

**M.D. of Ranchland No. 66**  
**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 27, 2024**

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, February 27, 2024, commencing at 10:30 a.m.

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

Robert Strauss, CAO  
Sheldon Steinke, Council Liaison  
Greg Brkich, Accountant  
Nikki Funk, Recording Clerk  
Rick Lawson, Public Works Manager  
Rick Niwa, Agricultural Fieldman

Cale Leishman, Structural Manager, ISL Engineering  
Jason Warketin, Project Engineer, ISL Engineering  
Mike Young, CEO, Northback  
Daina Lazzarotto, Community Relations Advisor, Northback  
Vern Emard, MD of Ranchland Ratepayer  
J.D. Emard, MD of Ranchland Ratepayer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Davis called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**Motion No. 24/02/27/052** MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the agenda as amended with the addition of in-camera:  
7.E – Nanton Medical Clinic Updates

CARRIED

Cale Leishman and Jason Warketin left the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Motion No. 24/02/27/053** MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that the minutes of the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA**

**Motion No. 24/02/27/054** MOVED Councillor Gardner that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 11:44 p.m. to discuss advice from officials, per section 24, of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED

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**Motion No. 24/02/27/055** MOVED by Reeve Davis that Council return to an open meeting at 11:59 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Davis recessed the meeting at 11:59 a.m.  
Reeve Davis reconvened the meeting at 12:58 p.m.  
Mike Young and Daina Lazzarotto joined the meeting at 12:58 p.m.  
Rick Niwa joined the meeting at 12:58 p.m.  
Rick Niwa left the meeting at 2:13 p.m.  
Mike Young and Daina Lazzarotto left the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Reeve Davis recessed the meeting at 2:24 p.m.  
Reeve Davis reconvened the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Vern Emard joined the meeting at 2:31 p.m.  
JD Emard joined the meeting at 2:31 p.m.  
Vern Emard left the meeting at 3:01 p.m.  
JD Emard left the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

**BUSINESS**

**Motion No. 24/02/27/056** 6.A.i – Bank Rec and Cheque Register  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the January 2024 bank rec and cheque register for information.  
CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/02/27/057** 6.A.ii – LAPP Update  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the update provided by CAO Strauss regarding the LAPP program, for information.  
CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/02/27/058** 6.A.iii – MD of Ranchland Insurance Update  
MOVED by Reeve Davis to accept the update regarding M.D. of Ranchland's insurance costs.  
CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/02/27/059** 6.B.i – ISL Engineering Delegation  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the presentation from ISL Engineering regarding watercourse crossing projects for information.  
CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/02/27/060** 6.E.i – Northback Delegation – Mike Young, CEO  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the presentation regarding Northback as provided by Mike Young, CEO, for information.  
CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/02/27/061** 6.E.ii – Delegation and Letter of Concern: Vern Emard  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to direct administration to research current road plan for  
CARRIED



**Motion No. 24/02/27/062** MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the delegation presentation provided by Vern Emard for information. CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA**

**Motion No. 24/02/27/063** MOVED by Reeve Davis that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 3:40 p.m. to discuss advice from officials, per section 24, as well as matters involving legal privilege, per section 27, of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). CARRIED

Rick Lawson left the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

**Motion No. 24/02/27/064** MOVED by Reeve Davis that Council return to an open meeting at 5:02 p.m. CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA**

**Motion No. 24/02/27/065** 7.C. – Winter Public Works Hours  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to authorize a change to the personnel policy, Public Works employee hours of work change, pursuant to labour standards. CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/02/27/066** 7.B. – RCMP Discussion  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to direct administration draft a letter of support to RCMP Cpl. Nairn. CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/02/27/067** 7.A. – Liaison Officer's Report to Council  
MOVED by Reeve Davis to direct administration to engage legal counsel (Carscallen, LLP) to represent the municipality in the upcoming AER hearings Ref: Northback. CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/02/27/068** MOVED by Councillor Gardner to authorize administration engage legal counsel, R. Harrison, to request the AER to provide a decision on the issue of reclamation of the exploration disturbances on all land that was used for the coal exploration programs by Elan Coal Ltd, Cabin Ridge Projects Ltd and Monten Resources Alberta Operations Ltd with in the boundaries of the Municipality of Ranchland No. 66. CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/02/27/069** MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the Liaison Officer's report to council for information. CARRIED

**Motion No. 24/02/27/070** 7.D. – Consolidation of Parcels  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to table the discussion about the consolidation of the parcels at 29-10-2-W5 North of the Old Man River, to the March 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. CARRIED



**Motion No. 24/02/27/071**      7.E. – Nanton Health Clinic Update  
MOVED by Reeve Davis to accept the update discussion provided  
by Deputy Reeve Streeter for information.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being that the agenda matters have concluded, the Reeve declared the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

These minutes approved this 12th day of March, 2024.



Ron Davis, Reeve



Robert Strauss, Chief Administrative Officer