



RR 5.2 TEMPERARY BRIDGE LOCATION NORTH OF WATER VALLEY TAKEN THURSDAY JUNE 20TH, 2013

Division 2

Mountain View County



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Division 2 News

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter. I encourage you to sign up for the newsletter on a regular basis from my page on the Mountain View County website www.mountainviewcounty.com/division2

On May 30, 2013 we held the Cremona and District Recreation Board meeting. This is the committee that reviews and recommends to County Council the application for approval to receive funds from the grant for the Cremona District for Arts/Culture and Recreation. The applications are determined to be acceptable on the following conditions. Firstly they are more favorable to programs that support seniors and children.

They are designated for not-for-profit organizations. Consideration is given to those organizations or programs that do not solely rely on the grant to run their program. The board likes to see that there is a user fee set up for the residents who utilize the programs that are available. As well, consideration is given to community involvement to ensure revenue generating through different avenues of fund raising. There were two very strong applications that showed this, including Cremona Minor Hockey whose yearly program runs at a cost of \$104,000/year for approx. 125 children. Their request for funds this year was \$25,000 and they were granted \$22,500. The

remainder of costs is covered through fundraising, which consists of casino and a raffle that is mandatory for all players to participate in. As well, yearly registration fees each year help offset costs.

The second example would be the Cremona School Enhancement Society requested \$8,000 to provide coaching for after school sports, busing to swimming and skiing trips. Their funds for the yearly program run about \$40,000 and a substantial amount of this comes from their fundraising initiatives.

The following are the approvals that were recommended from the committee and approved by Council:

- Camp Valaqua \$958
- Cremona Ag Society \$10,000
- Cremona Ag/Minor Hockey/Skating Club \$5,000
- Cremona Community Curling Club \$7,500
- Cremona Community Hall Society \$7,000
- Cremona Engagement Society \$10,000
- Cremona FCSS \$9,000
- Cremona FCSS/Curling Club \$1,500
- Cremona Fitness Society \$5,000
- Cremona Fun Team Hockey \$8,000
- Cremona July 1st Committee \$6,500
- Cremona Minor Ball \$10,000
- Cremona Minor Hockey Association \$22,500
- Cremona Municipal Library \$1,500
- Cremona School Enhancement Society \$8,000

- Cremona Skating Club \$20,000
- Cremona Soccer Club \$3,150
- Cremona/Water Valley Chamber of Commerce \$1,800
- Water Valley Boots & Saddle Club \$1,055
- Water Valley Community Association \$6,000
- Water Valley Playschool Society \$6,000
- Water Valley Public Library \$2,500
- TOTAL \$152,963**

Our Economic Development Committee is looking for members in Division 2. This committee meets once a month except for July, Aug & December. They are currently working on such tasks as Tourism, Heritage Places and information to provide interested investors to our business parks in the county. We have just appointed a member from the Cremona area who operates a business as well is an active member of the Cremona and Water Valley Chamber of Commerce. It does not matter what your business is we are looking for a diverse group to represent the county. If this is something you may be interested in please contact Vicki Lodermeier at the County office for an application.

I want to give a huge thank you to all our county staff, administration and operations for all their work keeping our community safe during the 2013 flood. They worked around the clock at the county building in the Emergency Operation Center as well the operations department worked shifts to

ensure we had the required man-power out evacuating residents, checking infrastructure and keeping everyone safe. Now we will begin the repair and rebuild of many roads and bridges.

RR 52 Bridge was pulled in time but the abutments have sustained damage and the opening is now larger than the current bridge we have. Council will soon be considering long-term options for the roadway based on recommendations from the County's engineer. We are also very hopeful that the Big Prairie Bridge will open ASAP to give access to all the residents who are inconvenienced with neither access open. If you have found damage and would like to report it please call the county office at 403-335-3311 and report it to the operational services department.

Also I was so proud to hear that our Cremona and District fire department volunteers worked with Mutual Aide for Sundre Fire department. They assisted in rescuing two residents using their new Swift Water Rescue boat and training. This was a piece of equipment that the department requested two years ago and council approved. Just proves how valuable our volunteers are, we all really appreciate everything they do for us.

Construction update:

Big Prairie Bridge

Council continues to monitor the progress of construction at the Big Prairie Bridge. Progress is looking great and it won't be long until it is complete. I want to thank all residents for their patience and understanding through the process for approval and construction. It has been a huge inconvenience for the residents located near that site that require a bridge for their day to day commute.

Acme Road

Richardson Bros. has been working when the weather is co-operating with them. I have had some calls regarding the safety concerns with travelling through the construction on the road. I have advised some of the callers to contact Richardson Bros. directly as well our operations manager will be taking these concerns to the safety meeting that is being held with the contractor.

Committee Updates

I wanted to provide you with information and updates from the committees I sit on with Mountain View County:

Cremona Municipal Library Board

- There has been a proposal put forward for a new potential location for the Cremona Library. The board will be investigating this avenue as well working on our fundraising plan. The library will also be hosting the summer fun reading program in conjunction with Cremona FCSS.

Cremona and District Fire Authority

- Eric McGahn, representing the Village of Cremona, and Jeff Holmes at our office have been in conversation regarding the fire agreement and talks are progressing. We are hopeful by the end of summer that we will be in a new joint agreement that will benefit with the community.

If you are looking to contribute to your community maybe becoming a Fire Volunteer is something to consider. This is an essential service that is required in our community and many members on the volunteer department are always required. It is a large commitment on your personal time but a very valuable contribution that you can make. If you would be interested in learning more about this please contact Cremona Fire Chief John Newberry at jnewberry@cremonafire.com



Big Prairie Bridge site on June 21, 2013

Council meetings

- Policies and Priorities held the first Wednesday of each month
- Regular council held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month

The summer meeting schedule includes our next regular Council meeting on July 10, which will be followed by the 2013 Summer Break. August 14 will be Council's next regular meeting after the break.

ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WE ENCOURAGE ANYONE INTERESTED TO ATTEND AS WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VIEW AND IDEAS.



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