buchinski that the Regular Meeting minutes of April 16, 2025, be approved as presented. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING: None.

BANK RECONCILIATION: Moved by John Coy that Bank Reconciliation dated April 30, 2025, and Bank Reconciliation dated May 31, 2025, be accepted as circulated. (copies attached) CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Moved by Maggie Gervais that Income Statement dated June 9, 2025, be accepted as information. (copy attached) CARRIED

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: Moved by Marcus Sheane that the accounts payable for cheques No. 5043 to 5066 and 14 online payments ending June 5, 2025, in the amount of \$115,046.21, to be ratified by the Board. (copy attached) CARRIED

MANAGER UPDATE: Water Treatment / Consumption
 Water Break

Water Co-op Meeting
Versatile Energy Solutions
Acti-Zyme
Girouxville Watermain Repairs

Alain Blanchette joined the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

River Intake: The Manager reported to the Board that the Work Proposal for the River Intake was received from M2 Engineering on June 12. The Manager will forward the work plan to the Board for review, and we will convene for a Special Meeting to discuss this topic.

Approval Renewal

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

CARRIED

POLICY REVIEW:

Moved by Maggie Gervais that Policy No. 003-4-Emergency Communications, be approved as amended. The addition of number 4 and number 5 will be added to the policy. No. 5 will read as: Voyant Alert app will be utilized to relay emergency information. (copy attached)

CARRIED

Moved by Danielle Laflamme that the review of Policy No. 202-Designated Holidays, be approved as presented. (copy attached)

CARRIED

Moved by Gilles Roy that the review of Policy No. 206-Sick Leave, be approved as presented. (copy attached)

CARRIED

VAF FILTER COSTS:

MeQuipco Ltd. Quote
AGS Mechanical Quote
M2 Engineering Quote

Moved by John Coy to accept the quotes associated to the purchase and implementation of the VAF Filter, up to the amount of \$80,000.00, to be funded from Capital Reserves. (copies attached)

CARRIED

DONNELLY WATER
AND WASTEWATER

Moved by Gilles Roy to accept the agreement as amended.
Under section 4. Term:

- This agreement will be in effect for one year from the date of signing.
- Amendments to this agreement may be made with approval of both parties in writing.
- Either party may terminate this agreement by giving the other party a written 90-day notice of its intention to do so. Following delivery of notice by either party, no additional services may be requested or confirmed that exceed the 90-day notice period. (copy attached)

CARRIED

Moved by Alain Blanchette to bring the current Water & Wastewater System Assistance and Oversight Agreement between the Commission and the Village of Girouxville to the next regular meeting for review.

CARRIED

WEBSITE
INTRODUCTION:

The Manager and Chair presented the newly designed Commission Website (www.srwater.ca) created by 2376195 Alberta LTD. that is just about ready to go public.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Water Engagement Session: Donna Buchinski summarized the in-person Water Engagement Session that she attended in Grande Prairie, hosted by Alberta Environment. Moved by Donna Buchinski to accept as information. (copy attached)

CARRIED

Hines Creek Letter for Support: No letter of support will be provided to the Village of Hines Creek regarding streamlining of bacteriological samples. It was agreed that the Commission and Municipalities within the MD of Smoky River have already voiced their concerns on this matter with letters sent in late 2024 and early 2025.

Moved by Gilles Roy to accept the Village of Hines Creek's letter for requested support as information. (copy attached)

CARRIED

Alberta Regional Water Services Forum: Moved by Joseph Zdeb to send a letter of support provided by ACE Water Corporation and South Red Deer Regional Wastewater Commission to Minister of Finance Nate Horner and copy

the letter to Minister of Municipal Affairs Dan Williams, Minister of Alberta Environment & Protected Areas, Rebecca Schulz, and Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors Devin Dreesen. (copy attached)

CORRESPONDENCE: EPEA Acknowledgement for Application for Renewal of existing approval.

Public Notice for South Peace News

7-Day Letter-Girouxville valve repairs

Acti-Zyme Letter of Support

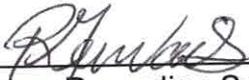
Moved by John Coy to accept all correspondence as information. (copies attached)

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2025, at the Smoky River Regional Fire Hall at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Joseph Zdeb adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.



Chairperson



Recording Secretary