



# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

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, April 28, 2016

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<b>Members:</b>	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"	
	Councillor P. McClean	District of Coldstream	
	Alt. Director B. Case	City of Enderby	
	Director J. Brown	Township of Spallumcheen	
	I. Eggen	Agricultural Producer	
	M. Asif	Agricultural Producer	
	R. van Dalfsen	Agricultural Producer	
	P. Wendt*	Agricultural Producer	
	M. Witt	Agricultural Commodity	
	J. Allen*	Farmer's Market	
	B. Naka	Member at Large	
<b>Staff:</b>	R. Smailes	General Manager, Planning and Building	
	L. Frank	Regional Planning Projects Manager	
	M. Skobalski	Planner	
	C. Walker	Planning Technologist	
	J. A. Miles	Planning Assistant	
	A. Bevan	Executive Assistant	
<b>Other:</b>	Director R. Fairbairn	Chair, Board of Directors	
	Peter Spencer	BC Agricultural Research and Development Corporation	

\* Denotes presence for part of meeting

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## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting – April 28, 2016

Moved and seconded by Director Halvorson and Ian Eggen  
That the agenda of the April 28, 2016 regular meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee be approved with the following additions:

- E.3 – Investment Agricultural Foundation
- E.4 – Vacancies on Committee

**CARRIED**

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting – February 25, 2016**

Moved and seconded by Councillor McClean and Director Fleming  
That the minutes of the February 25, 2016 meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **BC Agricultural Research and Development Corporation Peter Spencer Environmental Farm Plan Program**

Peter Spencer with the BC Agricultural Research and Development Corporation gave a presentation on the Environmental Farm Plan Program.

- Reasons why farmers should have an Environmental Farm Plan completed
- Current program spans a 5 year agreement ending in 2018, with potential for another 5 years
- Environmental farm plans are tied to the GST number for the farm and goes with the landowner not the land
- 1.3 million dollars available for farm plan implementation

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Water Sustainability Act and Regulations**

The Regional Planning Projects Manager provided an overview of the new *Water Sustainability Act* and Regulations in force as of February 29, 2016.

Paul Wendt left the meeting.

Moved and seconded by Ian Eggen and Director Fleming  
That it be recommended to the Board of Directors, the staff report dated April 13, 2016 regarding the Water Sustainability Act and Regulations be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Joel Allen left the meeting.

### **Agricultural Land Use Inventory**

The Regional Planning Projects Manager gave an overview of the Regional District of North Okanagan Agricultural Land Use Inventory.

Moved and seconded by Director Fleming and Councillor Peter McClean  
That the Ministry of Agriculture RDNO Agricultural Land Use Inventory (Summer 2013-2014) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

### **Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC**

It noted that RDNO was mentioned in the 2015 Annual Report for completing the Regional Agricultural Plan and was suggested that this information be provided to the Board of Directors.

### **Vacancies on Committee**

Discussion regarding having a member from the organic farming community and/or a wine producer would be beneficial. The Committee would like an ad placed for new members.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

### **CERTIFIED CORRECT**

  
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Chair  
Dennis Lapierre

  
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General Manager, Planning and Building  
Rob Smailes