

**Eastern Region III –
Regional Council Meeting
Dec 10, 2023 – 11:00 am
Estevan Legion Hall**

MINUTES

In Attendance: Marg Friesen – Regional Representative ERIII, Trisha Nykiforuk-Racette – President local 87, Charlie Mondor – Youth Rep, Sheila Pelletier – President Local 48, Justin Amyotte, Vice-President – Local 103, Linda Lagace – President local 6, Dexter Mondor – President local 182, Linda Sopp – President local 25, Grace Racette – Elder, Leebert Poitras , President Local 8. Dixie Metz – Secretary Local 87, Ed Blondeau, President Local 44, Larry LeClair – President Local 135

Observers: Virginia LaCroix (minute taker)

Guests : Approx 20 observers from various locals

Regrets: Raina LaCroix – Youth Representative

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	IMPLEMENTATION
Welcome	Marg welcomed everybody to meeting.	
Call to order	Marg called meeting to order at 11:24 am	
Approval/Adoption of Agenda	Dexter added item: Harvesting Grants	Motion to approve agenda: Moved by Dexter Mondor/ Seconded by Ed Blondeau. Carried unanimously.
Approval of Minutes of Nov 5, 2023	Marg Friesen read out the minutes of the previous meeting of Nov 5, 2023. *noted* that Leebert was not listed in the attendance but was present.	Motion to approve the Minutes as amended from Nov 5, 2023: Moved by Larry LeClair/ Seconded by Linda Sopp. Carried unanimously
Handivan Update	- Van is now registered and ready to go. Insured for 2M in Liability. - Sandy has done a couple of trial runs - Have it broken down into 10 routes which gives 3-3 ½ hours in the city, routes include 4 overnight stays for driver. - Sandy provided a brief overview of the routes. - Will start Jan 8 and second start is Jan 15.	Motion: ERIII will obtain a fuel card from Federated Co-operatives. Moved by Dexter Mondor/ Seconded by Ed Blondeau Carried Unanimously

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggested that the region obtain a coop fuel card for the bus services 	
Activity Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Activity to report since MNLA 	
Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marg reviewed the Q2 report as distributed. - Noted that we need to increase the budget line for Regional Council expenses as we are meeting more and have more activity since covid. 	<p>Motion: To approve the Q2 report as presented.</p> <p>Moved by Leebert Poitras/ Seconded by Linda Sopp</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>
Regional / Local updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	<p>Motion to table reports until next meeting:</p> <p>Moved by Linda Sopp/ Seconded by Trisha Nykiforuk-Racette</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>
Harvesting Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dexter provided information regarding upcoming harvesting grants. 	
Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting will be Jan 14, 2024, in Indian Head at 11:00 am. Farm Board mtg to follow. - Possible to start moving the meetings around to different locals instead of always at the Regional Office. 	
Adjournment	Lunch and SaskPower SMR meeting followed.	Motion to adjourn: Sheila Pelletier