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MINUTES of a **REGULAR** meeting of the **REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE** of the **REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN** held in the Boardroom at the Regional District Office on Thursday, February 25, 2016

Members:	Dennis Lapierre	Agricultural Producer	Chair
	Director M. Macnabb	Electoral Area "C"	Vice Chair
	Director B. Fleming	Electoral Area "B"	
	Director H. Halvorson	Electoral Area "F"	
	Director S. Fowler	City of Armstrong	
	Councillor P. McClean	District of Coldstream	
	Alt. Director C. Fraser	Township of Spallumcheen	
	I. Eggen	Agricultural Producer	
	M. Asif	Agricultural Producer	
	P. Stockdale	Agricultural Producer	
	R. van Dalfsen	Agricultural Producer	
	T. Boeve	Agricultural Producer	
	M. Randell	Agricultural Producer	
	M. Witt	Agricultural Commodity	
Staff:	R. Smailes	General Manager, Planning and Building	
	L. Frank	Regional Planning Projects Manager	
	A. Bevan	Executive Assistant	
Other:	Director R. Fairbairn	Chair, Board of Directors	
	Trevor Hargreaves*	Director of Producer Relations and Communications, Kamloops Okanagan Dairymen's Association	

* Denotes presence for part of meeting

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The General Manager, Planning and Building called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ELECTION OF REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

The General Manager, Planning and Building called three times for nominations for the office of Chair of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Director Macnabb nominated Dennis Lapierre.

There being no further nominations, Dennis Lapierre was declared elected, by acclamation, as Chair of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee.

ELECTION OF REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR

The General Manager, Planning and Building called three times for nominations for the office of Vice Chair of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Director Halvorson nominated Director Macnabb.

There being no further nominations, Director Macnabb was declared elected, by acclamation, as Vice Chair of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Dennis Lapierre assumed the Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting – February 25, 2016

Moved and seconded by Directors Fleming and Halvorson
That the agenda of the February 25, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee be approved with the following addition:

- Item E.6 Ministry of Agriculture vacancies.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting – November 19, 2015

Moved and seconded by Councillor McClean and Director Fleming
That the minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Agricultural Plan Implementation

Moved and seconded by Ian Eggen and Director Fleming
That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, a letter be sent to both the Ministry of Agriculture and BC Agriculture Research & Development Corporation requesting that more funds be put towards project implementation of environmental farm plans; as one of the top four priorities of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee, for the Regional Agricultural Plan implementation, is to encourage farmers to participate in environmental farm plans.

CARRIED

Moved and seconded by Councillor McClean and Macnabb
That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, the proposed priority implementation items of the Regional Agricultural Plan (Actions 4.1, 3.6, 1.3 and 6.13) be endorsed and incorporated into the 2016 Regional Planning work plan.

CARRIED

Proposal for Feasibility Study on Ecological Management of Nutrients entering the Shuswap Lakes

Discussion regarding the water quality monitoring that has occurred on the Shuswap River.

Moved and seconded by Directors Fleming and Halvorson
That the Proposal for Feasibility Study on Ecological Management of Nutrients entering the
Shuswap Lakes be received for information.

CARRIED

Water Pollution

Discussion regarding aquifer protection.

Moved by Alt. Director Fraser and Director Fowler
That Trevor Hargreaves, Director of Producer Relations and Communications, Kamloops
Okanagan Dairymen's Association be allowed to speak regarding water pollution.

CARRIED

Mr. Hargreaves advised the Committee of the following regarding water pollution in the North
Okanagan:

- The Regional Manager position at the Ministry of Agriculture was suddenly vacant
because of a retirement
- Exerted extreme pressure, monthly meetings
- No district/area should not have potable drinking water
- Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Agriculture both have noted that the aquifer has
many different contamination sources
- Strategic plan from ministry is needed. There should be an update from the Ministry
shortly.

Moved and seconded by Director Halvorson and Ralph van Daltsen
That the Vancouver Sun Newspaper Articles regarding Water Pollution in Spallumcheen be
received for information.

CARRIED

Agricultural Land Commission Application SMITH, R & L [File No. 13-0326-D-ALR]

Discussion regarding the Committee receiving a yearly report on all ALR applications including
applications within the member municipalities.

Moved and seconded by Councillor McClean and Director Halvorson
That the Staff Report dated February 3, 2016 regarding the Agricultural Land Commission
Application for the property located at 1092 Creighton Valley Road, Electoral Area "D" be received
for information.

CARRIED

Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators Work for RGS 5-Year Review

The Regional Planning Projects Manager gave a brief update on the Monitoring and Evaluation
Indicators Work for RGS 5-Year Review.

Ministry of Agriculture vacancies

Ralph van Daltsen informed the Committee that the Regional Manager position, formerly held by
Greg Tegart, will most likely be replaced; however, the Regional Agrologist position, formerly held
by Blaine Recksiedler, may not be replaced.

Moved and seconded by Ralph van Daltsen and Director Fleming
That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, a letter be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture regarding the replacement of Regional Manager position with the Ministry of Agriculture.

CARRIED


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT



Chair



General Manager, Planning and Building
Rob Smailes