

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42 held at the Municipal Office, #16 Edouard Beaupre St., Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan on Tuesday, April 10th, 2024

Present were: Deputy Reeve – Denis Lesperance, Administrator Sharleine Eger, Assistant Administrator Tereena Bartlett and the following councillors:

Division 2 – Albert Lavallee
Division 3- Colby Cairns
Division 4 – Scott Kirby
Division 5 – Dale Berner (via Zoom)
Division 6 – Gilles Bissonnette

Regrets: Reeve – Patrick Therrien,

Minutes

82/2024 Scott Kirby: That the minutes of the March 2024 regular meeting of council and March 27th, 2024 special meeting be approved as presented.
Carried

Committee Reports

83/2024 Gilles Bissonnette That the following verbal committee reports be accepted as presented:

- a) Denis Lesperance: JLLRP – AGM April 10/24
Walking Trail Site inspections
- b) Albert Lavallee: Invoice MLT Aikens
- c) Colby Cairns: No Report
- d) Dale Berner: No Report
- e) Scott Kirby: Big Muddy Mutual Aid – motion to dissolve
Rockglen and District Fire Association
- f) Gilles Bissonnette: Canada Post – St. Victor
Sylvan Valley Reg. Park – use of St. Victor Hall
Swimming Pool Placard – remove from reg. park
sign
- g) Pat Therrien: No Report

Carried

Big Muddy Mutual Aid

84/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the RM of Willow Bunch resolve to vote in favor of dissolving the Big Muddy Mutual Aid committee and that the balance of funds from the BMMA accounts be dispersed equally amongst the member communities.
Carried

Rockglen and District Fire Protection Association

85/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM pay \$2,500 to the Rockglen and District Fire Protection Association for the 2024 year.
Carried

DELEGATION: Keith de Ronde – Boundary Changes / Brackets for low angle tools

Walking Trail

86/2024 Colby Cairns: That the RM reject tenders submitted to the RM for the walking trail project due to the prohibitive cost and that the RM notify all proponents.
Carried

DELEGATION: Brian Hodder – RES Group – Wind Towers

Enter “In Camera” or “Closed Session”

87/2024 Gilles Bissonnette: That the RM enter in an “in camera” session at 10:50 a.m. to discuss issues as per Section 12.4 of the Council Procedures Bylaw and that those in attendance are Denis Lesperance, Dale Berner (via Zoom), Scott Kirby, Colby Cairns, Gilles Bissonnette, Albert Lavallee, Tereena Bartlett, Sharleine Eger.

Carried



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Exit “In Camera” or “Closed Session”

88/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the RM exit the “in camera” closed session at 11:05 a.m.
Carried

DELEGATION: Foreman Michel Cayer

- Culvert order
- Twp Rd 44 (Highway to Dave Gold) culverts required
- Grader Hours 2017 160m 6291
- Grader Hours 2013 160m 9106
- Grader Hours 2011 140m 11826
- Lisieux in need of grade and gravel
- Seal on 2013 160m is leaking

DELEGATION: Angud Singh: New Managing Director for SSR
Meeting all stakeholders – getting a sense of priorities, projects, opportunities and impediments – following up on projects that received funding.

Seasonal Employees

89/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM hire Brett Marit and Kody Spagrud, at \$25/hour with the start date being April 22nd, 2024.

Foreman Assistant Position

90/2024 Gilles Bissonnette: That the RM hire Colin Durand as associate Foreman with the RM at a rate of \$72,800 annually, including 4 weeks holiday.
Carried

Hamlet H2O Reports

91/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the RM accept as presented, the H2O reports for the hamlets of St. Victor and Scout Lake.
Carried

Public Notice – Zoning Bylaw Amendment

92/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM issue public notice that council is considering amendment of Bylaw 6-2013 known as the zoning bylaw, in the April 19th and 26th edition of the Assiniboia Times and that a public hearing will be held at the May 14th, 2024 meeting of council at 10:00 a.m. and that motion 72/2024 be rescinded.
Carried

Approve Draft Audited Financials

93/2024 Dale Berner: That the RM acknowledge, approve and sign the draft financial statements as presented by Dudley and Company for the 2023 fiscal year.
Carried

Bylaw 7-2024 First Reading

94/2024 Scott Kirby: That bylaw 7-2024 being a bylaw to amend bylaw 9/2015 Fire Suppression Bylaw be given first reading.
Carried

Bylaw 7-2024 Second Reading

95/2024 Dale Berner: That bylaw 7-2024 being a bylaw to amend bylaw 9/2015 Fire Suppression Bylaw be given second reading.
Carried

Bylaw 7-2024 Three Readings

96/2024 Albert Lavallee: That bylaw 7-2024 being a bylaw to amend bylaw 9/2015 Fire Suppression Bylaw be read three times at this meeting.
Carried

Bylaw 7-2024 Third Reading

97/2024 Scott Kirby: That bylaw 7-2024 being a bylaw to amend bylaw 9/2015 Fire Suppression Bylaw be given third and final reading.
Carried



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Tax Abatement

98/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM offer a 30% tax abatement to RES – group wind company and/or ENGIE wind company should they be the successful proponent of the current Sask Power South Central Wind Project.
Defeated

Financials

99/2024 Scott Kirby: That the Statement of Financial Activities and bank reconciliation for March 2024 be accepted as presented.
Carried

Permission To Use Road Allowance

100/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the RM grant permission to Willow Bunch Renewables Inc. for the installation of project infrastructure covering underground cables that cross developed and undeveloped roads allowances; the installation of underground electrical cables to run within the road allowance, in a direction parallel to the road for the following locations; East of NE 25-05-30, East of SE 25-05-30, South of SE 15-05-30, South of SW 14-05-30, South of SE 14-05-30
The installation of underground electrical cables that run diagonal across the intersection from NW 07-05-29 to SE 13-05-30 and lastly temporary intersection improvements to allow large equipment to access the site(s).
This approval is granted with commitment from WBRI that should road improvements be required by the RM at a future date, that WBRI will work to perform the necessary relocations of cables, if necessary, at WBRI's expense.
Carried

Accounts

101/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the accounts paid and presented for payment be approved and a list of the cheques 21319-21361 inclusive totalling (\$53,416.87) and the March payroll (\$18,835.32) and EFT payments (\$1,369.72) be annexed hereto and form part of these minutes.
Carried

Enter "In Camera" or "Closed Session"

102/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the RM enter in an "in camera" session at 2:15 p.m. to discuss issues as per Section 12.4 of the Council Procedures Bylaw and that those in attendance are Denis Lesperance, Dale Berner (via Zoom), Scott Kirby, Colby Cairns, Gilles Bissonnette, Albert Lavallee, Tereena Bartlett, Sharleine Eger.
Carried

Exit "In Camera" or "Closed Session"

103/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the RM exit the "in camera" closed session at 2:50 p.m.
Carried

Correspondence

104/2024 Scott Kirby: That the following correspondence be approved as presented:
a) CDO Report
b) RCMP Report
c) Gateway Festival – Sponsorship Package
d) Al Choquer – Request for Financial Assistance
e) Jim Pattison – Children's Hospital
Carried



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Purchase Grader

105/2024 Dale Berner: That the RM purchase a 2024 John Deere 772 GP grader at a cost of \$569,880 Plus applicable taxes.

Carried

Remedial Actions

106/2024 Albert Lavallee: That Council has reviewed and considered the Respondent's failure to comply with the following remedial action imposed on him by Council in relation to the 002-21 Complaint:

- a. Training on Council Code of Ethics to be completed within 90 days from the date of the Resolution 165/2023; and
- b. A written, heartfelt, sincere apology to the Complainant to be provided directly to the Complainant within 30 days from the date of Resolution 165/2023.

Council has also reviewed and considered the Respondent's attempt to call the August 14, 2023 meeting to order in contravention of the 90-day suspension imposed on him by Council in relation to the 002-21 complaint.

That Council has additionally reviewed and considered the Respondent's failure to comply with the following remedial action imposed on him in relation to the 001-21 Complaint:

- a. A written, heartfelt sincere apology to the Complainant to be provided directly to the Complainant within 30 days from the date of Resolution 165/2023.

As a result of the Respondent's failures to comply with the above remedial actions, Council has imposed further remedial action as follows:

- a. An additional suspension to October 29, 2024;
- b. No pay during the suspension;

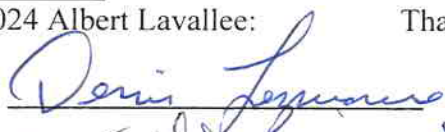
Carried

Adjournment

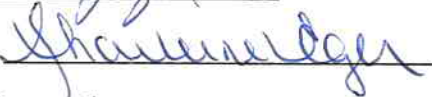
107/2024 Albert Lavallee: That this meeting adjourn. (3:15 p.m.)

Carried

REEVE



ADMINISTRATOR



Next Meeting – May 14th, 2024