

M.D. of Ranchland No. 66
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 28, 2023

The meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 was held in Council Chambers in the Municipal Office located at the Chain Lakes Provincial Park on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, commencing at 10:30 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Ron Davis, Reeve
Harry Streeter, Deputy Reeve
Cameron Gardner, Councillor

Robert Strauss, Chief Administrative Officer
Greg Brkich, Accountant
Sheldon Steinke, Council Liaison
Nikki Funk, Recording Clerk

Michael Niven, Carscallen LLP
Kelly Starling, Director Emergency services
Derrick Krizsan, CAO, MD of Willow Creek
Kathy Weibe, Emergency Services Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Davis called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion No. 23/11/28/384 MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the agenda with the addition of:
6.C.i - Livestock Signage in Forestry.

CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion No. 23/11/28/385 MOVED by Councillor Gardner that the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA

Motion No. 23/11/28/386 MOVED by Reeve Davis that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 10:37 a.m. to discuss matters involving legal privilege, per section 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED



Motion No. 23/11/28/387 MOVED by Reeve Davis that Council return to an open meeting at 10:56 a.m.
CARRIED

Michael Niven joined the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Motion No. 23/11/28/388 MOVED by Reeve Davis that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 11:00 a.m. to discuss matters involving legal privilege, per section 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/11/28/389 MOVED by Reeve Davis that Council return to an open meeting at 11:49 a.m.

BUSINESS

Motion No. 23/11/28/390 8.F.i – Michael Niven Delegation
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to direct administration to advise legal counsel to draft a reply to the Alberta Energy Regulator on the response provided by Northback Holdings Corp questioning the issue of “Advanced Coal Project” status of the Northback’s Application for a Coal Exploration Permit for a Deep Drilling and Temporary Water Diversion Licence
CARRIED

Michael Niven left the meeting at 11:53 a.m.
Reeve Davis Recessed the meeting at 11:53 a.m.
Reeve Davis reconvened the meeting at 12:43 a.m.

EXTERNAL CORRESPONDANCE

Motion No. 23/11/28/391 5.F.i – High River District Health Care Foundation Letter
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the thank you letter from the High River District Health are Foundation for information.

BUSINESS

Motion No. 23/11/28/392 6.A.i – Action List
MOVED by Reeve Davis to accept the action list for information.
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/11/28/393 6.A.ii – Oct 2023 Bank Rec and Vendor
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the October 2023 Bank Rec and Vendor payment ledger
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/11/28/394 6.A.iii – 2024 Budget 2nd Draft
MOVED by Reeve Davis to accept the 2024 Budget second draft document for information.
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/11/28/395 6.A.iv – Transfers from Reserves
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to authorize the following transfers:
(1.) \$58,000 from Capital Reserves to complete funding of a Pick-up truck that was purchased by the Road Services Dept.
(2.) Transfer of \$60,000 from Fleet Vehicle Reserves as well as \$2952 from capital reserves to fund the Pick-up truck that was purchased by the Agriculture Services Dept.
(3.) Transfer of \$10,000 from Operating Reserves to provide funding of a Cargo trailer by the Agriculture Services Dept.
(4.) Transfer of \$52,500 to Fleet Vehicle Reserves – proceeds from the sale of Parks Pick-up truck.
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/11/28/396 6.A.v - Christmas Bonus Discussion
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to approve the 2023 Holiday Season Bonus, calculated as \$500.00 for each employee that is or was employed by the M.D. of Ranchland during the 2023 calendar year, as determined by the CAO.
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/11/28/397 6.A.vi – Cost of Living Adjustment for 2024
MOVED by Reeve Davis to approve a 3.8 % Cost of Living adjustment increase for full-time, staff salaries and wages, to be effective January 1st, 2024, and to be included in the 2024 MD of Ranchland No.66 annual operating budget.
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/11/28/398 6.A.vi – Cost of Living Adjustment for 2024
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to approve a 3.8 % Cost of Living adjustment increase for Council Honorarium, to be effective January 1st, 2024, and to be included in the 2024 MD of Ranchland No.66 annual operating budget.
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/11/28/399 6.C.i – Livestock Signage in Forestry
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to direct administration to look into the matter of jurisdiction over signage relating to livestock on municipal roads.
CARRIED

Reeve Davis recessed the meeting at 2:37p.m.
Reeve Davis reconvened the meeting at 4:09 p.m.
Kelly Starling, Kathy Weibe and Derrick Kriszan joined the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

Motion No. 23/11/28/400 6.D.ii – DEM Report to Council
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the DEM Report provided by Kelly Starling, for information.
CARRIED

RD. RS

Motion No. 23/11/28/401 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept in principle, the Emergency Advisory Committee plan, as presented today by Kelly Starling, and Derrick Kriszan.
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/11/28/402 6.D.iii – FRIAA Agreement Amendment
MOVED by Reeve Davis To authorize the execution of the FRIAA FireSmart Program Amending Agreement, which provides for a one-year extension to the MD Ranchland Wildfire Mitigation Assessment Project.
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/11/28/403 MOVED by Reeve Davis to table the discussion of the Firesmart open house/ grant money to the January 5th Council meeting.

Kelly Starling, Kathy Weibe and Derrick Kriszan left the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Motion No. 23/11/28/404 6.D.i – RCMP “Hubbing” Trial Project
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the update discussion regarding the RCMP detachment hubbing project meeting provided by Reeve Davis, for information.

Motion No. 23/11/28/405 6.E.i – Local Authorities Election Act and Municipal Government Act Survey
MOVED by Reeve Davis to accept the survey for information
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/11/28/406 6.F.i – RCEC Budget Adjustment
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to amend the 2023 RCEC budget from \$1,200 to \$4,900.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA

Motion No. 23/11/28/407 MOVED by Reeve Davis that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 4:58 p.m. to discuss matters involving legal privilege, per section 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/11/28/408 MOVED by Reeve Davis that Council return to an open meeting at 5:14 p.m.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA

Motion No. 23/11/28/409 8.E.i - L.O. Report to Council
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter accept legal counsel’s response letter as drafted, to be forwarded to Bennett Jones (legal counsel for Spray Lake Sawmills).

CARRIED

Motion No. 23/11/28/410 MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the liaison officer's report, for information.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Being that the agenda matters have concluded, the Reeve declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

These minutes approved this 12th day of December, 2023.



Ron Davis, Reeve



Robert Strauss, Chief Administrative Officer