



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Special Meeting
July 5, 2021

MINUTES

A Special Meeting of Council was held on Monday, July 5, 2021 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Cheryl Smith, Councillors Frank Bruce, Jerry Combot, Vern Coutu and CAO Hilda Zotter

Regrets: Councillor Jerry Combot

Call to Order

Reeve Cheryl Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Res #220/2021

Bruce – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for today's date be hereby adopted as presented.

....Carried

New and Unfinished

State of Agricultural Disaster

Res #221/2021

Mathews - Bruce

WHEREAS the lack of volume and frequency of precipitation in recent years including 2021 has caused extensive damage to the agriculture industry within the R.M. of St. Laurent and Interlake region; and

WHEREAS moisture accumulations, to date, are less than 40 percent of normal;

WHEREAS hay yields are coming in at excessively low volumes; and

WHEREAS dugouts and wells are dry or drying up and water quality and supply is a growing concern; and

WHEREAS a grasshopper infestation is compounding the lack of forage; and

WHEREAS farmers are being forced to sell their livestock because of the high cost of providing feed and water; and

WHEREAS there is an increasing desperation among the farmers in the R.M. of St. Laurent as they

continue to watch the lack of precipitation and grasshopper infestation inhibit the 2021 farming year; and

WHEREAS these conditions have extreme economic impacts on all sectors of the Agriculture industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declare a State of Agricultural Disaster within the R.M. of St. Laurent; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request immediate assistance be provided through provincial and/or federal programs to those in our Agricultural industry affected by current conditions

.....Carried

Adjourn

Res #222/2021


Coutu - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 9:13 a.m.

.....Carried



Reeve



CAO