

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of McLeod No. 185

Held the 17th day of January 2024

In the Municipal Office at 102 Main St., Neudorf, Saskatchewan

Present:

Reeve-	Clifford Allen (Electronic Attendance)
Councillor Division 1-	Andrew Waldbauer
Councillor Division 2-	Jay Wirth
Councillor Division 3-	Dean Krupski
Councillor Division 4-	Trevor Hauser
Councillor Division 5-	Erik Ligtenberg
Councillor Division 6-	Phil Lingelbach
Administrator -	Chantelle Ottenbreit

Absent:

Manager of Public Works-	Jared Ottenbreit
--------------------------	------------------

Call to Order:

A quorum being present, Deputy Reeve Jay Wirth called the meeting to order at 8:33 A.M.

Minutes:

1/24 Waldbauer: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held December 13, 2023 be approved as presented.

Carried.

Financial Reports:

2/24 Krupski: That the Statement of Financial Activities and the bank reconciliation for the month of December 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Accounts:

3/24 Hauser: That the accounts in the amount of \$200,890.32 as indicated on the list attached hereto and forming part of these minutes be approved for payment.

Carried.

Unfinished & New Business:

Fidelity Bond Insurance

4/24 Ligtenberg: That pursuant to Section 113 of *The Municipalities Act*, the Fidelity Bond provided through the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities providing fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) coverage for the Administration be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Worker's Compensation-Elected Officials

5/24 Lingelbach: : That for the year 2024 the Reeve and each Council member be insured under *the Worker's Compensation Act* at the rate of thirty nine thousand one hundred and seventy dollars (\$40,382.00) per elected official.

Carried.

Bush Removal Request

6/24 Ligtenberg: That the Bush Removal Application submitted by Customer # 350 be approved as submitted, with adherence to marked boundaries as outlined in the map to be included in the approval letter.

Carried.

Bush Removal Request

7/24 Ligtenberg: That the Bush Removal Application submitted by Customer # 435 be approved as submitted.

Carried.

Sask Energy Approval

8/24 Lingelbach: That the Administrator be authorized to draft a letter of consent to SaskEnergy and sign the approval regarding the natural gas main extension in TWP 21-08-W2 and TWP 21-09-W2 on file No. SaskEnergy WR# 361446.

Carried.

- 9/24** 2024 Elections-Remuneration
Waldbauer: That remuneration for Election Officials for the year 2024 be set as follows:
 Returning Officer: \$350.00/day
 Deputy Returning Officer: \$275.00/day
 Poll Clerk: \$200.00/day
 Poll Clerk-Advance Poll: \$25.00/hr
 Two meals shall be provided to each election worker on election day.
Carried.
- 10/24** 2024 Elections-Polling Place
Krupski: That the polling places for Municipal Elections for the year 2024 shall be the Municipal Office, located at 102 Main Street, Neudorf, Sk. for Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and Reeve.
Carried.
- 11/24** Office Fee Schedule
Hauser: That the rates for general office services for the year 2024 be set as follows:
 RM Maps \$15.00
 Photocopies \$.50/page
 Minutes of Council Meetings \$25.00/meeting or \$125.00/year
 Rat Poison Each landowner shall receive at no cost, two boxes of Ratak.
Carried.
- 12/24** Support of CO2 Resolution
Ligtenberg: That the Municipality co-sponsors along with the RM of Tullymet the following Resolution to be brought to the annual SARM Convention:
 WHEREAS CO2 is the building block of life and fuels, photosynthesis CO2 is not a pollutant, and to call it a pollutant is disingenuous;
 WHEREAS any policies that are designed to punish the critical, natural CO2 cycle are not only illogical but dangerous to the balance of natural food production;
 WHEREAS Saskatchewan's forests, grasslands and crop production zones rely on this critical CO2, but also sequesters more CO2 than any illogically created CO2 Reduction Strategy; and
 WHEREAS policies that vilify CO2 are illogical and unpredictable that will undoubtedly create an uncertain amount of negative impact to our existing crop production systems and economy;
 BE IT RESOLVED that SARM will ensure that any policies that unduly target naturally occurring CO2 will be deemed as illogical and dangerous. We move that Saskatchewan remove itself from any national or international agreements such as net zero.
Carried.
- 13/24** RMAA Spring Workshop
Lingelbach: That Administrator Chantelle Ottenbreit be authorized to attend the RMAA Spring Workshop taking place in Melville on March 27, 2024, with registration and mileage paid for by the municipality.
Carried.
- 14/24** Administration Report
Waldbauer: That the written report submitted by Administrator Chantelle Ottenbreit, be accepted as presented.
Carried.
- Council and Reeve Reports
Krupski: That the verbal reports submitted by Council and Reeve Allen be accepted as presented.
Carried.
- 15/24** Correspondence
Hauser: That the following correspondence having been read now be filed:
 a) Bob Moulding-Letter of Intent
 b) Ministry of Highways-Stockpiling of Aggregate
 c) Water Security Agency-Corrective Action
 d) Municipal Hail-Summary of Business
 e) STARS-Thank you Letter
 f) Sk Public Works Association-Invite to Conference
Carried.

16/24 Adjournment
Waldbauer: That this meeting adjourn 11:19 a.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator