

**KNEEHILL COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2005**

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2005 REGULAR
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF KNEEHILL COUNTY AT
THE KNEEHILL COUNTY OFFICE, 232 MAIN STREET,
THREE HILLS, ALBERTA.

PRESENT

PRESENT:

Division No. 4	Murray Woods, Reeve
Division No. 5	Vern Crawford, Deputy Reeve
Division No. 2	Carol Calhoun, Councillor
Division No. 1	Brian Holsworth, Councillor
Division No. 3	Jerry Wittstock, Councillor
Division No. 6	Ken Hoppins, Councillor
Division No. 7	Ken Knievel, Councillor

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

CAO	Gene Kiviaho
Finance Director	Lavinia Henderson
Operations Director	Rob Mayhew
Agricultural Fieldman	Bruce Sommerville
Assessor	Frank Grills
EMS Coordinator	Greg Harsch
Planner	Jeremy Fenton
Municipal Intern	Dan Proctor
Recording Secretary	Barb Long

CALL TO ORDER

1. Reeve Woods in the Chair:
Reeve Woods called the meeting to order at 8:38 A.M.

AGENDA

2. Adoption of Agenda:
Additions to the Agenda:
Under Agenda Item #3
- Special Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2005
Under Old Business
- 6(g) 2005 Budget
Under New Business
- 7(e)FCM Resolution
Under In Camera
- Legal Issue – Fire Update
Under Committee Reports

Reeve

CAO

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- Badlands Ambulance Service
- Wild Rose Economic Development Corporation
- ASB Conference

Deletions to the Agenda:

- 4 Financial Statements
- 6(e) Bylaw #1501

58/05 Councillor Holsworth moved approval of the agenda, as amended.

CARRIED

Ms. Debi Moon entered the meeting at 8:45 A.M.

MINUTES

3. Approval of the January 25, 2005 Council meeting minutes and February 3, 2005 Special Council Meeting Minutes

The following amendments were made to the January 25, 2005 Council meeting minutes:

Page 5 - ASB Report- date of 60th Anniversary celebration should be Friday, April 15, 2005

Page 3 – First reading to Bylaw #1501 by Councillor Knievel

59/05 Councillor Wittstock moved approval of the January 25, 2005 Regular Council Meeting minutes, as amended.

CARRIED

60/05 Councillor Hoppins moved approval of the February 3, 2005 Special Council Meeting minutes.

FIN STATEMENTS

4. Financial Statements

Deleted from the Agenda – referred to the February 22, 2005 Council Meeting.

ACCTS PAYABLE

61/05

5. Accounts Payable

Councillor Knievel moved approval of the accounts presented for payment subject to review by the Finance Committee.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

FCM CONFERENCE

62/05

6. Old Business

a) FCM's 68th Annual Conference – Convention Delegates (report attached and forming part of the minutes)

Councillor Hoppins moved that Council approve Councillor Crawford and CAO Gene Kiviaho as delegates to the 2005 FCM

Reeve

CAO

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Convention, in St. John's Newfoundland & Labrador. Further, due to the increase in the estimated cost of airfare and hotel accommodations, the cost per delegate, as determined by Motion 34/05, be increased to a maximum of \$3,500.00.

CARRIED

ISP REPORT

b) Internet Service Provider Report

Mr. Kiviaho updated Council on the progress to date regarding the provision of high speed internet within the municipality. The ISP Committee consisting of representatives from Acme, Carbon, Linden, Three Hills, Trochu, and Kneehill County, heard presentations from 2 providers on January 28th. Consensus of the Committee was that Wild Rose Networks be endorsed to proceed with the provision of high speed internet service within Kneehill County region. Each representative will request their Council to endorse Wild Rose Networks as a service provider for the region. There is no requirement for municipalities to invest in the provision of this service because Wild Rose Networks an independent business operating within municipal boundaries.

63/05

Councillor Calhoun moved that Council receive this report as presented.

CARRIED

COUNTY H2O

FUNDING STRATEGY

d) Funding Strategy for Kneehill County Regional Water Project (report attached and forming part of the minutes)

Four options for funding of the County's regional water project, effective with the 2005 Operating/Capital Budget, were presented for Council consideration.

64/05

Councillor Crawford moved that Council receive this information and that it be referred to the February 22nd Council meeting for a decision.

CARRIED

Mr. Darrell Morley, representative of Spirit Pine Energy, entered the meeting at 9:10 A.M.

The meeting recessed from 9:10 A.M. until 9:20 A.M.

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**SPIRIT PINE
ENERGY**

**Presentation – Spirit Pine Energy Corporation Wind Farm
Proposal – by Darrell Morley**

Mr. Morley presented information to Council on Spirit Pine Energy's proposal for the development of a wind farm on the plateau located within ranges 24 & 25 and townships 33 & 34. Mr. Morley updated Council on the activities to date, the timeline for construction of the wind farm, and the benefits to the County, advising that ongoing public consultation and information open houses will be held as the project develops. Mr. Morley advised the County would need to develop bylaws to deal with the regulations/requirements for wind farms and requested a letter of support or approval from Kneehill County to accompany their submission to the Alberta Environment Utility Board. Mr. Morley reported that part of the AEUB application is to let the County know about the project and provide contact information for any further inquiries.

65/05 Councillor Calhoun moved that Council receive this report.
CARRIED

**LINDEN NORTH WSA
PHASE ONE**

**d) Linden North Water Service Area Project Phase One –
(report attached and forming part of the minutes)**

Council addressed the following specific areas needing immediate decisions with respect to the Linden North Water Service Area Phase One development. Other items identified as needing Council direction to be presented at future Council meetings.

Item 2- Bulk Stations (fire hydrants)

66/05 Councillor Crawford moved that Council approve delaying the construction of a bulk water station until the initial phase of the project is completed. Further, that Council direct Administration to investigate and prepare a study regarding the placement of a bulk water station, with this report to be presented at the first Council meeting in April.

CARRIED

Item #4 – Confined Feeding Operation Philosophy

67/05 Councillor Hoppins moved that Council approve the Kneehill County priorities for the supply of water as people first, then livestock and then irrigation.

CARRIED

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Item #12- Funding Model

Referred to the February 22, 2005 Council meeting for a decision.

Item #20 – Multiple Residences

68/05

Councillor Crawford moved that Kneehill County provide one water service connection only per title.

CARRIED

Note: Policy should be developed to address the necessity for a separate water connection at the subdivision stage.

**e) Municipal Disaster Services Agency Bylaw Amendment
(Bylaw #1501)**

Deleted from the agenda.

**NEW BUS
RE-DESIGNATION**

7. New Business

**a) Redesignation from Agricultural to Country Residential
(NW 4-29-26-W4 –Keim)**

69/05

Councillor Wittstock moved the meeting recess in order to hear the public hearing scheduled for 10:00 A.M.

CARRIED

Time: 10:00 A.M.

70/05

Councillor Wittstock moved Council reconvene the Public Hearing portion of the meeting being completed.

CARRIED

Time: 10:15A.M.

71/05

Councillor Crawford moved first reading of Bylaw #1502, this being a bylaw to redesignate the North West Quarter of Section 4, Range 29 Township 26, West of the Fourth Meridian, from Agricultural Conservation District to Agricultural District.

CARRIED

72/05

Councillor Knievel moved second reading to this bylaw.

CARRIED

73/05

Councillor Calhoun moved consideration for third reading be given to this bylaw at this time.

NOT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Bylaw #1502 will be presented for third reading at the February 22, 2005 Council meeting.

Old Business Continued

BOWMAN SBDV

f) Bowman Subdivision (report attached and forming part of the minutes)

74/05

Councillor Knievel moved that Council approve the following recommendations:

- 1) That Council reject Mr. Bowman's proposal that the County take ownership and maintenance responsibility of the proposed water and sewer systems
- 2) That Council reject Mr. Bowman's alternate proposal that the County enter into an agreement with the Town and/or Mr. Bowman to provide water and sewer services to the proposed subdivision
- 3) That Council direct Administration to advise Mr. Bowman to pursue on-site water and sewer solutions

CARRIED

Mr. Richard Marz, MLA Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills entered the meeting at 11:22 A.M.

R.MARZ, MLA

R. Marz -Presentation

Reeve Woods welcomed Mr. Marz to the meeting and thanked him for agreeing to meet with Council to discuss issues of common interest.

Mr. Marz requested that Mr. Kiviaho keep a summary of the County's priorities, including the funds required, and he will do his best to represent Kneehill County at the provincial level.

Mr. Sommerville, Agricultural Fieldman requested Mr. Marz's support for all initiatives moving forward on invasive species, including a provincial species management strategy. Mr. Marz requested a list of those species specific to this region of the province and their origin, in order that he could present the information to the Pacific North West Economic Region Committee.

Mr. Marz and Council discussed issues in the areas of transportation, the Kneehill County Regional Water Project; Long Term Water Sources; the Rural Initiative; Funding Options; and the Surface Rights Act.

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Mr. Marz encouraged Council to continue to be active through the AAMD&C, as it is a highly respected organization, and an excellent way in which to lobby government. He further advised letters to the appropriate Ministers, reminding them of the County's needs during this time of business planning and the budgetary process could be helpful.

The meeting recessed for lunch from 12:15 P.M. until 1:33 P.M.

6(g) Budget 2005

2005 BUDGET

75/05

Councillor Holsworth moved that Council approve the transfer of \$150,000.00 from the projected 2005 operating surplus to be applied as the County's portion of funding for Phase One of the Linden North Water Service Area Project, as per County motion of May 14, 2002. Further, that the municipal tax rates for 2005 be as follows: Residential .006673 mills; Farmland .008350 mills; and Commercial .008336 mills.

CARRIED

**RURAL H2O FUNDING
SBDV EXTENSION**

7 New Business Continued

76/05

(b) Request to Extend Subdivision Endorsement Fee - File KNE03413 (report attached and forming part of the minutes)

Councillor Hoppins moved that Council grant an extension to the one-year time period in which the Applicant must submit the requisite instrument to effect the subdivision, with this extension expiring on June 1, 2005, and that the required endorsement fee be paid by the Applicant.

CARRIED

MDP- PH DATE

77/05

c) Request to Set Public Hearing Date – MDP (report attached and forming part of the minutes)

Councillor Wittstock moved that Council schedule this Hearing for 10:00 A.M., March 22, 2005.

CARRIED

SCHMAUTZ LEASE

78/05

d) Schmautz Pasture Land Lease (report attached and forming part of the minutes)

Councillor Knievel moved that Council approve advertising this pasture for rent for a three year term and approve awarding the

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rental to the bidder meeting our specifications, under the direction of the Agricultural Fieldman.

79/05

Councillor Hoppins moved that this motion be amended to reflect that the first half of the rental payment be due prior to the commencement of the yearly lease with the second half of the rental payment at the direction of the Agricultural Fieldman.

CARRIED

A vote was then taken on the original motion, as amended.

CARRIED

**IN CAMERA
RAILWAY XNG
RESOLUTION**

80/05

e) FCM Resolution

Councillor Crawford moved that Kneehill County prepare and present a resolution to the FCM annual meeting regarding railway crossing safety. The resolution would call for federal legislation that would amend the Transport Canada Railway Safety Act to require the railway companies to install flashing lighting at all level grade crossings that are within one kilometer of city, town, village, or hamlet boundaries, are located within 500 meters of a public utility power supply, and involve railcars becoming stationary at that location from time to time.

CARRIED

CORR REPORT

81/05

8. Correspondence Report (attached and forming part of the minutes)

Correspondence Item: Jan 31/05 Letter from Town of Trochu re: Rural Physicians Retention and Attraction

Councillor Calhoun moved that Councillor Knievel represent Kneehill County on the committee formed to look at ways of attracting and retaining physicians and medical personnel to the Trochu community.

CARRIED

82/05

Councillor Crawford moved that Administration be directed to send a letter with Councillor Knievel to the February 15th committee meeting, explaining that it is the position of the County, that this is a County wide concern and recommending that all municipalities be involved.

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CARRIED

83/05 Correspondence Item: Feb 3/05 Letter from AAMD&C re:
AAMD&C Rural Transportation Grant Review Committee
Councillor Hoppins moved that Mr. Kiviaho be nominated to serve
on the AAMD & C Rural Transportation Grant Committee
CARRIED

84/05 Councillor Hoppins moved that Council receive the
Correspondence Report.
CARRIED

**9. Business Pending & Summary Report (attached and
forming part of the minutes)**

Under Item #56-02, Mr. Kiviaho advised a meeting with Mr.
Tony Martens is being arranged.

BUS REPORT Councillor Wittstock moved that Council receive the
85/05 Business Summary Report.
CARRIED

COUNCIL REPTS
BASS

10. Council and Committee Reports

Badlands Ambulance Service – verbal report of January
meeting by Councillor Calhoun.

Wild Rose Economic Development Corporation - written report
by Councillor Hoppins

ASB Convention – written report by Dan Proctor, presented by
Councillor Knievel.

86/05 Councillor Calhoun moved that Council receive the Council and
Committee reports, as presented.
CARRIED

BUS ARISING

11. Business Arising from Council and Committee Reports

There was no business arising from the Council and Committee
Reports

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12. In Camera Session

87/05 Councillor Wittstock moved the meeting go in camera to discuss the legal and labour issues.

CARRIED

Time: 2:45 p.m.

IN SESSION

Councillor Knievel moved the meeting back in session.

88/05

CARRIED

Time: 3:30 p.m.

**89/05
ADJOURNMENT**

13. Adjournment

Councillor Crawford moved the meeting be adjourned at 3:32 P.M.

CARRIED