

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**RURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, May 12, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Chair Mark Parker

Directors Mark Fisher  
Tom Greenaway - via Zoom  
Clint Lambert  
Chris Newell  
Jerry Petersen  
Gerry Thiessen

Director Michael Riis-Christianson, Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)  
Absent

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services  
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning  
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services  
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Others Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle – via Zoom  
Bob Motion, District of Fort St. James  
Taylor Turkington, Manager, Beswick Hildebrant Lund – via Zoom  
Cathy Peters, BC Human Trafficking, Educator, Speaker, Advocate – via Zoom

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2022-5-1

"That the Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda for May 12, 2022 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES**

Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes  
-April 14, 2022

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2022-5-2

"That the minutes of the Rural/Agriculture Committee meeting of April 14, 2022 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **RURAL REPORTS**

### **Legacy Funding – Coastal GasLink (CGL) Pipeline Project**

The following was discussed:

- Requesting funding for fire protection equipment (water pump trailer)
  - o BC Cattlemen’s working to have fire protection equipment
  - o Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) currently has 9 trailers that have been deployed to a number of fires
  - o Support organizations/societies in the region in their acquisition of fire protection equipment
  
- Internet fibre connection
  - o Buckflats area in Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)
- Legacy funding for waste-based initiatives
  - o Region-wide request
- LNG Canada and Coastal GasLink Project funding allocated to the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine for waste initiatives
- RDBN receiving RDKS waste due to pipeline activity
- Knockholt Expansion costs and the impacts due to additional waste
- Potential formation of societies throughout the region
- Providing CGL with an outline of the RDBN’s ask and suggested ideas
  - o \$75,000 per Electoral Area
  - o \$500,000 region-wide request for waste projects – long term liability of landfills.
  - o Staff will include the capital costs of Knockholt Landfill expansion and determine outline of funding requests.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

### **REPORT**

#### **COVID-19 Relief Fund Applications**

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Lambert

#### **RDC.2022-5-3**

“That the Committee recommend that the Board approve the following applications for COVID-19 Relief Funds:  
**-Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural)**  
-Lakes District Film Appreciation Society – Insurance, Utilities - \$6,002  
**-Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural)**  
-Fraser Lake Saddle Club – Insurance, Utilities - \$2,451  
**-Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)**  
-Lakes District Film Appreciation Society – Insurance, Utilities - \$6,002.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Lambert

#### **RDC.2022-5-4**

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:06 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

---

Mark Parker, Chair

---

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services