



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
RURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, September 04, 2025**

Directors Present: Chair Michael Riis-Christianson
Judy Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Shirley Moon
Kevin Moutray
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Stoney Stoltenberg

Staff: Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and
Rural Services
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of
Corporate Services

Others: Shane Brien, District of Houston – left at 1:22
p.m.
Martin Elphee, District of Fort St. James
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Riis-Christianson called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

AGENDA

2025-RSC-001

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Greenaway

That the Agenda for September 4, 2025 be approved as amended to include under New Business:
Community Hall Meeting Sept 11, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Rural Services Committee Meeting Minutes - June 5, 2025

2025-RSC-002

Moved by Director Newell

Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

That the Rural Services Committee Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services - Rural Grant Service Update

2025-RSC-003

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Lambert

That the Committee receive the Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services - Rural Grant Service Update memorandum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed:

- Staff will follow up with Directors regarding declined municipal grant in aid applications
- Allocation of 2025 unspent Grant in Aid funds
 - Yearly advertising
 - Grant in aid yearly limit under the *Local Government Act*
 - Options to partner with municipalities
 - Options to utilize for Regional District projects
- Electoral Area Directors sharing Grant in Aid funds
- Staff will follow up with Director Greenaway regarding Community Works Funds from 2019

- RBA funded projects
 - Staff will provide a report at a future meeting
- Community Hall support
- Utilizing funds for joint partnerships with municipalities
- Funding allocated for broadband projects
- Options to create business arrangements to create funding for the Regional District e.g. CityWest
 - Requires Inspector of Municipalities approval
- Potential projects with First Nations
 - Directors can discuss with staff.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Hall Meeting September 11, 2025

- Received great response attendance
 - 12 of the 14 Community Halls will have representatives attending
- Meeting will take place at Burns Lake Heritage Church September 11, 2025 from 12-1 pm
- Staff will forward the agenda prior to the meeting
- Some topics for discussion
 - Grant assistance options
 - Commercial Kitchens
 - Assistance to community halls to help be successful
 - Synergies to assist in expediting projects.

2025-RSC-004

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Greenaway

That the Committee receive the Community Hall Meeting verbal report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

2025-RSC-005

Moved by Director Parker

Seconded by Director Lambert

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Michael Riis-Christianson, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services