

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 Thursday, May 9th, 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

108/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the minutes of the April 10th, 2024 minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

Committee Reports

109/2024 Scott Kirby: That the following verbal committee reports be accepted as presented:

- a) Denis Lesperance: Park Road – culverts
Prefontaine and Associates
- b) Albert Lavallee: HPRRC meeting
Road allowance between Sec. 5 and 6 -05-28
- c) Colby Cairns: No Report
- d) Dale Berner: Mitch Bruneau – Subdivision
Wade Blackwell (Bill’s old place) needs gravel
- e) Scott Kirby: Fire Hall
BMMA – voted to dissolve
Trails in division 4 – not sprayed and now a trench
- f) Gilles Bissonnette: Flynn Fence – St. Victor
Post office boxes – good, just need to keep maintained
- g) Pat Therrien: No Report

Carried

Enter “In Camera” or “Closed Session”

110/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM enter in an “in camera” session at 8:30 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

Exit “In Camera” or “Closed Session”

111/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the RM exit the “in camera” closed session at 8:40 a.m.

Carried

Fence Request

112/2024 Gilles Bissonnette: That the RM approve the request by Gordon and Terry Flynn to build a fence outside (West side) of the property line, provided that they consult any affected neighbours and that it doesn’t create a snow catch in the winter.

Carried

Walking Trail

113/2024 Dale Berner: That the RM commit \$50,000 towards the walking trail in the budget from grant funding and that the RM supply the gravel for the project.

Carried

Walking Trail Contract

114/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the RM engage Darrell Fafard-Fafard’s Fencing to develop/build the walking trail from the JLLRP booth to the Town of Willow Bunch at a rate of \$135/hour (labour and equipment).

Carried



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SARM PSIP Building Valuation Project

115/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the RM participate in SARM's Property Self-Insurance Program Building Valuation Project for the 2024 year whereby SARM covers the cost of obtaining an appraisal on each of the buildings the RM insures through PSIP and the RM agrees to adjust the value assigned to each building accordingly otherwise reimbursing SARM for the cost of obtaining the appraisal.

Carried.

2024 Budget

116/2024 Scott Kirby: That the 2024 draft budget be approved with a surplus of \$100.

Carried

2024 Tax Rates

117/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the 2024 mill rate remain at 8.2 mills and the mill rate factor remain at 1.75.

Carried

DELEGATION: Warren Spagrud – Scout Lake Feedlot – questions about disposal of concrete

Ford F350 Tenders

118/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM reject all tenders received for the Ford F350 truck and re-advertise on Kijiji for \$47,500.

Carried

Education Mill Rates

119/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM acknowledge the 2024 Education Mill rates, as presented by the Ministry of Government Relations, as follows:

Agricultural Property	1.42 mills
Residential Property	4.54 mills
Commercial Property	6.86 mills
Resource (oil and gas, mines and pipelines)	9.88 mills

Carried

Sask Municipal Hail Withdrawals

120/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM approve the SMHI hail withdrawals from 42-1805 to 42-1811 for 2024.

Carried

Workplace Violence Policy

121/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the RM approve and implement a policy known as the Workplace Violence policy as attached hereto and forming part of these minutes.

Carried

Financials

122/2024 Colby Cairns: That the Statement of Financial Activities and bank reconciliation for April 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried

Accounts

123/2024 Scott Kirby: That the accounts paid and presented for payment be approved and a list of the cheques 21362-21405 inclusive totalling (\$58,451.34) and the April payroll (\$26,623.03) and EFT payments (\$2,034.18) be annexed hereto and form part of these minutes.

Carried

Apply for Loan

124/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM make application for a loan in the amount of \$325,000 at Conexus Credit Union at the quoted rate of 5.45% over three years towards the purchase of the 2024 John Deere 772 GP grader.

Carried



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Councillor Cairns left at 11:00 a.m.

Correspondence

125/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the following correspondence be approved as presented:

- a) CDO Report
- b) Gateway Festival – Sponsorship Package
- c) Willow Bunch Library – Christmas in the Village 2024
- d) Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan
- e) 4H Foundation

Carried

Gateway Festival Sponsorship

126/2024 Gilles Bissonnette: That the RM partner with the Town of Willow Bunch, Jean Louis Legare Regional Park and Willow Bunch golf club towards sponsorship package for the Gateway Festival in Bengough at a cost of \$250 each.

Carried

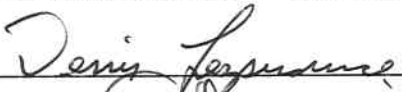
DELEGATION: Michel Cayer Foreman
JD tractor is at South Country Equipment being repaired

Adjournment

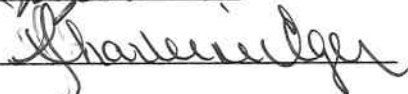
127/2024 Albert Lavallee: That this meeting adjourn. (11:40 a.m.)

Carried

REEVE



ADMINISTRATOR



Next Meeting – June 11th, 2024