

**Living Skies Property Commission
October 20, 2023**

Present	Annette Taylor (chair), Daryl Woods, George Thurlow, Jonathon Zacharias, and Bev Kostichuk (secretary) regrets from Bob McPherson
Staff Present	Shannon McCarthy, Heather Dootoff
Call to order	Annette called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.
Check-in & Worship	We checked in. Annette led worship with a prayer from the current Gathering.
Email vote Sept 6 to Sept 8, 2023 Hoosier UC Pews 21-2023/2024	It was agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission authorize George Thurlow to sell the Hoosier United church pews for \$50 per pew.
Email vote Sept 14 to Sept 16, 2023 Grasslands PC Manse sale 22-2023/2024	<p>That Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Grasslands Pastoral Charge, a pastoral charge of The United Church of Canada at McCord, SK for the sale to Shanna McCrea of a congregational property commonly known as Grasslands Manse with the legal description of Lot 6 Blk 10 Plan 62SC03354 Ext 0 Parcel 142248494 and municipal address of 229 Centre Street, McCord, SK according to an agreement between the Trustees of Grassland Pastoral Charge, as seller and Shanna McCrea, as buyer with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale Price of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) • Deposit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) with the balance of forty-four thousand dollars (\$44,000) to be paid upon the closing date. • Closing date to be October 26, 2023. <p>The distribution of the net assets from this sale to be distributed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% to the Indigenous Ministry and Justice Work of The United Church of Canada. • 90% to be maintained by the pastoral charge for its ongoing work and mission.
Agenda 023-2023/2024	It was agreed by consensus: That the agenda be approved as amended.
Minutes 024-2023/2024	It was agreed by consensus that the minutes of August 18, 2023, be approved as circulated.
Business Arising:	
LSRC Policy on Bequests	No response has been received from the Executive to date. Annette will contact Daryl Reine, Chair of LSRC Executive regarding this matter.

Update to Handbook	Bev will prepare the two Appendices Bs for the sale of property and send to Annette to review. The Handbook will be updated then emailed to Bev Diebert to place on the website.
Correspondence	
Davis cemetery	Pictures from the third and fourth grass cutting were received. The bill for 2023 grass cutting has been paid. The PA group are willing to continue to cut grass in 2024, a proposal will be presented to our March 2024 meeting regarding this.
Co-op Equity	The Liberty United Church Co-op equity was \$887.04. This has been paid to the Region. Co-op equity should be added to the list of considerations of disbanding congregations. Bev will add this to The Handbook and checklist.
Offer for Moats Land 025-2023/2024	<p>Tom Cameron, George, Heather and Christie (St. Andrew's College) met. Tom indicated that the oil on this property may be near the end of its life. If oil royalties stops then we would be left with mess of clean up particularly if the oil company was no longer in existence. Tom feels offer is much less that what it should be. Tom believes that the price of the land should be up to \$800,000.</p> <p>We need approval from St. Andrew's College and LSRC Executive for the sale of the property.</p> <p>St. Andrew's College Finance Committee are meeting on October 31, 2023. The LSRC executive meet on November 2, 2023.</p> <p>That Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission recommend that the Executive in conjunction with St. Andrews approve the negotiation for the sale of the surface rights of Moats land (NW & SW 32-09-01-2 Ext 0) The Region and St. Andrew's College would continue to own the mineral rights. We would recommend that the asking price be \$800,000.</p>
Abandoned Property	
RM of Moose Mountain	There has been a request to hunt deer on the Moats land. The request should go to the tenant. Heather will contact the tenant to advise him of the request, he can contact the person if he wishes. Annette will advise the person making the request that we have referred this to the tenant.
Hoosier UC 025-2023/2024	<p>The RM Administrator contacted George. The RM council heard rumors that we were going to demolish the Hoosier church. She was just checking on this. She gave George a list of contractors that might do this demolition.</p> <p>That Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve advertising the sale of church contents for Hoosier UC in the appropriate newspaper.</p>
Policies/Procedures	

Policy on distribution of funds	Our current policy on the distribution of funds if a congregation is continuing is confusing. It may help to have an example of the distribution of funds under each price level. Chantel and Shannon will work on clarifying the policy, possibly putting it into a brochure format.
Other Business	
Wesley UC	Listing of Wesley United Church was approved in August. They are moving ahead with de-commissioning of their church building this Sunday as they are worshipping with Sunset United Church. They are considering the distribution of their assets but may not be able to recommend a distribution at the time of a sale as their plans may not be set. Annette has assured them that we would approve a sale and later approve the distribution of assets.
St Martin's UC	The sale of a portion of their land to the city was in 2016. They thought that would have to use our current policy on distribution of assets. Annette referred them to Daryl as the sale would have been under River Bend's policies. Daryl will continue to be in contact the congregation on this matter.
Adjournment	Annette adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.
Upcoming meetings	Next meeting: Zoom meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday November 10, 2023 Daryl will lead devotion.