

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 Monday, May 8th, 2023.

Present were: Reeve Patrick Therrien (phone), Administrator Sharleine Eger Assistant, Administrator Tereena Bartlett and the following councillors:

Division 1 – Denis Lesperance

Division 2 – Albert Lavallee

Division 3 – Denis Bellefleur

Division 5 – Dale Berner (via Zoom)

Division 6 – Gilles Bissonnette

Regrets: Division 4 – Scott Kirby

Reeve Patrick Therrien called the meeting to order.

Deputy Reeve Denis Lesperance assumed the chair @ 9:15

Delegation Quinn Seidler – Dudley & Company – Audited Financial Statement

Addition to Agenda

82/2023 Albert Lavallee: That discussion and information regarding the investigation report be added to the agenda.

Carried

Addition to Agenda

83/2023 Denis Lesperance: That Kurtis Bonneau be added to the agenda as a delegation at 11:00 a.m.

Carried

Minutes

84/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the minutes of the April regular meeting of council be approved.

Carried

Minutes Special Meeting

85/2023 Patrick Therrien: That the minutes of the April 13th special meeting be approved.

Carried

Rescind Motion #74/2023

86/2023 Albert Lavallee: That motion 74/2023 be rescinded.

Carried

Minutes Special Meeting

87/2023 Denis Lesperance: That the minutes of the April 20th special meeting be approved.

Carried

Committee Reports

88/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the following verbal committee reports be accepted as presented:

- a) Denis Lesperance: Provincial Disaster Assistance Program
- b) Albert Lavallee: Midwest Surveys/Park Road/Oil Storage
- c) Denis Bellefleur: No Report
- d) Dale Berner: No Report
- e) Scott Kirby: No Report
- f) Gilles Bissonnette: DeBryne – Fence around St. Victor lagoon
- g) Pat Therrien: Consider Fire ban, acknowledge that it is dry as per Deputy Chief post on Facebook.

Carried

Request Designation Private Owners

89/2023 Patrick Therrien: That the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42 apply to the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency to be designated an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP), which provides financial assistance to private owners and ratepayers for restoring



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essential services and property as a result of substantial damages caused by a snow storm and heavy flooding on the dates of April 18-20th, 2023.

Carried

Request Designation

90/2023 Denis Bellefleur: That the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42 apply to the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency to be designated an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP), which provides financial assistance for restoring essential services and property as a result of substantial damages caused by a snow storm and heavy flooding on the dates of April 18-20th, 2023.

Carried

DELEGATION: Kurtis Bonneau – Spraying 11:00 a.m.

DELEGATION: Foreman Michel Cayer – 11:30 a.m.
Low level crossing @ St. Victor – added dirt so Roger could cross with air seeder
Lisieux grid culverts, moving Tin Lizzie sign, walking trail East side along Gaudry's, spraying course – everyone to take, graders

Spraying Allowance

91/2023 Patrick Therrien: That an additional \$15/hour be allocated to hours put in spraying, this includes during regular work hours and hours outside of regular work hours.

Carried

Motion to File Statement

92/2023 Denis Lesperance: That the statement from Great Western Rail for crossing repair be filed.

Carried

Tenders Lisieux Culvert Replacement

93/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That discussion and decision surrounding the tender for culvert replacement be tabled to the budget meeting, May 9th, 2023.

Carried

Hamlet H2O Reports

94/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM accept as presented, the H2O reports for the hamlet of St. Victor and Scout Lake.

Carried

Sask Municipal Hail Withdrawals

95/2023 Denis Bellefleur: That the RM approve the SMHI hail withdrawals from 42-1800 to 42-1801 for 2023.

Carried

Correspondence

96/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That the following correspondence be approved as presented:

- a) RCMP
- b) CDO Report
- c) Engie-Wildlife Surveys
- d) SARM-Division Meetings – Div. 2 June 6th, Moose Jaw

Carried

Financials

97/2023 Denis Bellefleur: That the Statement of Financial Activities and bank reconciliation for April 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried

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Enter “In Camera” or “Closed Session”

98/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM enter in an “in camera” session at 2:25 pm to discuss issues as per Section 12.4 of the Council Procedures Bylaw and that those in attendance are Denis Lesperance, Albert Lavallee, Dale Berner (via Zoom), Denis Bellefleur, Gilles Bissonnette, Sharleine Eger, Tereena Bartlett.
Carried

Exit “In Camera” Closed Session

99/2023 Denis Bellefleur: That the RM exit the “in camera” closed session at 2:45 p.m.
Carried

Retain Lawyer

100/2023 Denis Bellefleur: That the RM retain the services of MLT Aikens LLP for services in relation to the investigation and report as provided by DC Strategic Management.
Carried

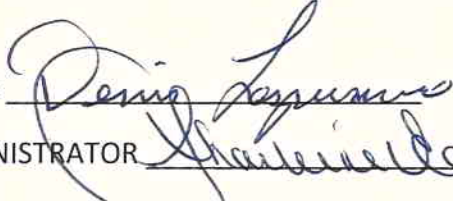
Accounts

101/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the accounts paid and presented for payment be approved and a list of the cheques 20765 to 20812 inclusive totalling (\$419,048.90) and the April payroll (\$26,298.06) and EFT payments (\$1,572.72) be annexed hereto and form part of these minutes.
Carried

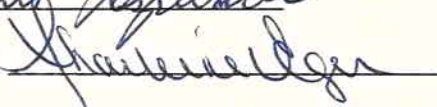
Adjournment

102/2023 Denis Bellefleur: That this meeting adjourn (3:00 p.m.)
Carried

REEVE



ADMINISTRATOR



Next Meeting – June 12th, 2023