



**2018 ANNUAL RATEPAYERS MEETING
Special Area No. 2, Subdivisions 3 & 4
Hardgrass Hub, Pollockville, May 23, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m. Approximately 15 ratepayers were in attendance.

Regan Curry nominated Brad Slorstad for Chairman. Andy Andrus moved nominations cease.

Randy Pierson moved the 2017 minutes be adopted as presented. Seconded by Randy Landis. **Carried.**

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Brad Slorstad – Subdivision 3:

Commented on:

Pipeline complete, operating shortly.
ABC review – complete.

Brent Horner – Subdivision 4:

Sent regrets.

SPECIAL AREAS BOARD REPORTS

Jordon Christianson, Chair, Special Areas Board:

Commented on a number of items, including:

- Fall 17 Municipal election
 - 5 new councillors, Doug Noble replaces Bonnie Sansregret on Board to sit with Brent Horner and Daryl Swenson. Jordon's term expires in fall of 18 but a further term of 3 years has been awarded.
- ABC review of SAB
 - Municipal Affairs not prepared to move forward at present, has stopped the review of SAB and current governance will continue
- Climate Change Taskforce
 - SA partnered with Town of Hanna and Cactus Corridor to investigate impacts of the potential closure of Sheerness Generating Station and associated mine. Has been engaging the community around transition from coal. Looking for economic development initiatives. Some grant money has been awarded.
 - One project is a community fund that would drive business development. Community owned solar generation project is what the idea has evolved into. Currently looking into a potential solar project to create community fund
- Oyen Rail Development

Darcy Ferguson, Director of Finance:

Commented on:

- Deficit spending
- Stabilizing assessment base
- Oil well drilling taxes up 1 million dollars



- Province paid education portion of bad debt levy
- 2018 budget
- Financial Statements
- Tax Receivables

Owen Francis, Director of Municipal Services:

Commented on a number of items including:

- Roads - Alberta Transportation agreement on secondary's, in second year of three year agreement, GBC 886, FINAL Cement on 586 and 862 which will complete the cement stabilized grade program, 2018 construction, last year 44 km of paving on 876 which AB Transportation did fund 50%
- Water – Focusing on setting up Jenner Water treatment reduced from 7 days/week monitoring. Completed Wardlow distribution Building and truck fill, continue formal agreements with small communities to offer relief personnel for water services
- Emergency Services
- Fire 2017 – 368 fire calls very busy and difficult for fire volunteers and their employers, had three ECCs open, Suffield Fire, October Snow storm and Hilda/Burstall fire. Regional Training Partnership continues, new equipment planned for Jenner, Empress, Veteran and Cereal. Fire Notification system
- Community Peace officers – increased patrol focused on 570/36 and 570/884 intersections and very high speeds
Parks – upgrades at Carolside dam, restroom, garbage receptacles, plan netting to re-establish catch limits at Carolside

Trent Caskey, Director of Property Administration:

Commented on:

- 2004 TRLS Update
- Market Value Assessment update
- Adjustments in the assessment base
- Review of Lease Rates
- Renewable Energy Projects
- Community Pasture Fees
- Return of Rail bed to adjacent parcels
- Economic development policy

Jesse Williams, Agricultural Fieldman

Commented on:

- Noxious weed spraying - 4 hours of spraying for ratepayers
- Gopher poison availability
- Jesse will be on mat leave mid-summer and Marcia Raymond will be her coverage

Discussion:

- Special Areas Water Supply Project
- Water in Bullpound creek for irrigation
- Irrigation water line from Bartman dam



- Questions on bad debt and the levy to address.
- Discussion on Chain of command and responses to fire calls and decisions made. Questions on the reduced rates for areas burnt.
- Roads washed out with spring runoff
- Moving start date of the swing gator operators be moved ahead
- Possibility of contracting out maintenance operator positions
- Tax Recovery Land sales

Motions:

SA2SUB3&4 – Motion 1: Regan Curry moves SAB conduct a feasibility study on providing water for irrigation from the Bullpound Creek. Seconded by Trevor Warburton. **Carried.**

SA2SUB3&4 – Motion 2: Jack Bunney moves that SAB conduct a feasibility study on irrigation waterline from Bartman Dam to Cessford area. Seconded by Randy Pierson. **Carried.**

SA2SUB3&4 – Motion 3: Calvin Rooke moves that SAB conduct feasibility studies of irrigation mainlines on the west side Highway 36 and near the Highway 876. Seconded by Greg Gordon. **Carried.**

SA2SUB3&4 - Motion 4: Lee Fryberger moves that SAB request recovery of the cost of peace officers patrolling secondary highways of Special Areas from the Province. Seconded by Andy Andrus. **Carried.**

SA2SUB3&4 – Motion 5: Lyle Connors moves that the SAB review the policy regarding Texas gates on the Wardlow road. Seconded by Lee Fryberger. **Carried.**

SA2SUB3&4 – Motion 6: Kevin Slorstad moves that SAB continue to investigate another tax recovery land sale. Seconded by Lee Fryberger. **Carried.**

Randy Pierson moves for adjournment at 4:38 P.M.

Brett Richards

Brett Richards, Administrator
Special Area No. 2, Hanna