



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY**

**CRESTON VALLEY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY  
COMMISSION  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**1:30 p.m. PST**

**2:30 p.m. MST**

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

**Hybrid Meeting**

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/97534145331?pwd=DuyTclwGKeM2lqFR7Zr267aYqtnTSl.1>

**Join by Phone:** 833-955-1088

**Meeting ID:** 975 3414 5331

**Meeting Password:** 846516

**In-Person Location:** Creston & District Community Complex – Erickson Room  
312 19 Avenue North

**COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Randy Meyer

Electoral Area B, Chair

Commissioner David Mutch

Electoral Area B

Commissioner Dean Eastman

Electoral Area C

Commissioner Dale McNamar

Electoral Area C

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Commissioner Owen Edwards

Electoral Area B

Commissioner Larry Rast

Electoral Area C

**DIRECTORS**

Roger Tierney

Electoral Area B, Director

**STAFF**

Zachari Giacomazzo

Planner 1

Robin Baril

Meeting Coordinator

**PUBLIC**

John Purdy  
Eugene Wiebe

Representative for Applicant  
Applicant

**4 out of 6 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Director Tierney called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**2. ELECTION OF THE CRESTON VALLEY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION (CVAAC) CHAIR**

Director Tierney announced the nomination for Commissioner Meyer.

Director Tierney called for nominations a second and third time.

No further nominations.

Commissioner Meyer was declared the Chair for the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission for 2026 by acclamation.

**3. CHAIR'S ADDRESS**

Chair Meyer invited others to step forward to take on more of leadership role. He also inquired if there could be additional Commissioner(s) added in the future from Area A.

**4. COMMENCEMENT OF THE CVAAC MEETING**

**5. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

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

**6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** and seconded,  
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the January 15, 2026 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting, be adopted with the inclusion of Item 9.1 Invitation to Agricultural Advisory Committee Workshop and Item 9.2 Referral Packages as circulated.

**Carried**

**7. RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

The November 27, 2025 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission minutes, have been received.

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

**8.1 Agricultural Land Reserve Referral - Wiebe**

The Referral Package dated November 28, 2025 from Planner Rishab Gaba, has been received.

- The Commission had a site visit at 1:00 p.m. today at: 5324 Whimster Road
- Applicant wishes to subdivide the 12.18-hectare parcel into a 10-acre parcel and a larger 20-acre parcel. The larger parcel will be maintained by applicants for the purpose of animal husbandry.
- Commissioners asked detailed questions about water supply for both parcels. There is a drilled well on 20-acre parcel of land, the 10-acre parcel has an existing North Canyon Water District water connection.
- Commissioners debated the gain of splitting this designated agricultural land into two pieces. Applicant pointed out that the proposed subdivision meets RDCK subdivision mandate, as well as stays uniform with the lot sizes that are in the area.

**MOVED** and seconded,  
AND Resolved:

That the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission SPLIT DECISION the Agricultural Land Reserve Referral to Eugene & Bertha Wiebe for the property located 5324 Whimster Road, Erickson and legally described as BLOCK 1 PLAN 1493 DISTRICT LOT 812 KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT PARCEL 2.

**Carried**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.1 Agricultural Advisory Committee Workshop Invitation**

The Commission would like to attend the workshop via Zoom as a group on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**9.2 Referral Packages**

The Commission has stated that they would like to receive the referral packages at least two weeks in advance of future meetings.

**10. PUBLIC TIME**

Chair Meyer called for questions from the public at 3:30 p.m.

There was no public online or in person.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

The next Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission Meeting has not been scheduled.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** and seconded,  
AND Resolved:

The Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting be adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

**Carried**

Digitally approved by

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Randy Meyer, Chair