

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a Special Meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, October 21, 1985 in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Dan Thiessen presided.

Present were Councillors: George St. Hilaire, Donald Hamblin, Larry Gluck, W. F. Recksiedler.

Also present were: Peter Unrau, Peter Friesen, Paul Brandt and Joe Anderson.

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss and possibly resolved a problem concerning the dykes along the Bell Drain. Farmers on Section 17-5-1 West wish to remove or relocate the dykes for easier farming of the land and it is a concern as to whether the dykes are still needed or not.

At the start of the meeting, Reeve Dan Thiessen asked those present if they wished to make a statement or comment at this time concerning the aspects of the meeting.

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Mr. Joe Anderson indicated that he would like to have the dyke move up to the edge of the ~~ditch~~ ditch. At present, the land from the ditch to the dyke is almost unusable as it is near to impossible to farm. His land is on Section 17-5-1 West.

Mr. Paul Brandt indicated that he also wanted to have the dyke moved to the edge of the ditch. If this were done and the ditch properly sloped and widened, it should be able to carry the same capacity of water.

Mr. Peter Friesen, who owns land on Section 16-5-1 West, wants to have his dyke remain. At times when the ditch water was held back by the dyke, the dyke was ~~more~~ much needed at those times and he feels that they should not be removed. He is not opposed to relocating the dyke if the new dyke will allow for the same water capacity. He indicated that he thought that these dykes were built in 1967 or 1968. At the time they were installed, it was done at the farmers request and it was appreciated having the dykes installed.

Mr. Peter Unrau, who owns the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17-5-1 West, informed council that he is opposed to the dykes being removed because his land would be adversely affected if the dyke were removed.

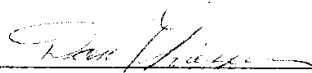
Following these people having had the opportunity to speak in this regard, the floor was opened to a general discussion on the subject of these dykes. The carry capacity, where the dykes could be relocated to, the liability of moving the dykes, the aspect of purchasing the land with the dykes in place and wanting them moved afterward. The question was then asked as to who was to pay for the moving of the dykes and would those farmers wanting them moved should be required to pay a portion of the costs involved in moving these dykes.

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Mr. Paul Brandt indicated that he would not want to have to pay any cost of moving these dykes. He indicated that the municipality is improving and working on drains all the time, and the relocating of these ~~dykes~~ drains should be viewed as drainage improvement through the municipalities normal expenditures. These dykes are generally located about 60 to 75 feet into the farmers field.

There was a suggestion made to have a survey done by the Provincial Water Resources Branch to determine the water flow on the entire Bell Drain and whether the dykes could be relocated, their recommendation as to where and how to relocate the dyke and ditch work if they feel that the water flows are such to allow this type of undertaking. It was generally felt by all those present that this route should be taken and information would be available possibly before the fall of 1986.

This special meeting was then adjourned at 11:30 P.M.


Reeve


Secretary-Treasurer.