

M.D. of Ranchland No. 66
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, 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, May 16, 2023, commencing at 10:30 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

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

Kelly Starling, Director of Emergency Management
Mike Taje, Lands Officer, Alberta Forestry, Parks, and Tourism
Marlena Paul, Associate, Brownlee LLP
Derick King, Associate, Brownlee LLP

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Davis called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion No. 23/05/16/146 MOVED by Councillor Gardner that the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion No. 23/05/16/147 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that the minutes of the May 2, 2023, meeting be adopted as presented. CARRIED

EXTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Motion No. 23/05/16/148 5.F.i – Minister’s Award for Municipal Excellence Letter
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that the letter from Minister Schulz be accepted for information. CARRIED

BUSINESS

Motion No. 23/05/16/149 6.A.i – Action List
MOVED by Councillor Gardner that the Action List be accepted for information. CARRIED

Ad. RS

Kelly Starling joined the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Reeve Davis Recessed the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Reeve Davis Resumed the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Marlena Paul and Derick King joined the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Mike Taje joined the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Kelly Starling left the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

IN-CAMERA

Motion No. 23/05/16/150 MOVED by Reeve Davis that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 1:03 p.m. to discuss matters involving Legal privilege, per section 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED

Marlena Paul and Derick King left the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Mike Taje left the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Sheldon Steinke left the meeting at 2:01p.m.

Motion No. 23/05/16/151 MOVED by Reeve Davis that Council return to an open meeting at 2:08p.m.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

Sheldon Steinke rejoined the meeting at 2:11p.m.

Motion No. 23/05/16/152 6.A.ii – Property Tax Rate Bylaw – No. 2023-04
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to give bylaw No. 2023-04, a bylaw to set the tax rate bylaw for 2023, it's FIRST reading.

CARRIED

Motion No. 23/05/16/153 MOVED by Reeve Davis to give SECOND reading of bylaw No. 2023-04.

CARRIED

Motion No. 23/05/16/154 MOVED by Councillor Gardner that bylaw No 2023-04 be authorized to be read a third time at this meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion No. 23/05/16/155 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to give bylaw 2023-04 THIRD and final reading.
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/05/16/156 6.A.iii – April Bank Register and Vendor Payment Report
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the April 2023 Bank Register and Vendor payment report for information.

CARRIED

RS

Motion No. 23/05/16/157 6.B.i – Road Closure Bylaw 2023-02 Lyndon Creek- UPDATE
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the discussion regarding the Lyndon Creek Road closure bylaw, for information.
CARRIED

Rick Niwa joined the meeting at 2:47

Motion No. 23/05/16/158 6.C.i – Agriculture Fieldman “Temporary/Acting” Designation
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to appoint Richard Niwa as Agriculture Fieldman, rectifying an administrative oversight and removing the “acting” title.
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/05/16/159 6.C.ii – Agriculture Appointments of CPOs Under Various Legislation
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that council appoint Kelly Starling, Tyson Lommerts and Scott Elford as an inspector under the Alberta Weed Control Act, an Inspector under the Alberta Agricultural Pest Act, and an Officer under the Alberta Soil Conservation Act until their termination of employment as enforcement officers with the Municipal District of Willow Creek or the termination of the MD of Ranchlands agreement with the MD of Willow Creek to provide C.P.O. services or by motion of Council.
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/05/16/160 6.C.iii – Riparian Assistance Program
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to approve the updated Application for the Producer Riparian Assistance Program, as recommended by the Agriculture Service Board.
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/05/16/161 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to approve any funds left over from the budgeted amount for the Riparian Assistance program be put into an automatic reserve contingency fund that carries over to the next fiscal year.
CARRIED

Rick Niwa left the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Motion No. 23/05/16/162 6.D.i – DEM Report to Council
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the report provided by Kelly Starling, Director of Emergency Management, as information.
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/05/16/163 6.D.ii – Diesel Fuel Spill Update
MOVED by Reeve Davis to accept the update regarding the diesel spill provided by Mike Taje, be accepted for information.
CARRIED

Motion No. 23/05/16/164 6.F.i – Nanton Marlins Swim Club Sponsorship Request
MOVED by Councillor Gardner that the sponsorship request letter from the Nanton Marlins Swim Club, be accepted for information.
CARRIED



6.F.ii – Temporary Member-at-Large Appointment to the Nanton Community Health Centre Management Committee
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that Neil Wilson be appointed as the MD of Ranchland member-at-large of the Nanton Community Health Centre Management Committee.

CARRIED

Reeve Davis recessed the meeting at 3:14 p.m.
Reeve Davis reconvened the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

IN-CAMERA

Motion No. 23/05/16/166 **MOVED** by Reeve Davis that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 3:20 p.m. to discuss matters involving advice from Officials, per section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP)

CARRIED

Motion No. 23/05/16/167 **MOVED** by Reeve Davis that Council return to an open meeting at 4:18 p.m.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA

8.B.i - Brownlee LLP Update
MOVED by Councillor Gardner that the MD of Ranchland authorizes Brownlee LLP to compose a letter to Alberta Transportation requesting removal of the current designation on the Forestry Trunk Road.

Motion No. 23/05/16/168

8.A.i – Liaison Officer’s Report to Council
8.A.ii – CAO Performance Appraisal Schedule
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that agenda items 8.A.i and 8.A.ii for information.

Motion No. 23/05/16/169

ADJOURNMENT

Being that the agenda matters have concluded, the Reeve declared the meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

These Minutes approved this 6th Day of June, 2023.



Ron Davis, Reeve



Robert Strauss, Chief Administrative Officer