



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY**

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

**7:00 PM PT**  
**Monday, June 8, 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 Canada Toll-free

**Meeting ID:** 975 3414 5331

**Meeting Password:** 846516

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

**COMMISSIONERS**

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| Commissioner Randy Meyer  | Electoral Area B, Chair |
| Commissioner Larry Rast   | Electoral Area C        |
| Commissioner Dean Eastman | Electoral Area C        |
| Commissioner Dale McNamar | Electoral Area C        |

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

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| Commissioner David Mutch  | Electoral Area B |
| Commissioner Owen Edwards | Electoral Area B |

**DIRECTORS**

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| Roger Tierney      | Electoral Area B, Director |
| Kelly Vandenberghe | Electoral Area C, Director |

**STAFF**

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| Sadie Chezenko | Planner 1 |
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Zachari Giacomazzo  
Robin Baril

Planner  
Meeting Coordinator

**PUBLIC**

Joel Comer

Applicant

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

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

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** and seconded,  
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the June 8, 2026 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

The May 27, 2026 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission minutes, have been received.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

**5.1 Agricultural Land Reserve (Inclusion) Referral – Town of Creston**

**Moved** and seconded,  
AND Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the following motion BE REFERRED from May 27, 2026 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting to the June 8, 2026 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting:

- M4 zoning currently, re-zoning application is expected if the land would be approved for the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) inclusion. This would be considered the next step in the process, and staff would follow up with the Town of Creston staff for the re-zoning application.
- The Commission discussed the parcel being added to the ALR application and what the long-term plan would be for this parcel.
- Discussed the land swap procedure, however through the municipal referral makes it so that the Town of Creston does not have to go through Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission for the exclusion referral.

- If the land is already being farmed, the Commission is confused why this move is necessary.
- The Town of Creston has a need for additional land to develop for industrial use.

The Referral Package dated May 14, 2026 from Planner Zachari Giacomazzo, has been received. That the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission NOT SUPPORT the Agricultural Land Reserve Referral to Town of Creston c/o Joel Comer for the property located at 1993 Airport Road, Lister, Electoral Area B. BLOCK A SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP 7 KOOTENAY DISTRICT (PID: 009-724-991).

**Carried**

## 5.2 Agricultural Land Reserve Referral

The Referral Package dated May 26, 2026 from Planner Sadie Chezenko, has been received.

**Moved** and seconded,

AND Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

- Town of Creston acquired the lot in question a few years ago
- The access goes through the neighbour's property, which she offered to donate to the Town of Creston to prevent development in this area.
- The parcels are quite steep and rocky.
- The parcel being donated is to be added onto the 2 fragmented parcels below.
- There is a covenant on the existing parcel, it is meant for passive recreational use.
- The Commission suggested that proper fencing is needed to have this area open to the public for walking trails.
- Area is gated to control access.

That the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission SUPPORT the Agricultural Land Reserve Referral to the Town of Creston c/o Joel Comer for the property located at Parcel 1: 905 32 Avenue South, Erickson, Electoral Area B. LOT 16 DISTRICT LOTS 812 AND 3864 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 1455 EXCEPT PARCEL A (SEE 16637010) (PID: 015- 696-235). And Parcel 2: 1023 32 Avenue South, Erickson, Electoral Area B. LOT 3 DISTRICT LOTS 812 AND 3864 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 17744 (PID: 009-611-037).

**Carried**

## 6. PUBLIC TIME

No public present

## 7. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission Meeting has yet to be scheduled.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED** and seconded,

AND Resolved:

The Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting be adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

**Carried**

Digitally approved by:

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Randy Meyer, Chair