

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission held on Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at 12:03 p.m. in the Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC

**PRESENT**

Director Marcotte, Chair;  
Directors Hutchins, Hartmann<from 12:04 pm to 12:51 pm>, Duncan, and  
Giles<at 12:23 pm>; and  
Bob Crawford, Wayne Haddow, Rodger Hunter, Peter Keber, George  
Robbins, Judy Stafford and Dan Ferguson

Also Present: Director Morrison

**STAFF**

Tom Anderson, General Manager, Planning & Development  
Geoff Millar, Manager, Economic Development  
Kathy Lachman, Business Development Officer  
Emily Doyle-Yamaguchi, Engineering Analyst  
Dominique Beesley, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

**It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended with the  
addition of the following New Business items:**

**NB1 – Letter from Cowichan Green Community to Minister of Energy  
and Mines, Minister Responsible for Core Review, and Minister of  
Agriculture, regarding Agriculture; and**

**NB2 – EDC Business Development Officer regarding Agriculture  
Posters;**

**and further that the agenda, as amended, be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**12:04 PM**

Director R. Hartmann arrived to the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

**M1 – ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES**

**It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular meeting of  
the Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting held on  
September 26, 2013, be adopted.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
FROM THE MINUTES**

The Business Development Officer noted that at the time of this meeting staff was unable to find \$10,000 in partnership funding to move forward with Cowichan Adaptation Strategies. Ms. Lachman advised that Planning & Development had since found money in its budget so that those strategies are able to move ahead.

**NEW BUSINESS  
NB1**

Letter from Cowichan Green Community to Minister of Energy and Mines, Minister Responsible for Core Review and Minister of Agriculture dated October 16, 2013, regarding agriculture, was considered.

**It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that  
the Board Chair forward a letter to the Honourable Bill Bennett in  
support of the Agricultural Land Reserve and the role that the  
Agricultural Land Commission has in preserving and protecting  
agricultural lands in BC.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**12:23 PM**  
**STAFF REPORTS**  
**R1**

Director Giles arrived to the meeting at 12:23 pm.

Staff Report from Kate Miller, Manager, Environmental Initiatives Division, dated October 10, 2013, regarding Agricultural Land Use Inventory and Water Demand Model, was received as information.

Emily Doyle-Yamaguchi, Engineering Analyst and member Peter Keber provided a presentation and answered questions from members of the Commission on this Staff Report.

**12:51 PM**

Director Hartmann left the meeting at 12:51 pm.

**R2**

The Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission Report of Meeting Held September 26, 2013, dated September 30, 2013, was received as information.

**R3**

Chair Marcotte provided a verbal report regarding Subcommittees.

Chair Marcotte stated that she had conducted a refresher on the Subcommittees in that she created two larger groups to work on two goals and she circulated correspondence to Committee members in this regard.

The Chair proposed the following Regional Advisory Commission Subcommittees:

1. Subcommittee No. 1 to prevent further decline and ultimately expand the livestock industry and comprising of: Commission members Pat Durose, Mick Smith, Joanne McLeod, Bob Crawford, Peter Keber, and Directors Rob Hutchins, Loren Duncan, and Ruth Hartmann (Commission Vice-Chair); and
2. Subcommittee No. 2 to improve water management for agricultural purposes and comprising of: Commission members Judy Stafford, Rodger Hunter, Fred Oud, Marsha Stanley, Wayne Haddow, Dan Ferguson and Director Gerry Giles.

**It was moved and seconded that the Committee endorses the Chair's proposal regarding Subcommittee Nos. 1 and 2.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**NB2**

The EDC Business Development Manager circulated agriculture posters to members of the Committee for its information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary