



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

CRESTON VALLEY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

1:00 p.m.

Monday, , March 24, 2025

Hybrid

To promote openness, transparency and provide accessibility to the public we provide the ability to attend all RDCK meetings in-person or remote.

Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/91714376151?pwd=iUcq8yXrVBzO0Tcnjh5GzC3ZZI43pm.1>

Join by Phone:

833 955 1088 Canada Toll-free

Meeting Number: 917 1437 6151

Meeting Password: 883319

In-Person Location:

Creston & District Community Complex - Ericson Room
312 19th Avenue North, Creston, BC

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Commissioner Member Randy Meyer	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Member David Mutch	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Member Owen Edwards	Electoral Area B
Commissioner Member Larry Rast	Electoral Area C
Commissioner Member Dean Eastman	Electoral Area C
Commissioner Member Dale McNamar	Electoral Area C

ELECTED OFFICIAL

Director Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C
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STAFF

S. Kindred	Meeting Coordinator
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6 out of 6 voting Commission members were present – quorum was met.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (3 Times)

Member Eastman nominated Member Meyer.

No further nominations.

Member Meyer accepted the nomination.

DECLARATION OF ELECTED OR ACCLAIMED CHAIR

RDCK Staff S. Kindred ratifies the appointed Member Meyer as Chair of the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission for 2025.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Meyer called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the March 24, 2025 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting, be adopted with the following:

- begin with Item 6.2 Agricultural Land Reserve Referral: A2506B; and
- Item 6.1 Agricultural Land Reserve Referral: A2505B after Item 6.2.

before circulation.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The October 29, 2024, Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission minutes, have been received.

6. STAFF REPORTS- APPLICATIONS

6.1 AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE REFERRAL: A2506B - Myran Hagenfeldt

The Referral Package dated March 7, 2025, from Planner Zachari Giacomazzo, has been received.

- Members of the Commission as well as Director Tierney attended a site visit that morning.
- The applicant attended the meeting.

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission **SUPPORT** the Agricultural Land Reserve Referral to Myran Hagenfeldt for the property located at 1140 27th Avenue South, Erickson, Electoral Area 'B' and legally described as LOT 5 DISTRICT LOT 812 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 7308.

Carried

6.2 AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE REFERRAL: A2505B – Marar Orchards Ltd c/o Kiranpal Sandhu

The Referral Package dated March 13, 2025, from Planner Sadie Chezenko, has been received.

- Members of the Commission did not attend a site visit due to the understanding that no new building or loss of land was involved.
- The applicant's son, Puneet was in attendance.
- There was some confusion as Puneet provided contradictory information than what was indicated in their application.
- Staff will speak with Planner, Sadie Chezenko to reach out to the applicant for clarification.

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission **REFERRED** the Agricultural Land Reserve Referral to Marar Orchards Ltd. For the property located at 3409 Highway 3, Erickson, Electoral Area 'B' and legally described as LOT G DISTRICT LOT 812 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 1014 EXCEPT PART INCLUDED IN PLAN 11409.

Referred

6.3 DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION: V2416C – Marcie and Daniel Johnson

The Referral Package dated March 14, 2025, from Planner Sadie Chezenko, has been received.

- Members of the Commission did a site visit earlier in the day.
- Members found the property to be marginal, lots of rock and most soil not suitable for growing.
- Once the new dwelling is built, the existing building is to be removed.

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission **SUPPORT** the Development Variance Permit Application to Marcie and Daniel Johnson for the property at 2505 Goat River South Road, Creston, Electoral Area 'C' and legally described as LOT 16 DISTRICT LOT 491 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NP1456.

Carried

7. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 1:46 p.m.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting has yet to be determined.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting be adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Carried

_____, Chair