

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, October 8th, 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

189/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the minutes of the September, 2024 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

Committee Reports

190/2024 Scott Kirby: That the following verbal committee reports be accepted as presented:

a) Albert Lavallee: Spoke with highways about feathering gravel from end of grid to highway

b) Colby Cairns: No Report

c) Scott Kirby: Hole in the Lisieux grid W 1/2 5-4-30 W2 + NE 1/4 - 2
Complaint of Bind weed at [REDACTED]
Signs downed/turned after last heavy wind

d) Gilles Bissonnette: Broken tree by the St. Victor mail boxes
Trees growing around the hall
Clean reservoir @ St. Victor?

e) Dale Berner: No Report

f) Pat Therrien: No Report

g) Denis Lesperance: Equipment issues JD and Mack truck
1st pass mowing – complaints of areas missed
Walking Trail – graveling in the new year
Carried

Enter “In Camera” or “Closed Session”

191/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM enter in an “in camera” session at 9:15 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”

192/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the RM exit the “in camera” closed session at 9:45 a.m.

Carried

Rescind Fire Ban

193/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the RM remove the fire ban issued July 2024 effective immediately.

Carried

Hamlet Water Reports

194/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM accept as presented the H2O reports for the hamlets of St. Victor and Scout Lake.

Carried

Leave of Absence

195/2024 Colby Cairns: That upon entering his name for candidacy for Reeve, the RM acknowledge the unpaid leave of absence effective October 3rd, 2024 for Michel Cayer.

Carried

Approve Purchase

196/2024 Dale Berner: That the RM approve the request of Curtis and Ashley Colby to purchase Lots 2 & 3, Block D in the Hamlet of Scout Lake at \$150 per lot.

Carried



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Organized Hamlet of Scout Lake Policies

197/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM approve the organized hamlet of Scout Lake policies, attached hereto and forming part of these minutes, as required by *The Municipalities Act, The Municipalities Regulations*.

Carried

DELEGATION: Colin Durand _____

- Scraper is fixed. Seal on the turbo – hopefully under \$5,000
- Moved to Delwyn's today to finish
- Next is Lisieux grid, then culverts at Rge Rd 44 and Hwy 36, Stripping of gravel pit and gravel pit road
- Second mower pass – JD is still in the shop – International?
- Sander on the dodge
- Need new diesel pump for tank.
- Gregoire work
- Semi is booked in for repairs, trailer booked in for safety
- Discussed self adjusting slack adjusters (winter project)
- Take over one of Colin's phones to be RM phone

Alternate Foreman Wage

198/2024 Gilles Bissonette: That Colin Durand be compensated \$500 every pay period for the added role of associate foreman.

Carried

Municipal Funding Agreement

199/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM acknowledge and sign the municipal funding agreement for the Canada Community Building Fund for 2024-25 to 2028-29.

Carried

Invasive Weed Management Plan

200/2024 Colby Cairns: That the RM amend the 2024 Invasive Weed Control Plan to include the noxious weed Absinth.

Carried

Engage TAXervice

201/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM engage TAXervice to perform tax enforcement services for the RM.

Carried

Acknowledge and Advertise Tax Enforcement List (List of Lands in Arrears)

202/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the RM advertise in the Assiniboia Times, the tax enforcement list as attached to and forming part of these minutes and that the RM exclude all properties from the TE List that are less than ½ of the previous year's levy.

Carried

Table Item i) New Business – Christmas in the Village

203/2024 Gilles Bissonette: That council table item i) New Business until the November meeting.

Carried

Road Maintenance Agreement – Ministry of Highways

204/2024 Dale Berner: That Admin be authorized to sign the Road Maintenance Agreement as presented by the Ministry of Highways, provided they remove the section requiring the RM to provide dust control; that the dust control be provided by the Ministry.

Carried Unanimously



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Change November Meeting Date

205/2024 Scott Kirby: That the November meeting be moved to November 15th, 2024.
Carried

Financials

206/2024 Colby Cairns: That the Statement of Financial Activities for September 2024 and the August and September bank reconciliation be accepted as presented.
Carried

Accounts

207/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the accounts paid and presented for payment be approved and a list of the cheques #21580-21620 inclusive totalling (\$144,686.93) and the September payroll (\$29,083.21) and EFT payments (\$395,927.16)) be annexed hereto and form part of these minutes.
Carried

Correspondence

208/2024 Scott Kirby: That the following correspondence be approved as presented.

- a) CDO Report
- b) RCMP Reports
- c) Petition to Minister of Health – Use of Strychnine
- d) Plant Health Network Newsletter
- e) GWP Rodent Products – Newsletter
- f) SARM – Rural Roads

Adjournment

209/2024 Albert Lavallee: That this meeting adjourn. (2:30 p.m.)

REEVE

ADMINISTRATOR

Next Meeting – November 15th, 2024

Carried