

MINUTES

PRIDE VALLEY AGGREGATE OVERSIGHT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - WOODLANDS COUNTY

July 11, 2017

A meeting of the Woodlands County Aggregate Oversight Steering Committee for Development Permit #15-051-2017 was held Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at the **Woodlands County Regional Municipal Office, Fort Assiniboine, Alberta** commencing at **9:30 a.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Kluin O. Nieslony S. Bonnett
D. Kapler W. Gowdy S. Brouwer
A. Robinson B. Whitten R. Govenlock

MEMBERS ABSENCE: B. Van Os J. Augustyn

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Slootweg, Woodlands County
J. Sunderman, Woodlands County
B. Kercher, Woodlands County
Chris Valaire, Green Plan Ltd.
Gabriel Krausert

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

J. Slootweg, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. SELECTION OF CHAIR and VICE-CHAIR:

J. Slootweg, called for nominations for chairman. R. Govenlock nominated S. Bonnett for chairman. No further nominations were presented.

J. Slootweg declared S. Bonnett as chairman of the Pride Valley Aggregate Oversight Steering Committee.

S. Bonnett called for nominations for Vice-Chair. R. Govenlock nominated D. Kluin as vice-chair. No further nominations were presented.

S. Bonnett declared D. Kluin as Vice-chair of the Pride Valley Aggregate Oversight Steering Committee.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOVED, by W. Gowdy, to adopt the agenda of the July 11, 2017 meeting as presented.

CARRIED.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

MOVED, by O. Nieslony, to adopt the minutes of the June 23, 2017 Pride Valley Aggregate Oversight Steering Committee Meeting with clarification; Mr. Nieslony would like a clearer definition of wetlands.

CARRIED.

5. DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION 15-051-2017 (PERRIER PIT):

D. Kapler declared a conflict of interest, as he is the applicant, and exited the meeting at 9:42 a.m. D. Kapler re-entered the meeting as the applicant of 15-051-2017.

J. Sunderman, Development Officer, provided a brief report and recommended that the Pride Valley Aggregate Oversight Committee forward Development Permit 15-051-2017 for the purpose of sand and gravel and extraction processes on NW 18-59-18 W5M for Council consideration at their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the Municipal Office in Whitecourt, AB.

J. Sunderman noted that there was no water well information provide for the two landowners that are located within the 1.6 km radius of the pit, no stormwater drainage plan and no TIA provided with this application. However, these requirements and any other conditions that may arise from the public hearing would be placed on as conditions at the time of approval.

D. Kapler noted one neighbor within the 1.6 km range operates from a cistern as their well is non-functioning and the well of the second neighbor (Bozak) will be monitored.

C. Valaire explained that this Class II pit is designed to be a dry pit, not operating in the water table and as such, well monitoring is not required. If, at any time, they do hit ground water, monitoring will take place, Provincial regulations kick in and they must stop work and a whole new set of regulations apply. He further explained that Alberta Environment has rigorous process, including auditing, for pits operating in ground water.

D. Kapler noted that there would be no de-watering; water would not be pumped off-site, it must drain off. They are bound to conditions. Weather and water table affect ground water; as soon as they hit water they must stop work.

W. Gowdy suggested having piezometers in place to establish water levels/fluctuations before the pit is active.

J. Sloomweg explained that, as per the Pride Valley Area Structure Plan, well monitoring is a requirement. She further explained that if there were to be an expansion to this pit, the applicant would apply for an amendment; it would come before this committee and thru the public hearing process again.

Road use, road use agreements and road maintenance were discussed; winter hauling is limited and has less impact on roads however stockpiling would be taking place.

Hours of operation and haul scheduling were noted; limited hauling during school in/out times, scheduled hauling so no trucks are sitting along roadsides waiting. RFD to Council will request a variance of standard operating hours.

D. Kapler explained that all trucks are registered with ASGA – Alberta Sand and Gravel Association, with a sign, I.D. number and phone number on the vehicles. Complaints should be made to that phone number as each truck is monitored by ASGA.

MOVED, by D. Kluin, to forward Development Permit 15-051-2017, for the purpose of sand and gravel extraction processes on NW 18-59-18 W5M, to Council, for their consideration at their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the Municipal Office in Whitecourt, AB.

CARRIED.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED, by B. Whitten, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

CARRIED.

CHAIRPERSON

RECORDING SECRETARY