KNEEHILL COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2005

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 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 (absent for the afternoon session)
Division No. 1	Brian Holsworth, Councillor
Division No. 2	Carol Calhoun, 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
Director of Operations	Rob Mayhew
Assessor	Frank Grills
EMS Coordinator	Greg Harsch
Planner	Jeremy Fenton
Recording Secretary	Barb Long

1. Reeve Woods in the Chair:

CALL TO ORDER Reeve Woods called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

AGENDA **Additions to the Agenda:**

Under New Business
- 5(h) Council Lap Top Computers

Under In Camera
- 12(b) Legal Issues

Under Committee Reports
- CAAMD&C Zone Meeting
- Community Savings AGM
- Central Alberta Mayor & Reeve's Meeting

145/05 Councillor Wittstock moved approval of the agenda, as amended.

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CARRIED

MINUTES

3.Approval of the March 8 2005 Council meeting minutes and February 22, 2005 Public Hearing Minutes

The following amendments were made to the March 8, 2005 Council meeting minutes:
Page 1 – Call to Order – should read "Deputy Reeve Crawford"
Page 7 - Motion #134/05 should read" Councillor Holsworth moved that Councillor Knievel and Mrs. Knievel represent Kneehill County at the Kneehill Historical Society annual spring fund raiser."

146/05 Councillor Calhoun moved approval of the March 8, 2005 Regular Council Meeting minutes, as amended.

CARRIED

147/05 Councillor Crawford moved approval of the February 22, 2005 Public Hearing minutes.

CARRIED

4. Accounts Payable

ACCTS PAYABLE
148/05 Councillor Knievel moved approval of the accounts presented for payment subject to review by the Finance Committee.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

5 Old Business

LINDEN NORTH

a) Linden North Water Service Area Phase One Decisions

Mr. Mayhew advised that all the decisions needed at this time are based on funding decisions, and requested it be dealt with in conjunction with Agenda Item #5(b)

RURAL H2O PROJ FUNDING

b) Rural Water Projects Funding Strategy (report attached and forming part of the minutes)

A lengthy discussion ensued on possible funding options that could be implemented by the County.

149/05 Councillor Hoppins moved Agenda Items 5(a) and 5(b) be tabled until after the presentation by Stantec Consulting Ltd.

CARRIED

Reeve

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YOUTH SPONSOR POLICY

c) Youth Sponsorship Policy (report attached and forming part of the minutes)

Council reviewed the draft policy and suggested amendments to the draft policy for presentation at the April 12, 2005 Council meeting.

150/05 Councillor Calhoun moved that Council receive the Draft Youth Sponsorship Policy.

CARRIED

PROMO ITEMS POLICY

5(d) Promotional Items Policy (report attached and forming part of the minutes)

151/05 Councillor Wittstock moved that Council receive the Draft Promotional Items Policy.

CARRIED

DRUM H2O LETTER /SUPPORT

5(e) Town of Drumheller Regional Water Supply Funding (report attached and forming part of the minutes)

152/05 Councillor Holsworth moved that Council direct Administration to send a letter supporting the Starland position to Minister Oberg.

CARRIED

EQUITY H2O MTG

5(f) Equity Water Users Meeting (report attached and forming part of the minutes)

153/05 Councillor Knievel moved that Council schedule Thursday, April 14, 2005 at 7:00 P.M., for a meeting with the Equity Water Users.

CARRIED

RATEPAYER MTGS

5(g) 2005 Ratepayer Meetings (report attached and forming part of the minutes)

154/05 Councillor Hoppins moved approval of the agenda for the ratepayer meetings being held in Three Hills on March 22nd , and in Linden on April 12th.

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COUNCIL LAP TOPS

5(h) Council Lap Top Computers

Council was advised purchase options to be presented at the April 12, 2005 Council meeting.

Mr. Don Husteis entered the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

The meeting recessed from 9:45 a.m. until 10:10 a.m.

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GIC/GPS - GEOTECH

Presentation by Don Husteis, District Officer Central Alberta Emergency Management - Geo Explorer and ETeam Briefing (Emergency Management Operations System)

Mr. Husteis gave a demonstration of Geo Explorer and ETeam Briefing, the GIS/GPS system used by Emergency Management Alberta and several municipalities within Alberta and British Columbia. At this time there are 340 layers within the system, and they have targeted an annual fee of $1500-2200 per license.
Mr. Husteis also provided Council with an update on the March 21st Pandemic Influenza regional exercise which was organized by Mr. Harsch and Mr. Kiviaho. The exercise involved 60 people in three Emergency Operation Centre's and was reported to be a great success with all those involved gaining knowledge and information.

Mr. Husteis left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.
Mr. Todd Simenson and Mike Steffler entered the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

The meeting recessed from 10:45 a.m. until 10:55 a.m.

STANTEC

Stantec Consulting Ltd Presentation: Todd Simenson and Mike Steffler

Todd Simenson and Mike Steffler distributed an Activity Update to Council, highlighting the progress of the Linden North Water Service Area Phase One, and focusing on the funding decisions necessary in order to move forward with the project. Mr. Simenson advised all questions and issues of the public need to be addressed in order that Scott Land can continue to get agreements signed. In response to a question from Council regarding effective promotion and marketing of this project, Mr. Simenson suggested contacting the original Three Hills Water West group to see how communication could be improved. Mr. Steffler advised it was important to provide answers so ratepayers would be basing decisions on fact not the rumor mill.

Mr. Simenson and Mr. Steffler left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

The meeting recessed for lunch from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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Councillor Crawford was not present when the meeting reconvened.

6. New Business

RD UPGRADE

a) Road Upgrade Request -N.W.10-29-23-W4 (report attached and forming part of the minutes)

155/05 Councillor Wittstock moved that Council approve the upgrade and a variance of the policy from the required "Major Local Road" standards to the "Minor Local Road" standards, and agree to provide a maximum of $1,500.00 towards the proposed upgrade.

CARRIED

RD UPGRADE

b) Road Upgrade Request – S.E. 20-29-21- W4 (report attached and forming part of the minutes)

156/05 Councillor Holsworth moved that Council approve the upgrade and a variance of the policy from the required "Major Local Road" standards to the "Minor Local Road" standards, and agree to provide a maximum of $567.00 towards the proposed upgrade.

CARRIED

PH DATE
WIND FARM

c) Request to Set Public Hearing Date – Amendment to Land-Use Bylaw to Permit Wind Farm (report attached and forming part of the minutes)

157/05 Councillor Knievel moved that Council schedule this Hearing for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2005.

CARRIED

SBDV EXTENSION

d) Endorsement Extension Request for Subdivision File #KNE03310- S.E.17-32-24-W4 (report attached and forming part of the minutes)

158/05 Councillor Knievel moved that Council grant an extension to the one-year time period in which the Proponent must submit the requisite instrument to effect the subdivision, with the extension to expire on August 1st, 2005.

CARRIED

e) Transfer of Ambulance Service to the Province

AMB SERVICE
TRANSITION

Councillor Woods updated Council on the funding situation, advising the province has granted $16.61 per capita to the towns

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and villages, and $23.40 per capita to the municipal districts and counties.

159/05 Councillor Calhoun moved that Kneehill County flow the provincial per capita funding to the appropriate ambulance providers for the County, Kneehill Ambulance Society and Badlands Ambulance Services.

CARRIED

CARBON TANKER **f) Carbon Tanker Truck (reports attached and forming part of the minutes)**

160/05 Councillor Calhoun moved that Council approve the purchase of a new Tanker Truck for use by the Carbon Fire Department, from Fire Force Apparatus for $168,000.00 including GST.

CARRIED

RURAL H20 PROJECT **Old Business Items continued from earlier in the meeting**
5 (a & b) Rural Water Project Funding

161/05 Councillor Hoppins moved that Council address Agenda Items 5a & 5b tabled earlier in the meeting.

CARRIED

FUNDING STRATEGY

162/05 Councillor Hoppins moved that Kneehill County install the water utility based on a fixed connection fee of $6,000.00 at each curb site, with the balance of the cost funded by a millrate assessed on residential and farmland properties within the Water Service Areas and a County wide millrate assessed on the non-residential properties.

CARRIED

Note: Council requested Administration to bring information to the next Council meeting addressing this funding decision, providing a recommended millrate and funding/financing options for the initial $6,000.00 connection fee as well as funding options for the balance of the project; possible incentives for early hook-up.

CORR REPORT **7. Correspondence Report (attached and forming part of the minutes)**

163/05 Councillor Calhoun moved that Council receive the Correspondence Report.

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164/05 Councillor Wittstock moved that Council receive the Correspondence Report.

CARRIED

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

BUS REPORT
165/05 Councillor Holsworth moved that Council receive the Business Summary Report.

CARRIED

COUNCIL REPTS

9. Council and Committee Reports

COMM SVGS AGM Community Savings AGM – verbal report by Reeve Woods

CAAMD&C CAAMD&C Zone Meeting - verbal report by Reeve Woods and Councillor Hoppins

- Resolution – Review of Surface Rights Act, presented by Kneehill County passed by one vote – needs to have arguments refined prior to presentation at the AAMD&C Spring Convention on April 4-6, 2005

MAYOR/REEVES MTG Central Alberta Mayor & Reeve's Round Table - Reeve Woods will be attending on March 31, 2005

ASB ANNIVERSARY ASB 60th Anniversary - April 15th, 2005

166/05 Councillor Knievel moved that Council members attending the ASB 60th Anniversary celebration purchase their own tickets.

CARRIED

SARMA Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities Annual Convention – Councillor Hoppins updated Council on his attendance at the March Annual Convention, as Director for the AAMD&C

167/05 Councillor Knievel moved that Council receive the Committee Reports.

CARRIED

BUS ARISING

10. Business Arising from Council and Committee Reports

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There was no business arising from the Council and Committee Reports

11. In Camera Session

168/05 Councillor Calhoun moved the meeting go in camera to discuss the legal issues.

CARRIED

Time: 2:25 P.M.

IN SESSION
169/05 Councillor Knievel moved the meeting back in session.

CARRIED

Time: 2:50 P.M.

APPACHE CANADA
170/05 Councillor Calhoun moved that due to the location of the proposed well site, Kneehill County not enter into an Alberta Surface Lease Agreement with Appache Canada Ltd.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed from 2:50 P.M. until 3:00 P.M.

Council reviewed and made amendments to the power point presentation to be shown at the March 22nd, 2005 Ratepayer meeting.

171/05 **12. Adjournment**

ADJOURNMENT Councillor Hoppins moved the meeting be adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

CARRIED

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