

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, July 9th, 2026

Present were Reeve – Denis Lesperance, Administrator Sharleine Eger and the following councillors:

Division 1 – Patrick Bellefleur

Division 2 – Albert Lavallee

Division 3 – Colby Cairns

Division 4 – Scott Kirby

Division 5 – Dale Berner

Division 6 – Gilles Bissonnette

Consent Agenda

95.2026 Scott Kirby:

That the consent agenda be adopted as presented with the following items included:

Minutes: June 2026

Hamlet Water Reports

Correspondence – not requiring action

a) CDO Report

b) RCMP Report

c) South Central Municipal Association – Draft Minutes

d) Brian's Pest Control – 2026 Rates (as of August 1st, 2026)

e) Brian's Pest Control – Spring Report

f) Plant Health Network Newsletter – Summer 2026

g) Organized Hamlet of Scout Lake – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Carried

Enter "In Camera" or "Closed Session"

96.2026 Albert Lavallee:

That the RM enter in an "in camera" session at 9:25 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, Patrick Bellefleur, Albert Lavallee, Scott Kirby, Colby Cairns, Gilles Bissonnette & Sharleine Eger.

Carried

Exit "In Camera" or "Closed Session"

97.2026 Dale Berner: That the RM exit the "in camera" closed session at 9:40 p.m.

Carried

DELEGATION:

9:45 a.m. Mark Bonneville – Equipment Sales Rep. Finning Canada

Committee Reports

98.2026 Albert Lavallee:

That the following verbal committee reports be accepted as presented:

a) Pat Bellefleur:

Water Security Agency

Culvert @ Rge Rd 2271 Twp 5 Section 35/36

b) Albert Lavallee:

Accident on Hwy 36

Approaches/gravel roads approaching highway

Walking Trail needs gravel from flooding

Citizens on Patrol update

Theft of Copper – note for SARM midterm

Culvert at 19/20-04-27 requires attention

c) Colby Cairns:

Trails washed from last rain storm

Spraying on trails

CP land – old rail bed

d) Dale Berner:

Grading and Spraying needed in his division

e) Scott Kirby:

Repairs to 705 West – grain cleaner sinking

f) Gilles Bissonnette:

Trail in St. Victor behind Guy Delorme

Bulletin Board

g) Denis Lesperance:

Received verbal request for additional culverts

across Rge Rd. 2271 to alleviate local flooding

Weed Inspections

Giraudier Pit Road Agreement

Semi

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Letter to Ministry of Highways – Hwy 36 South Guardrail

99.2026 Albert Lavallee: That the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42 send a letter to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways requesting that, until such time as the damaged guard rail on Highway 36 south of Willow Bunch is fully repaired or replaced, temporary safety measures be installed, including appropriate warning signage and a flashing light, to reduce the risk of further collisions and potential loss of life.

Further, that the letter note this request arises from the serious accident that occurred in May 2026 at this location, and that this is the fifth or sixth incident in the past ten years involving damage to the guard rail or near-miss events.

Carried

Letter to Ministry of Highways – Approaches

100.2026 Albert Lavallee: That the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42 send a letter to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways requesting that corrective work be undertaken on the approaches where rural municipal roads intersect with Highway 36.

That the Ministry undertake the necessary work to properly blend and stabilize these approaches to ensure safe access for all road users.

Council notes that the current condition of these approaches presents significant safety concerns, including substantial drop-offs when turning off the highway onto municipal gravel roads and similar elevation issues when entering the highway. Gravel must be brought in, shaped, and properly graded to ensure a smooth transition between the gravel road surface and the highway pavement.

Further, Council notes that pavement along these intersections is breaking and deteriorating due to the elevation mismatch, creating additional hazards for motorists and accelerating roadway degradation.

Carried

Organized Hamlet of Scout Lake – Land Sale Policy and Agreement

101.2026 Dale Berner: That Council approve the draft Land Sale Policy and the corresponding Land Sale Agreement as submitted by the Hamlet Board for Scout Lake, and that these documents be formally adopted as the governing framework for all future municipal land transactions within the hamlet.

Carried

Trailer Licensing Bylaw – Amendments

102.2026 Albert Lavallee: That Administration be directed to prepare an amendment to the Trailer Licensing Bylaw for consideration at the August Council meeting, incorporating the revisions requested by the Hamlet Board for the Organized Hamlet of Scout Lake.

Carried

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

103.2026 Patrick Bellefleur: That the RM advertise in the Assiniboia Times, the list of lands in arrears for the current year and that the RM exclude all properties from the TE List that are less than ½ of the previous year's levy.

Carried

Proceed to Acquire Title

104.2026 Patrick Bellefleur: THAT TAXervice be authorized under s22(1) of The Tax Enforcement Act on or after Jul 20, 2026 to commence proceedings to request title with respect to the following described lands:

Roll 1917	LOT 1-BLK/PAR 5-PLAN EX598 EXT 0
Roll 1922	LOT 6-BLK/PAR 3-PLAN BW2705 EXT 0

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Advertise for Seasonal Mower

105.2026 Dale Berner: That the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42 authorize Administration to advertise for and hire a Seasonal Mower, with employment to commence immediately and continue until the completion of the 2026 mowing season.

Carried

DELEGATION: 11:00 a.m. Merlin Cochrane – RM Foreman
Request a policy that provides for or negates having or doing personal work at the shop – provide clarity
Took the metal tank and rock picker to the transfer station scrap pile
Will provide Shar with pics to advertise for tender – certain items
East side of shop had water coming in
Might put the International tractor on the mower
Will order 4 loader tires for the 2014 to have on hand

DELEGATION: 2:00 p.m. Chayce Gavelin – Weed Inspector

Invasive Plant Management Plan Review and Amend

106.2026 Scott Kirby: That the RM accept and adopt the Invasive Plant Management plan as offered by Joanne Kwasnicki – Plant Health Technical Advisor for SARM Division 2.

Carried

Financials

107.2026 Colby Cairns: That the Statement of Financial Activities for June 2026 be accepted as presented.

Carried

Accounts Payable

108.2026 Scott Kirby: That the accounts paid and presented for payment be approved and a list of the cheques #22401 to #22452 inclusive totalling (\$125,866.43), June payroll of (\$36,889.41) and EFT payments (\$35,656.84) be annexed hereto and form part of these minutes.

Carried

Adjournment

109.2026 Scott Kirby: That this meeting adjourn at 2:45 p.m.

Carried

REEVE

ADMINISTRATOR

Next Meeting –August 18th, 2026